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本试卷共 8 页，满分 100 分，考试时间 150 分钟。

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 answers 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 NOT true of Elizabeth I?

- A. Her religious reform was a compromise of views.
- B. Her religious reform was welcomed by both the Puritans and ardent Catholics.
- C. She desired “that there should be outward conformity to the Established religion”.
- D. She broke Mary’s ties with Rome and restored her father’s independent Church of England.

2. The Restoration in English history took place in _____.

- A. Denmark
B. Belgium
C. the Netherlands
D. France
21. Most of the first Chinese immigrants who came to the United States between 1850—1880 settled down in _____.
A. Florida
B. Washington
C. California
D. New Jersey
22. In September, 1774 the First Continental Congress was held in _____, which encouraged Americans to refuse to buy British goods.
A. New York
B. Boston
C. Philadelphia
D. Concord
23. During the American westward movement, Democratic politician John L. O’Sullivan produced the famous theory of _____.
A. “Isolationism”
B. “Good Neighbor Policy”
C. “Social Darwinism”
D. “Manifest Destiny”
24. The American Constitution was finally adopted in 1789 by a narrow margin on the understanding that _____ after the Constitution came into force.
A. Washington would be president of the U.S.
B. the House of Representatives would be elected by each state
C. a Bill of Rights would be amended
D. each state would be equally represented in the Senate
25. In 1972, U.S. President _____ visited China, which led to the establishment of diplomatic relations with China in January 1979.
A. Ronald Reagan
B. Richard Nixon
C. Jimmy Carter
D. Gerald Ford
26. Which work praised the idea of equality and democracy and also celebrated the dignity, the self-reliant spirit and the joy of the common man?
A. *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman.
B. *Self-reliance* by Ralph Waldo Emerson.
C. *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain.
D. *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser.
27. The Constitution requires the President to be a natural-born American citizen at least _____ years of age.
A. 30
B. 35

C. 40

D. 45

28. On April 30th of 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in _____ which housed the first American government.

A. New York

B. Washington

C. Philadelphia

D. Boston

29. Which of the following may NOT be President Wilson's achievements in his program of New Freedom?

A. Making loans available to farmers at low rates.

B. Adopting an income tax.

C. Regulating trusts by stating clearly the unfair business practices.

D. Regulating railroad prices and their rebates.

30. In the U.S. the _____ refers to the people born in the period 1946—1964.

A. "lost generation"

B. "me generation"

C. "blue-collar generation"

D. "baby boom generation"

31. The conference that decided to set up a world organization —the United Nations was held in _____.

A. Teheran

B. Cairo

C. Yalta

D. Washington

32. The President of the United States can issue rules, regulations and instructions, which are called _____.

A. legal acts

B. standing orders

C. verdicts

D. executive orders

33. The political theory of American Revolution came from the well-known philosopher _____.

A. Thomas Jefferson

B. Thomas Paine

C. Alexander Hamilton

D. John Locke

34. Which statement is NOT true about the Great Depression in the 1930s?

A. Billions of dollars of paper profits were wiped out within a few days.

B. Misery and personal sufferings were widespread.

C. Many lost their land and other properties because of foreclosures.

D. The stock market crash was the beginning of long economic recovery.

35. During the American Civil War, the victory at _____ proved to be the turning point for the Union Army.

A. Harrisburg

B. Gettysburg

C. Lexington

D. Fort Sumter

36. Which statement is NOT true about the American Indians?

- A. Heavy drinking and suicide rates are far above the national averages.
B. The average life expectancy of Indians is around 50 years.
C. All the American Indians are now living in the government reservations.
D. One fourth of the Indian families live below the poverty level.
37. The American Standard Oil Company was founded by _____.
A. John Rockefeller
B. du Pont
C. J.P. Morgan
D. Andrew Carnegie
38. A typical example of American intolerant nationalism from 1919—1920 was _____ that exaggerated the danger of Communism.
A. McCarthyism
B. the Ku Klux Klan
C. the Red Scare
D. Desegregation
39. Currently between 80% and 90% of immigrants to the U.S. are from _____ countries.
A. Asian and African
B. European and Hispanic
C. Asian and Hispanic
D. Scandinavian and Asian
40. _____ is the only organization which has the power to interpret the U.S. Constitution.
A. The Supreme Court
B. The Department of State
C. The House of Representatives
D. The Senate
41. _____ is British Columbia's largest city and the third largest city in Canada.
A. Vancouver
B. Toronto
C. Quebec City
D. Montreal
42. Almost half the land area of Canada is covered by _____.
A. forests
B. deserts
C. swamps
D. bogs
43. During World War II, Canada fought as an ally of _____ with nearly one million people serving in the armed forces.
A. Germany
B. Swiss
C. Italy
D. Britain
44. In Australia _____ has the country's richest farmland and best grazing land.
A. the Great Western Plateau
B. the Eastern Highlands
C. the Central Eastern Lowlands
D. the Outback
45. In recent years Australian governments have encouraged people with different ethnic backgrounds to keep their own cultures. This policy is called _____.

- A. assimilation B. integration
C. multiculturalism D. alienation
46. Which of the following statements about Australia is NOT true?
A. It lies south of the equator.
B. It is the world's smallest continent.
C. It is the flattest and lowest continent.
D. It is the continent that contains more than one country.
47. The first European to visit New Zealand was a/an _____, Abel Tasman.
A. Englishman B. Dutchman
C. Frenchman D. German
48. _____ is the capital of New Zealand.
A. Auckland B. Wellington
C. Toronto D. Montreal
49. Which statement is NOT true about Ireland?
A. Ireland is divided into two political units.
B. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.
C. The Republic of Ireland is an independent country.
D. Ireland is called the Emerald Isle because of its rich deposit of emeralds.
50. The largest river in Ireland is the _____, which provides electric power for much of the Republic.
A. Missouri River B. Shannon River
C. Severn River D. Thames River

II. 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. What is the official name of Great Britain?
52. What does "Oxbridge" refer to in Great Britain?
53. What are the responsibilities of British government education departments?
54. What does SAT stand for?
55. What are the two most important acts passed in the 1960s that helped to improve the political equality of the black people?
56. What is known as the "winner-take-all" system?
57. What does ACT stand for in Australian political division?

58. Why does New Zealand remain green all the year round?

59. What are the three main groups of settlers living north of 55 degree north latitude in Canada?

60. What is the most significant feature of Irish landscape, which covers all the mountains and large areas of lowlands?

III. 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. the Industrial Revolution

62. the Commonwealth

63. checks and balances

64. Electoral College

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