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## 全国 2014 年 4 月高等教育自学考试 英语国家概况试题

课程代码: 00522

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### 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. Blacken the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (50 points, 1 point for each)

1. The official name of the U.K. is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. England  
B. Great Britain  
C. the British Isles  
D. the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the Roman general who invaded Britain for the first time in 55 BC.  
A. Claudius  
B. Agricola  
C. Augustus  
D. Julius Caesar
3. Among the following groups of people, the \_\_\_\_\_ came to Britain first.  
A. Jutes  
B. Angles  
C. Saxons  
D. Normans
4. The English people got their name from the Angles who came from \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. France  
B. Norway  
C. Denmark  
D. Germany
5. According to the feudal system in England, \_\_\_\_\_ owned all the land personally.  
A. the king  
B. the serfs  
C. the knights and freemen  
D. the barons
6. The Magna Carta was a statement of the feudal and legal relationship between \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the crown and the barons  
B. the king and the parliament  
C. the aristocrats and the middle class  
D. the monarch and the working people
7. \_\_\_\_\_ in the 14<sup>th</sup> century was the modern name given to the deadly bubonic plague, an epidemic disease spread by rat fleas.  
A. Bird Flu  
B. Black Death  
C. Yellow Fever  
D. Scarlet Fever
8. The English Civil War in the 17<sup>th</sup> century is also called the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Puritan Revolution  
B. English Reformation  
C. English Renaissance  
D. Industrial Revolution
9. The Wars of the Roses were fought between \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the House of Lancaster and the House of York  
B. the House of Lancaster and the House of Kent  
C. the House of Winchester and the House of York



#### D. the House of Winchester and the House of Commons

10. \_\_\_\_\_ was generally regarded as the greatest writer in the English language.

- A. Ben Jonson  
B. Edmund Spenser  
C. William Shakespeare  
D. Christopher Marlowe

11. During the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries the system ended when the Enclosure Acts were introduced.

- A. “tenant”                      B. “feudal”  
C. “open-field”                 D. “enclosed field”

12. As a result of the industrial revolution, Britain was by 1830 .

- A. the workshop of the world                      B. an agricultural country  
C. the workshop of auto industry                D. the production center of grain

13. The First World War was fought .

- A. at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
B. at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
C. at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
D. at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

14. In each member state of the Commonwealth of Nations, the Queen is represented by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a consul                                      B. a general  
C. an ambassador                            D. a Governor-General

15. Queen Elizabeth II, the current monarch of the U.K., came to the throne in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 1950  
B. 1952  
C. 1954  
D. 1956

16. The House of Commons is elected by universal adult suffrage and consists of Members of Parliament (MPs).

- A. 551  
C. 651  
B. 601  
D. 701

17. In the United Kingdom, central judicial responsibility lies with the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Lord Chancellor  
B. Ministry of justice  
C. the Home Secretary  
D. the Attorney General

18.            was one of the two established churches in Britain.

- A. The Baptist Church                      B. The Methodist Church
- C. The United Reformed Church        D. The Church of Scotland

19. University was the oldest British university dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

- A. Oxford  
B. Glasgow  
C. Edinburgh  
D. Cambridge



20. is NOT a popular division of the British national newspapers based on the differences in style and content.

- A. Quality newspapers                      B. Popular newspapers  
C. Spectator newspapers                  D. Mid-market newspapers

21. Supported by the queen, Christopher Columbus discovered the New World in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century.

- A. Spanish  
B. Danish  
C. Portuguese  
D. Norwegian

22. According to the textbook, there are \_\_\_\_\_ big cities with a population over two million in the U.S.

- A. 5  
B. 15  
C. 21  
D. 30

23. The first \_\_\_\_\_ were brought to North America as slaves in 1619.

- A. Blacks  
B. Hispanics  
C. Indians  
D. Mexicans

24. In September, \_\_\_\_\_, the Treaty of Paris was signed and Britain recognized the independence of the United States.

- A. 1776  
B. 1781  
C. 1783  
D. 1785

25. Black slavery disappeared in the north because of the following EXCEPT that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the price of slaves was high
- B. the North disliked black slaves
- C. the North turned towards industry
- D. the Africans could not stand cold winters in the North

26. was NOT a feature in the growth of the American economy in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

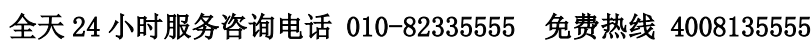
- A. A mushroom growth of cities  
B. A slow development of steel industry  
C. A rapid development of new technology  
D. A growth of industrial and financial mergers

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. has been described by many historians as a period of material success, spiritual frustration or confusion and purposelessness.

- A. 1890s  
B. 1920s  
C. 1930s  
D. 1950s

28. American policy towards the Soviet Union in the Second World War was centered on the following considerations EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. keeping the Soviet Union in the war
- B. being watchful about Soviet expansive intention



D. working out a strategy of alliance with the Soviet Union

### B. Franco-American

#### D. Anglo-American

### B. George Kennan

D. Franklin D. Roosevelt

### B. the Civil Rights Movement

#### D. the anti-Communist hysteria

### B. New York

D. Washington D. C.

### B. Vice-president

#### D. House Majority leader

37. The highest duty of the U.S. President is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the amendment of bills  
B. the execution of the law  
C. the management of economy  
D. the regulation of trade disputes
38. The three principal functions of higher education in the U.S. are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. teaching, research and publication  
B. teaching, research and public service  
C. teaching, research and voluntary service  
D. teaching, research and vocational training
39. The song "Should old acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne" is usually sung on the eve of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Thanksgiving Day  
B. Independence Day  
C. Christmas  
D. New Year's Day
40. It is commonly believed that death was one of the great themes of \_\_\_\_\_ poetry.  
A. T. S. Eliot's  
B. Emily Dickinson's  
C. Walt Whitman's  
D. Langston Hughes's
41. Ottawa, the capital city of Canada, is in the province of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Alberta  
B. Quebec  
C. Ontario  
D. Atlantic
42. While he failed to find the passage to Asia, \_\_\_\_\_ opened the interior of Canada to French fur trades and later colonizers.  
A. John Cabot  
B. Henry Hudson  
C. Jacques Cartier  
D. Samuel de Champlain
43. In 1971, the Canadian government adopted a policy of multiculturalism and encouraged its immigrants to maintain their particular \_\_\_\_\_ heritages since then.  
A. cultural  
B. political  
C. industrial  
D. agricultural
44. Ireland is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ countries in Europe.  
A. Puritan  
B. Muslim  
C. Catholic  
D. Christian
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Ireland is described as "mild, moist and changeable" since extreme cold, long frosts, heavy snows in winter and scorching days in summer are uncommon.  
A. valleys  
B. lowlands

C. weather

D. temperature

46. Lake Eyre is regarded as Australia's largest lake, but most of the time \_\_\_\_\_.

A. it has no water at all

B. it has very little water

C. only half of the lake has water

D. only parts of the lake have water

47. In Australia, the main reason that so many people prefer to live in a coastal city or town is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ one.

A. cultural

B. political

C. economic

D. environmental

48. "School of the Air" refers to \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia.

A. schools which train pilots

B. schools where people can learn how to fly

C. a school system where children go to school by air

D. a radio educational system through which children learn their lessons

49. In New Zealand, over three-fourths of the land is more than 200 meters above sea level, and much of it is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. wet

B. hilly

C. sandy

D. boggy

50. New Zealand often has earthquakes because \_\_\_\_\_.

A. the length of the country is too long from east to west

B. there is a fault line which runs the length of the country

C. the length of the country is too long from south to north

D. the country is geographically divided into too many parts

## 非选择题部分

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## II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Give a one-sentence answer to each of the following questions. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (30 points, 3 points for each)

51. Who was the "Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England"?

52. When did the name of Great Britain come into being?

53. Who became the first woman prime minister in Britain in 1979?

54. What do BA, MA, and PhD stand for respectively in the British higher learning system?
55. What was the name of the ship that carried 201 pilgrims to the New World in 1620?
56. What is the main characteristic of American economic system?
57. According to the text, what is agreed to be the completion of the foundation of the American constitutional system?
58. What was the movement that took place at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century demanding government regulation of the economy and social conditions in the U.S.?
59. In Australia, people can use radio to call doctors who will come by plane. What are those doctors called?
60. When did Canada become a partner nation with Britain?

### III. TERM EXPLANATION

**Explain each of the following terms in English. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the answer sheet in around 40 words. (20 points, 5 points for each)**

61. Bill of Rights (1689)
62. Industrial Revolution
63. The U.S. system of checks and balances
64. Franklin D. Roosevelt