***Sai Dong Secondary School*** **TEST FOR GIFTED STUDENTS – GRADE 8**

**Time: 90 minutes**

**School year: 2020-2021**

**A/ Listening:**

**I.Listen to Harry, Olivia, Magda and Carlos talking about environment issues.**

**Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**

1. Tony did Magda’s job while Magda was sick.

2. Harry rode his bicycle to the cafe.

3. Harry usually drives to the football pitch.

4. The traffic in London is good, and cheap.

5. Johnny doesn’t like travelling by bicycle.

**II.Listen again. Answer the questions below. ( from 1-2 words)**

6. What does Henry think about Carlos as a waiter?

7. Did Harry park his car near or far from the cafe?

8. What kind of sport does Henry play?

9. How often does he play it?

10. What means of transport does Magda always use?

**B.Pronunciation:**

**I.Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced diferently from others:**

11. A. comb B. debt C. viable D. doubt

12. A.resign B. organism C. grade D. category

13. A.hobby B. honest C. hedge D. Hinduism

14. A.knowledge B. knife C. knee D. blanket

15. A. island B. campus C. scenery D. course

**II.Choose the word with different stres pattern:**

16. A. simplicity B. pollution C. electricity D. activity

17. A. mathematics B. statistic C. academy D. mechanic

18. A. expensive B. forgotten C. retirement D. picturesque

19. A. emergency B. comparative C. dimensional D. misunderstand

20. A. argument B. definite C. permanent D.museum

**C/ Grammar and vocbulary:**

**I.Choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the blank spaces.**

21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from John, all the students said they would go.

A. Except B. Only C. Apart D. Separate

22. If you work for us, you’ll get somewhere to live \_\_\_\_\_ free.

A. for B. at C. out D. of

23. The new manager explained to the staff that she hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ new procedures to save

time and money.

A. manufacture B. establish C. control D. restore

24. They took pride \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being the best players of the school.

A. in B. with C. on D. for

25. She’d prefer to go out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home.

A. than to stay B. than staying C. rather than staying D. rather than stay

26. They received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advice from their parents that they became successful.

A. so good B. such a good C. so good an D. such good

27. Have you got a car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

A. of your own B. of yourself C. of you D. of your

28. There is a fault at our television station. Please do not \_\_\_\_\_\_ your television set.

A. change B. adjust C. repair D. switch

29. If you want to attend the course, you must pass the ................... examination.

A. write B. written C. wrote D. writing

30. Either Peter and his brothers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the keys to the car.

A. has been taken B. has taken C. have taken D. have been taken

31. We can tell you that we often have a friendly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our class.

A. atmosphere B. air C. matter D. impression

32. These clothes are fashionable and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Do you agree with me?

A. only B. merely C. unique D. uniquely

33. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have a very big fortune and a beautiful wife.

A. rumors B. rumored C. has rumored D. was rumored

34. Did you use to do a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you were at the university.

A. full-time job B. part-time C. full-time D. part-time job

35. My house is just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I live in the nearby neighborhood.

A. near here B. near to C. near by D. near from

**II/Identify the errors in the following sentences and correct them.**

36/ We won't mind your being late – beside, it's hardly your mistake.

A B C D

37/ The whole report is badly typed. Moreover, it's imaccurate.

A B C D

38/ I'm not astonish she shouted at us! How would we like to be pushed into a wall?

A B C D

39/ Trung was a youthful sailor on his first sea excursion.

A B C D

40/ The journey guide pointed out the message that runs round the inside of the sports ground.

A B C D

**III. Complete the passage below using the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

People are becoming more security conscious these days. Crimes like burglary and

(41.THIEF)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are definitely on the increase. One of the most (42. PAIN) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

experiences a home (43.OWN) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can have is to arrive home and find that his or her

(44. VALUE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have disappeared, because a window had (45. ACCIDENT)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_been left open. What can we do to protect ourselves? The most important piece

of (46. ADVISORY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to make sure that your (47. INSURE)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coverage

is up to date. Another (48. SENSE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing to do is to go along to your local police

station, where they will be more than willing to make (49. SUGGEST) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on (50.

RELY)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways of safeguarding your property.

**D. READING**

**I. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer.**

The search for alternative sources of energy has led in various directions. Many communities are burning garbage and other biological waste products to produce electricity.

Converting waste products to gases or oil is also an efficient way to dispose of waste.

Experimental work is being done to derive synthetic fuels from coal, oil shale and coal tars.

But to date, that process has proven expensive. Other experiments are underway to harness -

power with giant windmills. Geothermal power, heat from the earth, is also being tested.

Some experts expect utility companies to revive hydroelectric power derived from streams and rivers. Fifty years ago hydroelectric power provided one third of the electricity used inthe United States, but today it supplies only four percent. The oceans are another potentialsource of energy. Scientists are studying ways to convert the energy of ocean currents, tides, and waves to electricity. Experiments are also underway to make use of the temperature

differences in ocean water to produce energy.

**51. Which is the best title of the passage?**

A. Efficient Ways of Disposing of Waste

B. The Use of Water Productions for Energy

C. The Search for Alternative Sources of Energy

D. New Discoveries in Geothermal Power

**52. In the second paragraph, the phrase “synthetic fuels” could best be replaced by which of the following?**

A. Biological fuels B. Low burning fuels C. Fast burning fuels D. Artificial made fuels

**53. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an alternative source of energy?**

A. Burning of garbage B. Geothermal power C. Synthetic fuels D. Electricity

**54. According to the author, the impracticability of using coal, oil shale and coal tars as sources of energy is due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

A. their being time consuming B. their being money consuming

C. the scarcity of sources D. the lack of technology their being money consuming.

**55. The word “it” in the last paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_.**

A. alternative source B. the United States C. hydroelectric power D. Electricity

**56. What can be inferred from the last paragraph?**

A. Hydroelectric power will be the main source of energy

B. Synthetic fuels will be the principal source of alternative energy

C. Alternative energy will come from a variety of sources

D. All alternative production of energy will be delivered from water.

**II. Choose the correct letter A, B, C or D that best fits the blank in the passage.**

Speech is one of the most important (57)\_\_\_ of communicating .It consists of far more than

just making noises. To talk and also to (58)\_\_\_\_ by other people, we have to speak a

language, that is, we have to use combinations of (59)\_\_\_\_that everyone agrees to stand for a

particular object or idea. Communication would be impossible if everyone made up their

own language. Learning a language properly is very( 60)\_\_\_. The basic( 61)\_\_\_\_of English is

not very large, and only about 2,000 words are needed to speak it quite (62)\_\_\_.But the more

idea you can (63)\_\_\_\_ the more precise you can be about their exact meaning. Words are the

(64)\_\_\_\_thing we use in communicating what we want to say. The way we( 65)\_\_\_\_the words

is also very important. Our tone of voice can express many emotions and ( 66)\_\_\_\_whether

we are pleased or angry, for instance.

57. A. reason B. tests C. ways D. rules

58. A. be spoken B. be examined C. be understood D. be talked

59. A. systems B. sounds C. languages D. talks

60. A. easy B. important C. simple D. expensive

61. A. grammar B. word C. vocabulary D. structure

62. A. fluent B. good C. well D. perfect

63. A. need B. grow C. express D. pass

64. A. main B. certain C. full D. most

65. A. talk B. say C. pass D. send

66. A. show B. ask C. understand D. know

**III. Fill ONE suitable word into each of numbered blanks in the passage.**

Australia is a big country, but nearly all Australians live near the sea. On hot summer days,

you can see thousands of people at the beach. Many beaches have waves (67)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are very high. These large waves are known as surf and the people who ride them are called surfers.

Surfing is a skill, and it needs learning. Don’t (68)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be able to surf properly the

(69)\_\_\_\_\_\_ time you try. However, by practising a few times you will learn (70)\_\_\_\_\_ to do it.

Surfing is not a new sport. Perhaps its origins need explaining. It started hundreds

(71)\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago in Hawaii. Men swam (72)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sea to catch fish and found they

could come back to land very quickly by riding the waves. These first surfers did not

(73)\_\_\_\_\_\_ a board. They were “body surfers”. Many people (74)\_\_\_\_\_\_ do this type of

surfing today.

After a while people started to use boards and rode the waves by lying, kneeling or standing(75)\_\_\_\_\_\_ them. These first surfboards were made of wood and the water made them rot after a while. Today, surfboards are made of plastic or fibreglass instead.

**E/ WRITING**

**I. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning of the printed sentences.**

76. The phone stopped ringing the moment I got down stairs.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

77. He is determined to carry on working when he is 65.

He has no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

78. He was very sorry that he didn’t see Audrey on her trip to London.

He greatly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

79. She agreed to go out to dinner with him because she assumed he was not married.

Had she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

80. Everyone was surprised that the singer had very little money when he died.

The singer had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Children today are too dependent on computers and electronic entertainment. It wouldbe better for them to be outside playing sports and taking part in more traditional past times than spending all day indoors.** Do you agree or disagree?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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