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PART 1. LEXICAL- GRAMMAR.

Please select the best option to complete the following sentence:

1. I come _____ England.

- to
- from
- at
- in

2. There aren't _____ people here.

- much
- many
- a lot
- some

3. Tim _____ work tomorrow.

- isn't going
- isn't
- isn't going to
- isn't to

4. I'd like _____ information, please.

- an
- some
- piece
- a piece

5. _____ to school yesterday?

- Do you walk
- Did you walked
- Did you walk
- Have you walked

6. I went to the shop _____ some chocolate.

- for buying
- for buy
- to buy
- buy

7. 'I don't like coffee.' ' _____ do I.'

So
Neither
Either
No

8. 'Have you visited London?' ' _____ .'

Not yet
Ever
Already
Not

9. Is Jo _____ Chris?

taller than
taller
as tall as
more tall

10. You should _____ your homework.

make
do
work
give

11. 'Where's the _____ post office, please?'

most near
near
more near
nearest

12. Would you mind _____ the window?

closing
close
to close
closed

13. He's interested _____ learning Spanish.

on
to
in
for

14. How long _____ English?

do you learn
are you learning

have you been learning
you learn

15. His office is on the second _____ of the building.

floor
level
ground
stage

16. The doctor gave me a _____ for some medicine yesterday.

note
receipt
prescription
recipe

17. Can you tell me when _____ ?

the train leaves
does the train leave
leaves the train
does leave the train

18. I _____ a reply to my letter in the next few days.

hope
expect
wait for
get

19. When Simon _____ back tonight, he'll cook dinner.

comes
will come
come
shall come

20. We arrived _____ England two days ago.

to
in
on
at

21. 'Why are you so hungry?' 'Oh, I _____ breakfast this morning.'

hadn't
didn't
didn't have
haven't

22. You _____ better see a doctor.

did
would
should
had

23. You should _____ swimming.

start up
get off
take up
take off

24. 'Did you speak to Juliet?' 'No, I've _____ seen her.

nearly
hardly
often
always

25. He told me that he _____ in Spain the previous year.

has been working
had been working
has worked
had been worked

26. She looks _____ she's going to be sick.

as if
as
likes
if

27. The best way to learn a language is _____ a little every day.

speak
in speaking
to speaking
by speaking

28. She _____ me to go to school.

said
told
suggested
made

29. I want to be a teacher when I _____ .

grow
age

grow up
am more years

30. I'm fed up _____ this exercise.

with doing
to do
to doing
for doing

31. It _____ my brother.

is ages that I didn't see
is ages since I saw
was ages that I haven't seen
was ages since I saw

32. She has been _____ of murdering her husband.

charged
accused
arrested
blamed

33. You aren't allowed to use your mobile so _____ .

it's no point to leave it on
it's no point in leaving it on
there's no point in leaving it on
there's no point to leave it on

34. You _____ the cleaning. I would have done it tonight.

needn't have done
couldn't have done
can't have done
wouldn't have done

35. They have put speed bumps on the road to _____ accidents.

avoid
prohibit
prevent
forbid

36. We would never have had the accident if you _____ so fast.

wouldn't been driving
hadn't been driving
had driven
wouldn't drive

37. The tree _____ by lightning.

was flashed

struck

was struck

flashed

38. If only I _____ richer.

am

were

would be

will be

39. _____ the better team, we lost the match.

Despite of being

Despite

Despite being

Although

40. By this time next year, I _____ all my exams.

will have taken

will take

take

have taken

Please select the best option to translate the following Fixed Expressions:

1. a remote chance

2. the fact that

3. to say the least

4. let's get going

5. back then

6. for the record

7. for as long as I can remember

8. to lose sleep over

9. a good deal of

10. to be disgusted with/by

11. to be interested in

12. to sort out

13. to save the best for last

14. to bring about

15. to catch up with

16. to ask for help

PART 2. READING. Read these texts and choose the proper variant from given below. Mind the most suitable and detailed answer.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Years ago, there was a very rich man whose main interest in life was art collecting. He was a widower and he had an only child, a son, who from an early age shared his father's passion. Together they travelled around the world, buying the finest pictures for their collection. Priceless works by old masters as well as pictures by Picasso. Van Gogh and Monci adorned the walls of their house.

The old man looked on with satisfaction as his son became an experienced art collector. The young man had a trained eye and sharp business mind and his father beamed with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

War put an end to their travels. As winter approached, the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action.

The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while taking a fellow soldier to hospital.

Miserable and lonely, the old man thought about the upcoming Christmas holidays with pain and sadness. The joy of the season -a season that he and his son had so looked forward to -would visit his house no longer.

On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home.

As he opened the door, he saw a young soldier with a large package in his hand. The soldier introduced himself to the man by saying. "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you".

The soldier told the old man how his son had saved his life and how everyone in the regiment loved and respected him.

"I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." He handed the package to the old man. The old man unwrapped the package and saw that it was a picture -a portrait of his son.

The old man knew enough about art to understand that the picture would never be called the work of a genius, but it was his son's face, his features, his expression.. The likeness was striking. Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier.

A few hours later, after the soldier had left, the old man poured himself a glass of whisky, sat in his armchair and spent the Christmas night looking at the gift he had received.

During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would go on because of those who remembered him. He soon learnt that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart. As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief.

1. The old collector's son became an experienced art collector because

- 1) he travelled a lot.
- 2) he shared his father's passion to art collecting from his childhood.
- 3) he bought the finest pictures for the collection.
- 4) his father was a rich man.

2. They stopped travelling because of

- 1) a financial crisis.
- 2) the son's service in the army.
- 3) the war.
- 4) the received telegram.

3. The young man died

- 1) listening to the bad news.
- 2) trying to save a soldier.
- 3) being miserable and lonely.
- 4) looking forward to the upcoming Christmas.

4. The art collector was unhappy on Christmas morning because

- 1) he was full of fears.
- 2) there were few masterpieces in his collection.
- 3) one of his friends knocked on the door.
- 4) the holiday would never be merry again.

5. A young soldier brought the art collector

- 1) a gift from his friend.
- 2) a message from his son.
- 3) whisky.
- 4) a portrait of his son .

6. The old man understood it was not the work of a genius because

- 1) he was an artist.
- 2) he knew a lot about art.
- 3) he was an experienced stamp collector.
- 4) he had priceless works by old masters.

7. The art collector was proud of his son because

- 1) the boy had a lot of friends.
- 2) he was a real genius.
- 3) he was brave and had a caring heart.
- 4) the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him.

THE GIRL ON THE MOTORBIKE

In the early hours of November the 1-st, 1999, a motorbike was speeding along the A20 in Kent. The night was dark and there was very little traffic on the road. Clive Taylor was in a hurry to get home. He had been to a party and left London later than he had expected.

As he approached Wrotham Hill, he glanced at his watch. Exactly two o'clock. He changed gear and sped up the hill. A minute later he reached the top of the hill. It was a dangerous place for accidents. But with so little traffic on the road, Clive didn't slow down.

Suddenly, he saw a girl. She was standing in the middle of the road. Clive had to swerve to avoid knocking her down. But she didn't move. When he had stopped, the girl calmly walked up to him and asked him if he could give her a lift. He asked her what she was doing in such a lonely spot. She said that there had been an accident. Clive looked around, but he couldn't see a car or any other people. He asked the girl what had happened, but she didn't reply.

Clive told her to get on the motorbike and to hold tight. As the girl climbed on, Clive suddenly felt very cold, but he noticed that she was only wearing a light dress. She looked as if she were on her way to a party.

They rode on down the hill and Clive talked to the girl over his shoulder. He asked her what her name was and where she lived. But she didn't reply. At one point Clive thought that she shouted something, but he couldn't hear very well over the noise of the motorbike's engine.

At the bottom of the hill there was a telephone box. Clive pulled off the road and stopped.

But when he turned round, he froze in horror. The girl wasn't there. He called out, but there was no sign of her.

Then Clive remembered the shout that he had heard. Had the girl fallen off the motorbike? In cold sweat, he rode back up to the spot where he had first seen the girl. But he couldn't see her. He rode down the hill again as slowly as he could. There was no sign of her. She had simply disappeared.

By this time, Clive was desperate. He rode as fast as he could to the nearest town and found the police station. He told the sergeant in charge what had happened. The sergeant asked him to describe the girl. When he had finished, the sergeant told him to sit down and asked him if he wanted a cup of tea. To his surprise, the sergeant didn't seem very worried.

Then the sergeant told Clive that ten years before, there had been an accident on Wrotham Hill. A girl and her boyfriend had been on their way back from a party, when she had fallen off the motorbike and been killed. Since that time several motorcyclists had seen the girl. The accident had happened at exactly five past two.

1. Clive Taylor was in a hurry because

- 1) he was late for the party.
- 2) it was getting dark.
- 3) he wanted to come home as soon as possible.
- 4) he had to be in London in the early hours of the morning.

2. The top of the hill was a dangerous place so

- 1) there were a lot of accidents there.
- 2) the traffic was heavy that morning.
- 3) it was difficult for Clive to reach it.
- 4) Clive stopped speeding up.

3. The girl standing in the middle of the road

- 1) had a warm jacket on.
- 2) was furious.
- 3) told Clive a lot about the accident.
- 4) asked Clive to pick her up.

4. When Clive talked to the girl

- 1) she laughed.
- 2) she cried bitterly.
- 3) she kept silence.
- 4) she got off the motorbike.

5. Turning round Clive froze in horror because

- 1) the girl turned into a monster.

- 2) the girl wasn't behind him.
- 3) the girl was badly wounded.
- 4) the car behind him had turned upside down.

6. The sergeant did not seem very worried because

- 1) Clive wasn't the only motorcyclist who had seen the girl.
- 2) he had never heard about the girl.
- 3) he was glad to listen to Clive's story.
- 4) he was ready to go to the nearest town.

7. The sergeant told Clive that 10 years before

- 1) some parents had driving back home from a party.
- 2) the girl had seen several motorcyclists.
- 3) there had been a traffic jam on Wrotham Hill.
- 4) an accident had happened at 2.05 am

PART 3. COUNTRY - STUDY. Choose the proper variant from given below.

1. What is the official name of the country whose language you study?

- a) Great Britain
- b) England
- c) the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

2. How many countries does the United Kingdom consist of?

- a) four
- b) three
- c) two

3. What is the capital of Scotland?

- a) Manchester
- b) Edinburgh
- c) Cardiff

4. What is the capital of Wales?

- a) Edinburgh
- b) Cardiff
- c) Liverpool

5. What is the capital of Northern Ireland?

- a) Cardiff
- b) Dublin
- c) Belfast

6. What is the state system of the United Kingdom?

- a) a constitutional monarchy
- b) a parliamentary republic
- c) a constitutional republic

7. What is the symbol of the United Kingdom?

- a) a bald eagle
- b) Britannia
- c) a rose

8. What is the name of the British national Hag?

- a) the Union Jack
- b) the Saint Andrew's Cross
- c) the Saint David's Cross

9. What is the emblem of England?

- a) a shamrock
- b) a red rose
- c) a leek

10. What is the emblem of Scotland?

- a) a daffodil
- b) a dragon
- c) a thistle

11. What are the emblems of Wales?

- a) a shamrock, a clover and and hand
- b) a rose and the Saint George's cross
- c) a dragon, a daffodil, a leek, a dove

12. What is the emblem of Northern Ireland?

- a) a shamrock
- b) a red rose
- c) a thistle

13. What chambers does the lent consist of?

- a) the Senate and the House of Representatives
- b) the House of Lords and the House of Commons
- c) the Cabinet of Ministers and the Shadow Cabinet

14. Who presides in the House of Lords?

- a) the Lord Chancellor
- b) the Speaker
- c) the Prime-Minister

15. Who presides in the House of Commons?

- a) the Lord Chancellor
- b) the Speaker
- c) the Chancellor of the Exchequer

16. Where does the British Premier live and work?

- a) at 10 Downing Street
- b) in the Houses of Parliament
- c) in Buckingham Palace

17. What natural resources bring the most profits to the British economy?

- a) coal reserves
- b) oil reserves
- c) water

18. In what sector of the economy does the majority of the population work?

- a) in primary industries
- b) in secondary industries
- c) in tertiary industries

19. What is the fastest way to cross the English Channel?

- a) through the Channel Tunnel (the Chunnel)
- b) by bat
- c) by ferry

20. What is the most important airport in Great Britain?

- a) Heathrow Airport
- b) Gatwick Airport
- c) Stansted Airport

21. What is the most famous place of pagans' sun worship in England?

- a) temple to the goddess Minerva in Bath
- b) Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain
- c) Dartmoor National Park

22. What is the main cathedral of the Anglican Church?

- a) St. Paul's Cathedral
- b) Canterbury Cathedral
- c) Salisbury Cathedral

23. What is the official religion in the United Kingdom?

- a) Catholicism
- b) Orthodoxy
- c) Protestantism

24. What is the school-leaving age in the United Kingdom?

- a) 16
- b) 13
- c) 18

25. Which of the following stages of British education is not obligatory?

- a) nursery school
- b) primary school
- c) secondary school

26. What is the top secondary school in Great Britain?

- a) Chiswick Community School
- b) Eton
- c) Harrow

27. What is the highest mark in British schools?

- a) A
- b) C
- c) G

28. Further education comprises....

- a) comprehensive schools
- b) universities and colleges of higher education
- c) work-related courses and colleges that do not provide higher education

29. What do we call the following pattern of tuition! six months in college and six months in industry?

- a) "sandwich" courses
- b) further education
- c) full-time tuition

30. What universities have the highest academic reputation in the United Kingdom ?

- a) Oxford University and Cambridge University
- b) London University and Bristol University
- c) Red-brick universities

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You are given 2 poems in English. You must choose and give the poetic interpretation of one of the poems, if necessary use the dictionary.

Jackie Has Taken The Parting Kiss

Jackie has taken the parting kiss,
Over the mountains he is gone,
And with him is all my bliss –
Nothing but grief with me remain.
Spare my love, you winds that blow,
Driven sleets and beating rain!
Spare my love, you feathery snow,
Drifting over the frozen plain!
When the shades of evening creep
Over the day's fair happy eye,
Sound and safely may he sleep,
Sweetly by the his awakening be!
He will think on her he loves,
Fondly he will repeat her name;
For wherever he distant roves,
Jackie's heart is still at home.

The Parting Kiss

Humid seal of soft affections,
Tenderest pledge of future bliss,
Dearest tie of young connections,
Love's first snowdrop, virgin kiss!
Speaking silence, dumb confession,
Passion's birth, and infant's play,
Dove-like fondness, chaste concession,
Glowing dawn of future day!
Sorrowing joy,
Adieu's last action,
Lingering lips must now disjoin,
What words can ever speak affection
So thrilling and sincere as thine!