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SECTION 1: LISTENING

PART 1. You are going to listen **TWICE** to five speakers talking about **memory**. For each speaker, choose the correct answer. You can take notes.

- 1 Why was Mary unhappy about the school reunion?
- A She wasn't sent an invitation by her classmates.
 B She didn't want to see some of her classmates.
 C She didn't think her closest friends were going.
 D She had forgotten all about her school days.
- 2 What does Brian say about his memory?
- A He can't remember things from his childhood.
 B He's worried about his recent memory problems.
 C He's had some problems with his short-term memory.
 D He thinks his long-term memory is also getting worse.
- 3 How did Gemma surprise Diane?
- A She remembered how to get home on the bus.
 B She recognized someone from an old photo.
 C She remembered to leave her bag at school.
 D She remembered all the details of an event.
- 4 What has Jordan been worrying about recently?
- A Remembering the words for a play.
 B Something he read on a web page.
 C Finding a quicker way to learn his lines.
 D Getting a bigger role in his theatre group.
- 5 What does Anna say about her exchange student?
- A She has a good knowledge of English.
 B She's frustrated about living with Anna.
 C She has learnt how to remember things more easily.
 D She prefers using a digital dictionary.

SECTION 1: LISTENING

PART 2. You are going to listen **TWICE** to five people talking about things that annoy them and their **regrets**. Choose the correct answer. You can take notes.

- 6 Miriam regrets
- A telling her colleagues she was going to get married.
 B not mentioning her colleagues' behaviour to her manager.
 C not complaining to her colleagues about their behaviour.
 D sharing personal information with her colleagues.
- 7 Ruben wishes he
- A hadn't gone out for dinner with his partner.
 B had realised his partner had a problem at work.
 C hadn't reacted so angrily to the problem.
 D had spent more time on his own phone.
- 8 June feels that she
- A should have dealt with the situation more calmly.
 B should have given her own seat to the elderly man.
 C shouldn't have got involved in the problem.
 D had been too polite on the bus.
- 9 Andrew wishes he
- A had chosen a different sport to watch.
 B hadn't bought his friend a ticket for the match.
 C had arrived at the match at the same time as his friend.
 D hadn't waited for his friend to arrive at the match.
- 10 Chelsea regrets the fact that she
- A didn't make a complaint in the restaurant.
 B chose a restaurant with disappointing food.
 C wrote a negative review on the internet.
 D invited her friend to dinner that night.



SECTION 2: GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

11. Having had a sore throat that has continued and made speaking uncomfortable, she ___ to sing in the upcoming concert, much to the disappointment of her fans who were really looking forward to her performance.

- A isn't unlikely
- B is unlikely
- C isn't probably
- D is probably

12. Could you get some fruit when you go to the supermarket? We've got ___ left in the fruit bowl, and I wanted to make a fruit salad for dessert tonight, but it looks like we won't have enough.

- A hardly any
- B handful
- C lack of
- D several

13. The song, ___, is definitely not her best work, even though it was a huge hit when it was released and everyone still recognises it today.

- A whose she's famous
- B which she's famous
- C whose she's famous for
- D which she's famous for

14. What ___ me right now is your account number, as I can't seem to find your details in our system without it, and I need to access your records quickly to fix this problem.

- A do you need to tell
- B did you need to tell
- C you need to tell
- D you needed to tell

15. According to the weather forecast I just checked, ___ at approximately 7:30 PM tomorrow, so if you're planning to be outside, you should probably take an umbrella with you.

- A it will be rain
- B will it rain
- C will it be raining
- D it will be raining

16. Let's try speaking to her later in the evening, perhaps around 9 PM. She ___ a decision about the job offer by then, as she mentioned she was hoping to finalize her plans sometime after dinner.

- A have made
- B has made
- C had made
- D might have made

17. In the last few days, it ___ that a man has escaped from the high-security prison located outside the city, causing a widespread search by local authorities.

- A reports
- B is reported
- C has been reported
- D has reported

18. In the 16th century, a time when superstition was common and scientific understanding was limited, it ___ by many people that witches existed and had supernatural powers.

- A believed
- B is believed
- C was believed
- D has been believed

19. I was meant ___ Gabi at seven o'clock at the new Italian restaurant downtown, but I completely forgot because I got caught up in a last-minute work project. Now I feel terrible for missing our dinner.

- A to meet
- B meet
- C met
- D meeting



20. The film ___ by the time we finally managed to get to the cinema, after getting stuck in traffic for almost an hour, so we missed the beginning and had to wait for a less crowded showing.

- A already had finished
- B had already finished
- C had already been finishing
- D already had been finishing

21. ___ for three days without stopping, going through hard land and weather that changed a lot, before she finally arrived at where she was going, very tired but happy it was over.

- A She had walked
- B Had she walked
- C Had she been walking
- D She had been walking

22. At the party, he introduced me to ___ articles have recently appeared in several national newspapers, covering a range of important social issues.

- A a journalist, who's
- B a journalist who's
- C a journalist, whose
- D a journalist whose

23. There's a whole pizza sitting on the counter, and it really ___ be eaten soon before it gets cold and loses its delicious taste.

- A need
- B needs
- C need to
- D needs to

24. For safety and security reasons, visitors ___ to go behind the stage at any time during the concert performance.

- A not permitted
- B are not permitted
- C not permitting
- D are not permitting

25. He said he ___ his passport the previous day, which explained why he was unable to check into his hotel and was looking quite worried.

- A lost
- B has lost
- C had lost
- D would lose

26. She was curious about my musical taste and asked me what ___ to on the radio earlier that morning during my commute to work.

- A I was listening
- B was I listening
- C I did listen
- D did I listen

27. Their house looks very old, with pale paint and walls that look old from the weather; it ___ a very long time ago, perhaps even in the early 1900s, given how it's made.

- A must be building
- B must have been built
- C can be built
- D can't have been built

28. She ___ this morning, which might explain why she didn't answer the phone when you called; maybe she was busy and couldn't be interrupted.

- A could work
- B could have worked
- C couldn't have worked
- D could have been working

29. I really wish you ___ so rude to everyone you meet; your always negative comments and mean tone are quite embarrassing for those of us who are with you.

- A will be
- B won't be
- C would be
- D wouldn't be



30. If only we ____ the house when we were younger, we would have finished paying for it by now.

- A had bought
- B did buy
- C would buy
- D will buy

31. It's going to be a lovely day with sunshine and blue skies today. ____, we should make the most of it because the weather forecast predicts heavy rain starting tomorrow morning.

- A Although
- B Though
- C However
- D On the one hand

32. ____ over the Atlantic, I felt quite nervous because there was no land for miles.

- A We flew
- B We had flown
- C Having flown
- D Flying

33. ____ all their money while traveling around Europe for several months, they were left with no choice but to cut their trip short and return home sooner than planned.

- A Spending
- B Having spent
- C They spent
- D They had spent

34. You ____ a lot of money by now if you had taken my advice about investing in that company last year.

- A make
- B will make
- C have made
- D would have made

35. I'll complain to the manager unless you ____ me a refund.

- A gave
- B give
- C will give
- D have given

36. I haven't got much furniture in my bedroom. There's not much in there at all, ____ from a bed and a wardrobe.

- A apart
- B but
- C even
- D not even

37. You seem to be enjoying classical music more these days. ____ to much classical music lately?

- A You listened
- B Did you listen
- C You have been listening
- D Have you been listening

38. The race was really exciting right to the end. Were you the first runner ____ the finish line in the race?

- A cross
- B to cross
- C who cross
- D that cross

39. We really need to leave on time to make it to the concert. I will take you in the car ____ ready by eight o'clock.

- A unless you are
- B unless you will be
- C if you will be
- D if you are

40. I am trying to plan my evening. Can you tell me what time ____ this evening?

- A starts the film
- B the film starts
- C does the film start
- D will the film start



SECTION 3: VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer.

41. Having trained very hard for months before the final match, Maya became visibly ___ after she won the important tournament, and I even saw tears starting to form in her eyes as she accepted the award.

- A adventurous
- B experienced
- C emotional
- D talented

42. Decades ago, scientists working on climate change made an important ___ about the future global temperatures, and recent data has unfortunately confirmed the accuracy of their early findings.

- A predict
- B prediction
- C predictable
- D predictably

43. After a lengthy meeting where everyone shared their ideas and concerns, we've finally ___ a plan which we believe should address everyone's needs and make them satisfied with the final decision.

- A come up with
- B ended up
- C messed up
- D put up with

44. Before we conclude this discussion and move on to the next topic, I'd like to ___ that there are some people within the group who hold a different opinion on this issue, and their views should also be considered.

- A come across
- B come back to
- C point out
- D speak up

45. If you want to ___ and prevent your mind from becoming bored or not developing, the best ways to achieve this are by engaging in regular conversations with different people and staying informed about current events by following the news.

- A keep mentally active
- B do a regular workout
- C do a sedentary job
- D vary your diet

46. My son is such a(n) ___ that even loud noises or bright lights don't seem to disturb him once he falls asleep, which is why he sleeps soundly through the entire night without waking up.

- A exhausted
- B heavy sleeper
- C insomniac
- D nightmare

47. You must have been extremely tired because it didn't take you long at all to ___; you were sound asleep within just five minutes of lying down on the pillow.

- A drop off
- B have a lie in
- C keep awake
- D oversleep

48. Feeling quite full and sleepy after having had a big lunch, we slept ___ before we felt ready to get up and go out for the evening.

- A by the time
- B for a while
- C just moments earlier
- D up to that point

49. Considering your excellent mathematical skills and your natural talent for working with figures, you should definitely consider a career in ___, as that field heavily relies on strong numerical abilities and attention to detail.

- A accountancy
- B medicine
- C publishing
- D social work



50. After several years working as a teacher, I decided to ___ career and pursue a different profession because my income was not sufficient to cover my living expenses.

- A advance
- B retrain
- C start out
- D switch

51. Facing unemployment after my company closed down unexpectedly, I decided to ___ myself as an independent consultant, using my existing skills and experience in a new professional capacity.

- A advance
- B reinvent
- C retrain
- D set up

52. To ensure clear communication and avoid any confusion, it's always a good idea to ask questions to make things clear so you don't ___ what the other person is saying and maybe act on wrong information.

- A disappear
- B disconnect
- C misuse
- D misunderstand

53. I'm absolutely freezing in here; you can practically see your breath! The temperature must be ___.

- A subtitle
- B subterranean
- C sub-zero
- D substandard

54. It's difficult to rely on Petra because she's really ___; she has a tendency to say one thing and do another, and she's not always truthful about her actions.

- A dishonest
- B unhelpful
- C imperfect
- D impatient

55. My manager strongly ___ me to apply for the promotion at work, highlighting my skills and experience and assuring me that I would be a strong candidate for the position.

- A emphasised
- B threatened
- C persuaded
- D regretted

56. During the interview, he ___ that he had previously met the Prime Minister at a charity event, although he didn't provide any specific details or evidence to support his statement.

- A accused
- B claimed
- C criticised
- D proposed

57. The homeowners ___ to call the police immediately unless the man, who was illegally in their garden and refusing to go away, finally left their garden.

- A denied
- B insisted
- C reminded
- D threatened

58. To ensure everyone had an equal chance and avoid any bias in our research study, we chose a completely ___ selection of people from the city's phone book, and we asked them to voluntarily complete a set of questions about their shopping habits.

- A accidental
- B freak
- C random
- D unfortunate

59. Given his usually calm and relaxed public image, the actor's sudden angry reaction and strange behavior at the awards ceremony was completely ___ by everyone present.

- A unfortunate
- B fortunate
- C accidental
- D unexpected



60. Peter's job is so ___ that it requires him to work extremely long hours and travel frequently, which unfortunately means we sometimes don't see him for several days at a time.

- A all-consuming
- B life-changing
- C long-lasting
- D second-hand

61. It's clear that this plan to increase sales isn't producing the results we expected, so we need to go back to the ___ and completely rethink our strategy from the initial stages.

- A blessing
- B cup of tea
- C drawing board
- D piece of cake

62. Don't spend so much time trying to fix that small mark; it really won't ___ a difference to how it looks in general, and nobody will even notice it.

- A have
- B go
- C get
- D make

63. ___ is a major world issue with millions unable to buy basics like food and clothing.

- A Justice
- B Literacy
- C Overcrowding
- D Poverty

64. Jonah ___ a go at water-skiing when we were at the beach.

- A had
- B got
- C made
- D went

65. He had a difficult time, but he got to ___ and now he's happy again.

- A back together
- B a big heart
- C the other side
- D somewhere to live

66. I've tried cooking different dishes for him, but it seems he's quite particular. He's not keen ___ my cooking. He prefers to eat out.

- A about
- B into
- C of
- D on

67. Urban planning needs a lot of attention. There are a lot of issues in the city. ___, traffic is a serious problem.

- A However
- B For instance
- C Obviously
- D As a result

68. I understand your perspective on the matter. I know ___, but I think we could do more to help.

- A a fair point
- B makes sense
- C up to a point
- D what you mean

69. I'm going to offer some constructive criticism. Don't take it ___, but you should clean your shoes.

- A the wrong idea
- B personally
- C as a friend
- D honest

70. We need to follow these instructions precisely to get started. ___ is to open the program on your computer.

- A The next step
- B To begin with
- C Once
- D It's essential



SECTION 4: READING

PART 1. Read the following passage and choose the correct answers.

The future of country life

Rural communities all over the world have experienced an astonishing decrease in population since the 1960s. In most cases, people are leaving the countryside for financial reasons. As agricultural machinery has improved, the need for workers has been reduced. At the same time, people are attracted to the well-paid jobs which they can find in the cities. As a result, some rural villages are like ghost towns now. So, what is the future of country life? We hear two different views.

Moira Holt

I've got plenty of friends who have moved to the countryside in recent years. The majority of them made the change because they wanted a better quality of life. It's true that you're likely to earn more money if you work in the city and, of course, there are schools and leisure facilities. The problem is that cities can have a negative effect on your health. The busy lifestyle can affect your mental health while air pollution is bad for your physical health. In contrast, life in the countryside is more peaceful and the air is cleaner. Not only that, but there is more of a sense of community because you know all your neighbours and you tend to look out for each other.

While the number of people leaving the countryside has risen continually for a number of years, this trend is likely to be reversed in the future. The possibility of working remotely means they'll be able to carry on doing their old jobs while living in villages. They won't need to commute, either, which means their lives will probably be less stressful. It will also help to reduce traffic and pollution in urban and rural areas. What's more, as the countryside becomes repopulated, there are bound to be better services like shops, schools and libraries. The countryside will be the place to live for people looking for a better quality of life.

Damien Ngo

I must admit that I've thought about moving out of the city. I think anyone who lives in an urban area dreams about living amongst woodland and open fields, but the reality of living in the countryside is rather different. The biggest problem is a lack of work for younger people, which means they're all moving away and some villages are becoming deserted. I know for a fact that many of them don't even have a school or doctor's surgery anymore. When you look at that aspect of country life, it doesn't seem quite so attractive. There's no doubt that city life can be stressful, but there are also benefits, like good schools, reliable healthcare, and a wide choice of cultural activities.

I'm not 100 percent sure, but I'd imagine that country life is going to become more difficult for a lot of people. I get the impression that jobs are being destroyed in farming because robots can do the work more efficiently. Other areas like forest management will also be less dependent on people as drones will be used to manage forests and national parks. I suppose people who work remotely might choose to live in the countryside, but it won't be the dream they imagine. With no communities and no services, people will feel isolated from the rest of the world.

71 According to the article, fewer people live in villages nowadays because

- A it's too expensive to live there.
- B there isn't enough work for everyone.
- C agricultural work isn't popular anymore.
- D cities are more attractive than in the past.

72 Moira knows several people who have moved to the countryside in order to

- A earn more money.
- B spend less time working.
- C find better schools for their children.
- D have an improved lifestyle.

73 Moira believes people will stop leaving the countryside because

- A many of them won't need to work in the cities.
- B cities are likely to become more polluted.
- C there will probably be more traffic in urban areas.
- D it will become too stressful to move.



74 Damien wouldn't live in the countryside because

- A he's not interested in experiencing nature.
- B he can't see any problems with urban living.
- C he believes the city offers a better lifestyle.
- D he wouldn't be able to find work.

75 Damien thinks country life will get more difficult because

- A there will be fewer opportunities for young people.
- B new people will be arriving from the cities.
- C farming will become less important than in the past.
- D there will be fewer forests and national parks.

SECTION 4: READING

PART 2. Read the following passage and choose the correct answers.

When is it okay to lie?

Nowadays, we seem to be surrounded by dishonesty and misinformation. We are regularly informed about politicians who have lied, and we are warned about the problem of fake news. Growing numbers of people even dedicate their time to revealing conspiracy theories – supposed plans made by secretive organisations to spread huge lies about things like the moon landings. All of this contributes to an atmosphere of distrust and a lack of honesty.

However, it would seem that humans have probably been lying to each other since they could speak. Some historians argue that dishonesty has helped us avoid physical conflicts, where speaking the truth could result in violence. However, history and popular culture have also warned about the dangers of not telling the truth. In the famous story of The boy who cried wolf, a young boy falsely tells his neighbours that a wolf has attacked his sheep. After repeating his story several times, a real wolf does attack his sheep, only this time the villagers don't believe him and refuse to help.

Various philosophers have tried to explain why lying is never in the common interest. The 18th-century German philosopher, Immanuel Kant, pointed out that lying stops us having free choice. For him, it wasn't only the liar's victims who suffered, but also the liars themselves. The theory is that once you have started out on a lie, you usually have to carry on lying so you aren't found out. As a result, you stop being your true self. This situation has been the subject of countless works of fiction, such as Billy Liar, where the main character's lies get out of control until eventually no one believes him. Anyone who has found themselves making up stories may well be familiar with this situation.



On the other hand, it has been argued that lying is sometimes the right thing to do. This is the case with what we call 'white lies'. White lies are basically lies that we tell people in order to make them feel better about themselves. For example, if your partner spends hours cooking a special meal, but the result is a disaster, it might be kinder to say how delicious it is. Telling the truth wouldn't change anything, and it definitely wouldn't make them feel better. Similarly, we might use white lies to protect people, such as telling children that a doctor's needle won't hurt. Of course it will hurt, but if we tell them that, they probably won't accept the injection, and their health could be at risk.

Some psychologists suggest there is a difference between white lies and real lies. In contrast to white lies, real lies are told to benefit the person who's lying. They don't consider the negative consequences for the people who are lied to. An example could be a child who lies to their parents to avoid getting in trouble, or a politician who lies to their citizens to avoid getting fired. The problem with real lies is that they lead to a breakdown of trust, which benefits no one in the long-term. Moreover, some people suggest that even white lies can lead to a lack of trust and, for that reason, it's better to avoid them. As a general rule, honesty is usually the best policy.

76 What point is the writer making in the first paragraph?

- A Politicians are usually the cause of fake news.
- B It is likely that the moon landings did not happen.
- C It can be hard to know what to believe these days.
- D There is less dishonesty and misinformation than we might think.

77 Why does the writer mention The boy who cried wolf?

- A To demonstrate the risks of not being honest.
- B To show how dishonesty can cause conflict.
- C To emphasise that children lie the most.
- D To highlight that few people tell the truth.

78 What problem does the writer highlight in the third paragraph?

- A Philosophers are unable to explain why lying is wrong.
- B Only liar's victims suffer from the loss of free choice.
- C Liars are rarely realistic characters in works of fiction.
- D Liars can suffer from the consequences of their actions.

79 What does the writer suggest in the fourth paragraph?

- A Lying to children about injections is never a good idea.
- B Lying to people close to us can be the kindest thing to do.
- C Telling white lies only makes us feel better about ourselves.
- D Being dishonest can put other people's health at risk.

80 What does the author warn us about in the final paragraph?

- A Telling white lies is often worse than telling real lies.
- B Believing the words of politicians is never a good idea.
- C Being dishonest can have consequences in the future.
- D Listening to children can get parents in trouble.

