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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. Which of the following cities is in Northern Ireland?
A. London. B. Edinburgh.
C. Belfast. D. Cardiff.
2. As the first organization for modern football, _____ was founded in England in 1863.
A. the Football Association B. the Major League Soccer
C. the National Football League D. the Gaelic Athletic Association
3. At _____ command, an English translation of the Bible for the Church of England was completed and published in 1611.
A. James I's B. Edward IV's
C. Mary Tudor's D. Henry VIII's
4. As one of the innovations in textiles, Edmund Cartwright's _____ (1784) eventually enabled weaving to catch up with spinning.
A. flying shuttle B. power loom
C. spinning jenny D. water frame

5. In 1997 the Labour Party, led by _____, returned to power in Britain.
A. Margaret Thatcher B. Gordon Brown
C. David Cameron D. Tony Blair
6. Pope Gregory I sent St. Augustine to England to convert the English to Christianity and in 597 St. Augustine became _____.
A. King of Kent
B. the Head of the Privy Council
C. the first Archbishop of Canterbury
D. the Prior of St Andrew's Monastery
7. After King Charles I's execution, _____ declared England a Commonwealth.
A. Oliver Cromwell B. George Monck
C. John Lilburne D. King Charles II
8. At the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898, the US gained control over Puerto Rico and _____.
A. the Hawaiian Islands B. the island of Guam
C. Panama D. Alaska
9. Of the mainland states of the US, _____ is the largest in area.
A. Connecticut B. California
C. Texas D. Florida
10. The Pilgrims founded their settlement on the American continent at _____ in 1620.
A. Plymouth B. Maryland
C. Georgia D. Virginia
11. The ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty by the US marked the beginning of US efforts in setting up a(n) _____ alliance against the Soviet Union and its allies.
A. political B. cultural
C. economic D. military
12. _____ to the United States Constitution gave women the right to vote.
A. The Fifteenth Amendment B. The Seventeenth Amendment
C. The Nineteenth Amendment D. The Twenty-sixth Amendment
13. On April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in _____ which housed the government.
A. Philadelphia B. Washington
C. Boston D. New York

14. The Americans defeated the British troops at _____ in 1777, which was a turning point of the American War of Independence.
- A. Saratoga B. Trenton
C. Jamestown D. Lexington
15. The United States, the Soviet Union and Britain decided on the setting-up of _____ at the Yalta summit in February 1945.
- A. the United Nations B. the World Trade Organization
C. the League of Nations D. the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
16. _____ is known as the agricultural capital of the US.
- A. Chicago B. Omaha
C. Detroit D. St. Louis
17. Founded by _____, the Standard Oil Company dominated oil production in the US.
- A. John D. Rockefeller B. the Duryea brothers
C. Andrew Carnegie D. Henry Ford
18. _____ is the most populous region in Canada.
- A. The Cordilleran Region
B. The Interior Plains
C. The Appalachian Region
D. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands
19. Captain Arthur Phillip was in charge of the First Fleet carrying marines, free settlers and _____ to Australia in the late 1780s.
- A. convicts B. slaves
C. tenants D. serfs
20. Eucalyptus trees, which are often called _____, are common in the highlands of the south and along the edges of the deserts in Australia.
- A. laurels B. gums
C. shrubs D. palms
21. At _____ Australian athletes won the most medals of any country in the world.
- A. the 2000 Paralympic Games B. the 2000 Summer Olympics
C. the 2004 Paralympic Games D. the 2004 Summer Olympics
22. The "White Australia" policy was officially abandoned in _____.
- A. 1891 B. 1920
C. 1922 D. 1973

23. In 1995, the Australia and New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement joined with _____ to promote trade and investment between the two areas.
- A. the European Union
B. the North American Free Trade Area
C. the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Free Trade Area
D. the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
24. The North Island and the South Island in New Zealand are separated by _____.
- A. the Tasman Sea B. Cook Strait
C. Mount Ruapehu D. the Antarctic Ocean
25. _____ constructed the world's first plant producing gasoline from natural gas.
- A. Ireland B. Canada
C. New Zealand D. Australia
26. The film _____, based on a novel by Witi Ihimaera, deals with issues of family, gender and cultural survival.
- A. *Whale Rider* B. *The Piano*
C. *Once Were Warriors* D. *The Lord of the Rings*
27. In New Zealand, the simple plurality electoral system, also known as "_____", was replaced by the mixed member proportional (MMP) system in 1993.
- A. appointed seat of parliament B. proportional representation
C. first past the post D. party list
28. Two Irish dramatists, George Bernard Shaw and _____, won Nobel Prizes for Literature.
- A. Samuel Beckett B. Richard Brinsley Sheridan
C. Oscar Wilde D. Oliver Goldsmith
29. The world's first duty-free airport was _____.
- A. Shannon Airport B. J. F. Kennedy International Airport
C. Heathrow Airport D. Lester B. Pearson International Airport
30. _____ is the center of Ireland's theatrical life.
- A. Cork B. Limerick
C. Dublin D. Waterford

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 First English Civil War (1642–1646), the King's men were called Cavaliers, while the supporters of Parliament were called _____.
32. The _____ system was an ideal basis for the simple community life of the countryside and subsistence farming in England before the modern industrial age.
33. The US witnessed the revival and growth of _____ who terrorized and attacked not only blacks, but also progressives, labor union organizers, Communist or socialist party members.
34. _____ forms a natural boundary between Mexico and the US.
35. The first ten amendments to the American Constitution are collectively known as _____.
36. _____ is the world's longest national road, extending east-west for 7,821 kilometers.
37. For generations _____ in Australia were segregated on reserves and missions.
38. _____ was created as a self-governing homeland for the Inuit in Canada in the 1990s.
39. New Zealand's Maori name is _____, which is sometimes translated as "land of the long white cloud."
40. _____ is still revered as the father of Ireland's Roman Catholic tradition.

- A. The Rio Grande River
- B. "money bills"
- C. The Trans-Canada Highway
- D. "open-field"
- E. St. Patrick
- F. Roundheads
- G. The Hume Highway
- H. Aotearoa
- I. Aborigines
- J. Nunavut
- K. the Bill of Rights
- L. the Ku Klux Klan

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 Indian Removal Act
42. the Easter Rising

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. What is the British constitution made up of?
44. Why do historic counties in the UK remain important cultural units?
45. What were the reasons for the failure of the Chartist movement?
46. What are the three general types of city government in the US?
47. What caused the Great Depression in the US in the 1920s?
48. Why did the US put forward the Marshall Plan?
49. What are the main factors causing the climate differences in Canada?
50. What right did the 1982 Constitution Act give the Canadian people?
51. What swimming styles were invented by Australians?
52. What forms the basis of higher education in New Zealand?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

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

53. What were Henry VIII's contributions to the development of England?