

2023年10月高等教育自学考试全国统一命题考试

英语国家概况

(课程代码 00522)

注意事项:

1. 本试卷分为两部分。
2. 应考者必须按试题顺序在答题卡(纸)指定位置上作答,答在试卷上无效。
3. 涂写部分必须使用2B铅笔,书写部分必须使用黑色字迹签字笔。

PART ONE

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 1 point each)

1. As _____, Tories wanted to preserve the powers of the monarchy and the Church of England.
A. traditionalists
B. Nonconformists
C. Radicals
D. fundamentalists
2. Launceston Elliot won a gold medal in _____ at the 1896 Olympic Games.
A. decathlon
B. figure skating
C. swimming
D. weightlifting
3. _____ has been the best-selling newspaper in Britain.
A. *Daily Mirror*
B. *The Guardian*
C. *Daily Mail*
D. *The Sun*
4. Black Death spread through Europe in the _____ century.
A. 12th
B. 14th
C. 17th
D. 18th

5. _____ emerged as a world center of popular culture in the 1960s.
A. Liverpool
B. Birmingham
C. Glasgow
D. Belfast
6. In England, the Renaissance was usually thought of as beginning with the accession of the House of _____ to the throne in 1485.
A. Stuart
B. Plantagenet
C. Tudor
D. Windsor
7. _____ was practiced in farming in England until the Enclosure Acts were enacted.
A. The "open-field" system
B. The system of crop rotation
C. Artificial fertilizing
D. The cultivation of fodder crops
8. _____ is entitled to the supervision of the UK's commercial banks.
A. The Bank of England
B. The Financial Services Authority
C. The International Stock Exchange
D. The Unlisted Securities Market
9. _____ is generally regarded as the beginning of modern world history.
A. The War of the Roses
B. The English Civil War
C. The Hundred Years' War
D. The Seven Years' War
10. The American writers who first won international fame were James Fenimore Cooper and _____ in the early 19th century.
A. Washington Irving
B. Herman Melville
C. Henry James
D. Mark Twain
11. Which state is the largest in area in the United States?
A. Texas.
B. Alaska.
C. New Mexico.
D. Mississippi.
12. As the oldest of the major American team sports, _____ is still referred to as "the national sport" in the United States.
A. soccer
B. rugby
C. basketball
D. baseball
13. In the first half of the 20th century the United States was famous for _____, introduced by African-Americans in the south.
A. hip-hop
B. rock
C. jazz
D. rap

14. As one of the original thirteen British colonies in the United States, _____ was established by Quakers.
- A. Virginia
 - B. Maryland
 - C. Pennsylvania
 - D. Massachusetts
15. _____ is divided into the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains and the Intermountain Basin and Plateaus.
- A. New England
 - B. The American West
 - C. The Midwest
 - D. The Pacific Coast
16. The _____ Americans constitute the largest group of Asian Americans.
- A. Chinese
 - B. Korean
 - C. Philippine
 - D. Japanese
17. The struggle of _____ for independence triggered the Spanish-American war in 1898.
- A. Cuba
 - B. Puerto Rico
 - C. Guam
 - D. Haiti
18. The _____ Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote.
- A. 13th
 - B. 15th
 - C. 16th
 - D. 19th
19. _____ is of the greatest significance to the economy of British Columbia in Canada.
- A. Agriculture
 - B. Manufacturing
 - C. Mining
 - D. Forestry
20. The longest river in Canada is _____.
- A. the Peace River
 - B. the Fraser River
 - C. the Mackenzie River
 - D. the Thompson River
21. The Group of Seven refers to the Canadian artists who were devoted to developing a national style of _____ in the early 20th century.
- A. music
 - B. painting
 - C. sculpture
 - D. handicraft
22. In Australia, the Australian Labor Party and _____ have tended to dominate federal elections since 1910.
- A. the Liberal Party
 - B. the National Party
 - C. Democratic Labor
 - D. Australian Democrat
23. _____ is Australia's largest telecommunications company.
- A. The Telstra Corporation
 - B. Amalgamated Wireless Ltd.
 - C. The Special Broadcasting Service
 - D. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation
24. Landing at Torbay on November 15, 1688, William of Orange marched upon London and took the English throne without bloodshed. This became known as _____.
- A. the Reformation
 - B. the Restoration
 - C. the Glorious Revolution
 - D. the Puritan Revolution
25. In New Zealand there is usually more rain in _____.
- A. spring
 - B. summer
 - C. autumn
 - D. winter
26. _____ were initially brought to New Zealand by sport hunters.
- A. Opossums
 - B. Red deer
 - C. Stoats
 - D. Rabbits
27. The Dutch sea captain _____ sailed along the western shoreline of New Zealand in 1642.
- A. Abel Tasman
 - B. James Cook
 - C. William Dampier
 - D. Dirck Hartog
28. English was first introduced to Ireland in the _____.
- A. Tudor Conquest
 - B. Roman invasion
 - C. Cromwellian conquest
 - D. Norman invasion
29. Today, some nine-tenths of Ireland's population is _____.
- A. Presbyterian
 - B. Roman Catholic
 - C. Methodist
 - D. Anglican
30. Gaelic football and _____ are popular native games in Ireland.
- A. bicycling
 - B. greyhound racing
 - C. hurling
 - D. horse racing

PART TWO

II. BLANK FILLING

Choose 10 answers from the box and write the correct letter in the blanks 31–40 on the ANSWER SHEET. (20 points, 2 points each)

31. In the UK, the National Health Service (NHS) is a nationwide institution based on _____.
32. The UK is home to a wide range of learned societies, including the British Academy, _____, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
33. Under Henry VIII's rule, _____ had full power over law and administration in the provinces.
34. _____ divides the two main islands of New Zealand.
35. In the early 1930s, the American foreign policy was _____, that is, to keep the United States out of the fighting that was going on in Europe and Asia.
36. Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is considered one of the most important works of Modernist literature and his life is celebrated annually on June 16 in Dublin as "_____".
37. The Great Council of Henry II drew up _____ in 1164 to increase the jurisdiction of the civil courts at the expense of the church courts.
38. Australia Day is celebrated on January 26 to commemorate the arrival of _____ at Sydney Cove in 1788.
39. After World War II, great numbers of Maori moved to _____ urban centers.
40. In Irish pubs, traditional songs are often sung in the _____ language, sometimes accompanied by the Celtic harp.

- A. isolationist
- B. Gaelic
- C. Pakeha-dominated
- D. the British First Fleet
- E. Cook Strait
- F. Justices of the Peace
- G. The Tasman Sea
- H. St. Patrick's Day
- I. Bloomsday
- J. Acts of Parliament
- K. the Constitutions of Clarendon
- L. the Royal Geographical Society

III. TERM EXPLANATION

Define the following terms in English. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in around 40 words. (10 points, 5 points each)

41. the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
42. referendum

IV. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Give a brief answer to each of the following questions. You are required to use complete sentences. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 3 points each)

43. Why was Ronald Reagan able to win a second term in office?
44. Which was the most powerful labor union in the US in the late 19th century?
45. In which field did Andrew Carnegie make a fortune?
46. How did the age of constitutional monarchy begin in Britain?
47. What was the difference between the Whigs and the Tories in their attitudes towards monarchy?
48. Why was Mrs. Thatcher removed from office in 1990?
49. What were Australia's immigration policies aimed at in the 1800s?
50. What was traditional Maori social organization based on?
51. What incentives did the Industrial Development Authority in Ireland grant to attract new industry from abroad?
52. What is the major difference between grammar schools and secondary modern schools in educational orientation in Britain?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

Write 100–120 words on the following topic on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

53. In what ways was the Articles of Confederation unusual?