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全国 2006 年 4 月高等教育自学考试

英语国家概况试题

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I. 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 answer to the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (50 points, 1 point for each)

1. Which of the following is true about the British Commonwealth?
 - A. Members of nations are joined together politically.
 - B. The Commonwealth has special powers.
 - C. The decision to become a member of the Commonwealth is made by Britain.
 - D. It is a free association of independent countries that were once colonies of Britain.
2. Under _____, the feudal system in England was completely established.
 - A. King Alfred
 - B. Henry II
 - C. Edward I
 - D. William the Conqueror
3. The cause of the Hundred Years' War was _____.
 - A. territorial
 - B. economic
 - C. partly territorial and partly economic
 - D. partly territorial and partly religious
4. Which of the following is NOT true about the Anglo-Saxons?
 - A. They were regarded as ferocious people.

5. As a result of the Black Death, ____.
- A. much land was left untended and there was a shortage of labour
 - B. landowners tended to change from sheep-farming to arable-farming
 - C. the government did not show much concern about the labour shortage
 - D. the government took several measures to raise the peasants' wages
6. The Norman Conquest in English history happened in ____.
- A. 1035
 - B. 1042
 - C. 1066
 - D. 1606
7. Which of the following was NOT a consequence of the Wars of the Roses?
- A. Feudalism received its death-blow.
 - B. The great medieval nobility was much weakened.
 - C. The king's power became supreme.
 - D. Ordinary people were greatly affected.
8. In terms of press, ____ are directed at readers who want full information on a wide range of public matters.
- A. quality newspapers
 - B. tabloids
 - C. popular newspapers
 - D. mid-market newspapers
9. ____ was the transitional period between the Middle Ages and Modern Times.
- A. The Hundred Years' War
 - B. Renaissance
 - C. The Wars of the Roses
 - D. The English Civil War
10. The English Civil War is also called ____.
- A. the Puritan Revolution
 - B. the Chartist Movement
 - C. the Wars of the Roses
 - D. the Hundred Years' War
11. In December 1653, by an Instrument of Government, ____ became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England.
- A. Richard I
 - B. Oliver Cromwell

13. The establishment of the British East India Company in 1600 was a case of ____.
- A. economic penetration B. territorial aggression
C. cultural expansion D. military invasion
14. One of the most far-reaching consequences of World War II was that ____.
- A. the British Empire became much stronger
B. the British Empire began to disintegrate
C. the British colonialists stepped up their expansion
D. Britain entered a period of economic and financial prosperity
15. Which of the following is NOT true about the British monarchy?
- A. It is the oldest institution of government.
B. It goes back to at least the 9th century.
C. It has maintained the continuity over the past thousand years.
D. It seems that it enjoys no real power today.
16. In Britain, a parliament has a maximum duration of ____ years.
- A. 3 B. 4
C. 5 D. 6
17. British colonial expansion began with ____.
- A. the establishment of the British East India Company in 1600
B. the settlement of the Dutch East India Company at Cape Town in 1652
C. the occupation of Chinese Hong Kong in 1841
D. the colonization of Newfoundland in 1583
18. Many of Britain's public schools have gained a reputation for ____.
- A. low academic standards and snobbery
B. exclusiveness and short history
C. average academic standards, exclusiveness, and short history

20. In Britain, ____ formally appoints important government ministers, judges, etc.
- A. the Queen
 - B. the Prime Minister
 - C. the Lord President of the Council
 - D. the Speaker of the House of Commons
21. Which of the following is NOT among the five biggest cities in the United States?
- A. Chicago.
 - B. New York.
 - C. Miami.
 - D. Los Angeles.
22. ____, which banned slavery, was added to the American Constitution in December, 1865.
- A. The Bill of Rights
 - B. The Thirteenth Amendment
 - C. The Civil Rights Act
 - D. The Voting Rights Act
23. ____ have made it possible for all sections of the American population to have higher education.
- A. The research universities
 - B. The doctoral universities
 - C. The community colleges
 - D. The liberal arts colleges
24. Colored eggs and bunny are traditional symbols of ____.
- A. Easter
 - B. Christmas
 - C. Valentine
 - D. New Year's Day
25. ____ is one of the most popular places in the United States to celebrate the New Year's Day.
- A. The Disney Land in Florida
 - B. The White House Lawn in Washington D.C.
 - C. Hollywood in California
 - D. Times Square in New York City

26. The best-known speech made by civil rights leader Martin Luther King is ____.

27. In the 1900s with the development of industry and the extension of railroad network, there was a ____ in the United States.
- A. fast growth of population
 - B. rapid growth of military power
 - C. fast growth of labor unions
 - D. rapid growth of cities
28. The real American literature began ____.
- A. before the Civil War
 - B. after the Civil War
 - C. before the War of Independence
 - D. after the War of Independence
29. Which of the following is NOT true about the Vietnam War?
- A. Drug-taking was widespread in the American Armed Forces.
 - B. About sixty thousand young Americans died in the war.
 - C. American insistence on the continuation of the war drew criticism from its allies.
 - D. The morale of the American soldiers was running very high.
30. MIT stands for ____.
- A. the Military Institute of Texas
 - B. the Macy's Instigation of Thanksgiving
 - C. the Miami Institution of Trade
 - D. the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
31. ____ was NOT among the first 13 British colonies along the east coast of North America.
- A. New York
 - B. Pennsylvania
 - C. Florida
 - D. Maryland
32. At the Constitutional Convention in September 1787, the delegates who argued for a national system called themselves ____.
- A. Republicans
 - B. Democrats
 - C. Anti-Federalists
 - D. Federalists
33. The Purchase of Louisiana Territory in 1803 from France ____.

34. Which of the following pairs is correct?
- A. Rockefeller – aeroplane
 - B. Henry Ford – crude oil refining
 - C. J.P. Morgan – railroad
 - D. The Wright Brothers – automobile
35. The United States did not formally take part in World War II until Pearl Harbor because ____.
- A. isolationists did not want to be dragged into the war
 - B. the Congress had passed one neutrality law
 - C. President Roosevelt did not want to offend the Axis Powers
 - D. All of the above
36. In order to protect Western Europe from possible Soviet expansion after WWII, the United States decided to offer Western European countries economic aid, which later came to be called ____.
- A. the Fourteen Points
 - B. the New Freedoms
 - C. the New Deal
 - D. the Marshall Plan
37. In view of the problem of poverty in the 1960s, President Kennedy had once admitted that ____ of the American population went to bed hungry.
- A. about one quarter
 - B. about one third
 - C. about half
 - D. about two thirds
38. Whenever the American economy is in trouble, the economy of other countries is affected because the United States is ____.
- A. the greatest debtor in the world
 - B. the biggest producer of tobacco
 - C. the largest importer in the world market
 - D. the only superpower in the world
39. Membership in the House of Representatives is based on ____.
- A. the number of cities in each state
 - B. the number of families in each state
 - C. the number of people in each state
 - D. the number of senators in each state

40. In the United States, if the parents don't send their children to school at certain age, ____.
- A. the state government will be responsible for it
 - B. they will educate the children themselves
 - C. they can save a lot of money
 - D. they are breaking the law
41. Canada covers about ____ of North American continent.
- A. one quarter
 - B. two-fifths
 - C. two-thirds
 - D. three-fourths
42. By the Statute of ____ in 1931 the British Dominions, including Canada, were formally declared to be partner nations with Britain.
- A. Ontario
 - B. Vancouver
 - C. Quebec
 - D. Westminster
43. The first British settlers in Canada were American refugees, who called themselves ____, because they refused to fight against the British Army in the War of American Independence.
- A. Loyalists
 - B. Whigs
 - C. Liberals
 - D. Separatists
44. ____ is Australia's main watershed where short, swift rivers flow into the Pacific Ocean.
- A. The Great Western Plateau
 - B. The Great Dividing Range
 - C. The Central Eastern Lowlands
 - D. The Nullarbor Plain
45. Politically, Australia is divided into ____ states and two territories.
- A. four
 - B. five
 - C. six
 - D. seven
46. Among the five Australian cities with a population of over a million only ____ lies on the Western coast.
- A. Sydney
 - B. Brisbane
 - C. Melbourne
 - D. Perth
47. In Ireland the basic ethnic stock is ____.
- A. Celtic
 - B. Roman
 - C. Norman
 - D. English
48. Ireland has four unusual demographic features. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. A low birthrate.

