

八年级第二学期期末考试

英语试卷

I . Choose the best answer:

1. ____ girl standing beside me will go to ____ France to further her study next month.
A. A, the B. The, / C. An, a D. /, the
2. The 3D cartoon film, Panda Story (《熊猫总动员》), opened ____ January, 2011.
A. in B. of C. on D. at
3. His flat is near the History Museum while ____ is far away from it.
A. mine B. my C. myself D. me
4. Can you do it ____, Alice? I'm busy now.
A. myself B. ourselves C. yourself D. yourselves
5. He entered with basket of fruit in one hand and bunch of flowers in his ____ hand.
A. another B. the other C. other D. others
6. The earthquake left more than two ____ people homeless and more than 600 people died.
A. million of B. million C. millions of D. millions
7. Peter ____ be crazy to wear a pair of shorts in such freezing weather.
A. can B. should C. need D. must
8. I have two children, and ____ of them are working in the west of China
A. all B. both C. none D. either
9. Sydney Opera House is one of ____ buildings in the world.
A. famous B. more famous
C. most famous D. the most famous
10. His computer is as ____ as Kitty's.
A. better B. much better C. good D. best
11. The party sounded _____. All the people present enjoyed themselves.
A. great B. well C. wonderfully D. nicely
12. ---What ____ you ____? ---Nothing
A. do, need to buy B. need, to buy C. do, need buy D. need, buy
13. ____ great fun it is to surf the Internet in our computer lessons!
A. How B. What C. What a D. What an
14. His grandpa is still in good health ____ he is over eighty.
A. because B. if C. although D. until
15. --- Look out! The floor is wet. You might slip.
--- ____
A. You're welcome B. Of course, not
C. It doesn't matter D. Thank you, I will be careful
16. We'll go for outings if it ____ fine tomorrow.
A. is B. was C. will be D. are
17. After watching TV, the boy started ____ his homework.
A. do B. doing C. did D. does
18. These guide books can ____ us with most of the information we need.

- A. explain B. provide C. spread D. consider
19. The Airport Railway in Garden City _____ since 1998.
- A. has operated B. operated C. will operate D. operates
20. --- Do you think people will be able to live on the moon in the future?
 --- _____
- A. I hope so, but I don't think so. B. That's a good idea.
 C. Yes, I agree. D. Yes, of course.

II. Fill in the blanks with the given words in their proper forms

21. I want to have a more _____ school life. (enjoy)
22. A French _____ interrupted me and asked if I came from China. (science)
23. My family members will celebrate my little brother's _____ birthday. (five)
24. Some English newspapers can _____ us to learn more about the world. (able)
25. We should be _____ with the careless children. They need more help. (impatient)
26. "I wish you _____ and health forever," said the fairy. (happy)
27. They live on the _____ floor. (twelve)
28. If you don't go on a diet, it is _____ for you to lose weight. (possible)
29. At that time, I was sitting _____ in the big sofa, reading a newspaper. (comfortable)
30. All of us felt _____ when we heard the bad news. (disappoint)

III. Rewrite the following sentences as required:

31. One day a fairy visited a poor farmer. (改为一般疑问句)
 _____ a fairy _____ a poor farmer one day?
32. When water boils, it turns into steam. (对划线部分提问)
 _____ when water boils?
33. Don't swim here. (保持原句的意思)
 _____ isn't _____ here.
34. The manager asked Tim... Who keeps shouting in the office? (合并为宾语从句)
 The manager asked Tim _____ shouting in the office.
35. We have already decided when we will set off for Britain. (改为否定句)
 We _____ decided when we will set off for Britain _____.

VI. Choose the best word

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| A. grew up | B. turned out | C. near | D. same | E. suddenly | F. million |
| G. next to | H. walking | I. longer | | | |

Michelle was flying from Houston to London, and during the flight, she began talking to John, the man in the seat _36_ her. She found out that he was president of a famous jeans company based in Texas; in fact, she was wearing a pair of blue jeans from his company !But that wasn't the most surprising thing. He had lived in San Francisco when he was in high school, and it _37_ that he knew Michelle's best friend, who also _38_ in San Francisco! They continued talking. And by the end of the flight, they felt that they had known each other for much _39_ than eight hours.

But back in Houston, Michelle almost forgot about the attractive man she had met on the plane. One evening, she was __40__ her dog when a much larger dog came running toward them, growling. The owner was running after it, shouting. He managed to catch the dog just as it was going to attack Michelle's dog. Michelle was very angry. "Why don't you keep your dog on a leash(拴狗带)?" she shouted. Then __41__, she looked at him and stopped shouting. "John?" "Michelle?" they said at the __42__ time. Michelle said, "Do you live around here? I live on the next street. " "I don't believe it. " John said. "In a city of two __43__ people, you live three blocks from me!" And in the end, as had to happen, Michelle and John began going out together-all because of seats on an airplane and their dogs.

V. Reading

A)

Sunday, October 5th Clear, 69°F

My wife, Eleanor, and I took the train from Paris to Strasbourg, where we were met by our driver and guide and the minibus which goes along with the boat. We stopped off in Barn for an hour on the way. Then we were taken to Nancy where the boat was kept. After the other passengers arrived, we had our first dinner on the boat. After dinner we walked into downtown Nancy, a village with large square and wooden houses.

Monday, October 6th Rained last night, cloudy in the morning, 69°F

We spent about two hours in Nancy, and then sailed on the Canal de la Marne au Rhine. Kind of a lazy day. Eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner, after dinner we watched a tape on Baccarat, where we will visit tomorrow. It was pleasant to sit out on deck (甲板) and watch the scenery go by at about 3 mph.

Tuesday, October 7th Light rain, 64°F

This morning we drove over to Baccarat and toured its museum and the church, which has this unbelievable lamp that is going on a world tour the next day. We did lots of shopping, then walked across the bridge to see a very, very modern Catholic church with special Baccarat windows.

We drove to the top of the Voges Mountains and started down the eastern side. Later we drove to Sorrenbourg to see the 13th century church at the Cordeliers. It contains the largest window by Mar. Chagall – 24 feet wide by 40 feet high.

Wednesday, October 8th Cloudy. 65 °F

Today we sailed from Schneckembush to Saverne. We went through two caves, an extremely unusual part of the journey. This river scenery is very different. We were in a mountain valley with grassland on one side and a forest beginning to show some color on the other.

Thursday, October 9th Cloudy, 66°F

Our dependable minibus was waiting to load the luggage and take us to the hotel where everyone went their separate ways. Our boating days are over until next time.

44. What was the weather like for most of the trip?
 A. sunny B. Snowy
 C. Rainy and cloudy D. Not mentioned
45. Where did the author get off the train?
 A. Paris B. Strasbourg C. Nancy D. Barn
46. Which of the following is not the feature of the trip from Schneckenhush to Saverne?
 A. Bridge B. Forest C. Mountain valley D. Grassland
47. Which of the following is not true _____?
 A. On Oct.6, they watched a tape about Baccarat on the boat and they visited it on Oct. 7
 B. They watched a very modern church on a bridge for its special Catholic windows.
 C. On Oct.8, an unbelievable lamp from the church in Baccarat started its world tour.
 D. The 13th century church at the Cordeliers has the largest window with an area of 960 square feet.
48. What kind transport did the author and his wife have most in the trip?
 A. Minibus B. Train C. Bike D. Boat

B)

In England, people often talk about the weather because they can experience (经历) four seasons in one day. In the morning the weather is warm just like in spring. An hour later black clouds come and then it rains hard. The weather gets a little cold. In the late afternoon the sky will be sunny, the sun will begin to shine, and it will be summer at this time of a day.

In England, people can also have summer in winter, or have winter in summer. So in winter they can swim sometimes, and in summer sometimes they should take warm clothes.

When you go to England, you will see that some English people usually take an umbrella (伞) or a raincoat with them in the sunny morning, but you should not laugh at them.

If you don't take an umbrella or a raincoat, you will regret later in the day.

49. Why do people in England often talk about the weather?
 A. Because they may have four seasons in one day.
 B. Because they often have very good weather.
 C. Because the weather is warm just like in spring.
 D. Because the sky is sunny all day.
50. From the story we know that when _____ come, there is a heavy rain.
 A. sunshine and snow B. black clouds
 C. summer and winter D. spring and autumn
51. "People can also have summer in winter." Means "it is sometimes too _____ in winter."
 A. warm B. cool C. cold D. rainy
52. In the sunny morning some English people usually take a raincoat or an umbrella with them because _____.
 A. their friends ask them to do so B. it often rains in England
 C. they are going to sell them D. they are their favorite things

53. The best title (标题) for this passage is _____.

- A. Bad Seasons B. Summer or Winter
C. The Weather in England D. Strange English People

C)

It's every teenager's nightmare (恶魔): exam time. During the last three days of the term, we have six exams.

My easiest exam was math. All of its questions were from earlier exams.

The biology exam was hard. At first, I thought I had failed it. It asked lots of things we never studied in class, so we could use our textbooks. But there wasn't enough time to check every question. I guessed on many of them. But my teacher said I did well.

On the career planning and computer applications (申请) exam, we had a lot to do: a PowerPoint presentation (显示), a book report and a class evaluation. I felt like I needed more time, but some of my classmates didn't think so much. They just quickly wrote down some answers and then played games.

I don't think I did very well in the English exam. We had to write an essay (读后感) about books we've read in class. But I didn't study enough.

At our school, we can "Test out" of some classes. That means students can study by themselves and then take a class exam. If they pass, they don't have to take the class, I tested out of both computer and health classes.

Studying for those exams was terrible. Those classes go for six months, but I had to teach myself everything in three weeks. Also, I had to do three big projects at the same time. I watched no TV for almost three weeks! I am so glad it's all over, and now it's the summer holiday.

For my classmates, it will be two and a half months of fun without school or homework. But I'm a Chinese, and you know what Chinese parents do with their kids' free time: still more homework.

54. What's teenager's nightmare?

It is _____.

55. The author's easiest exam was math, wasn't it?

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56. What did the writer think of his English exam?

The writer _____.

57. Can students in the writer's school test out of some classes?

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58. How many big projects did the writer have to do at the same time?

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59. For the writer's classmates, how long will it be of fun without school or homework?

It will be _____.

D)

Cartoon films have very few limits (限制). If you can draw something, you can make it __60__ on the cinema screen. The use of new ideas and modern computer programs means that cartoons are becoming exciting again for people of __61__ ages.

By 1970, the cinema world had decided that cartoons were __62__ for children.

But soon after that, one or two film makers had some new ideas. They proved (证明) it was __63__ to make film that both grown-ups and children could enjoy them.

However, not every cartoon film was successful. The Black Cauldron, for example, failed, just because it was too __64__ for children and too childish for grown-ups. Film makers learnt from this mistake, and then cartoons were welcomed by both children and grown-ups and __65__ the film companies began to make large amounts of money.

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| 60. A. arrive | B. stay | C. stand | D. move |
| 61. A. some | B. either | C. all | D. both |
| 62. A. never | B. only | C. still | D. already |
| 63. A. possible | B. difficult | C. complete | D. interesting |
| 64. A. interesting | B. popular | C. relaxing | D. frightening |
| 65. A. once | B. however | C. again | D. too |

E)

Dogs have feelings. Sometimes they may feel angry or afraid. If you watch a dog c__66__, you can find out how it feels. You can see what it is trying to t__67__ you.

If a dog is afraid of you, it will look away from you. It will run away, too. Sometimes the hair on its back stands up. Dogs can also feel sorry. At times w__68__ I get home, my dog gives me a sorry look. Then I know it has done something w__69__.

Dogs need our l__70__ and care. A dog may be unhappy when you leave it alone for a long time. Play with it. Talk w__71__ it. Always remember that a dog has feelings just as we do. Talk to a dog, and it'll talk to you, too.