English Language Exam for Master's Program Admission

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Question ONE: Select the most appropriate answer. (38 points; one point for each one)

1. ________ team sports require cooperation.
   a. Of all
   b. Why are all
   c. They are all.
   d. All

2. A medical emergency is a sudden or unexpected condition ________ immediate care to prevent death or serious harm.
   a. to require
   b. that requires
   c. it requires
   d. a requirement of

3. Centuries of erosion have exposed ___________ rock surfaces in the Painted Desert of northern Arizona.
   a. colored like a rainbow
   b. rainbow-colored
   c. a rainbow's coloring
   d. in colors of the rainbow

4. The higher the temperature of a molecule, _________
   a. the more energy it has
   b. it has more energy
   c. than it has more energy
   d. the more energy has it

5. Frontier surgeon Ephraim MacDonald had to perform operations ________ anesthesia.
   a. without
   b. no
c. there wasn't
d. not having

6. ________ young, chimpanzees are easily trained.
   a. They are
   b. When
   c. When they
   d. When are

7. A person of ________ age may suffer from defects of vision.
   a. every
   b. certain
   c. any
   d. some

8. ________ have settled, one of their first concerns has been to locate an adequate water supply.
   a. Whether people
   b. People
   c. There are people who
   d. Wherever people

9. If a bar magnet is ________, the two pieces form two complete magnets, each with a north and south pole.
   a. breaking
   b. broke
   c. break
   d. broken

10. The type of plant and animal life living in and around a pond depends on the soil of the pond, ________, and the pond’s location.
    a. what is the water quality
    b. the quality of the water
    c. how is the water quality
    d. what the quality of the water is

11. Clifford Holland, ________ civil engineer, was in charge of the construction of the first tunnel under the Hudson River.
    a. he was a
    b. who was, as a
    c. being a
    d. a
12. ________ parrots are native to tropical regions is untrue.

   a. Why all  
   b. That all  
   c. All  
   d. Since all

13. A major concern among archaeologists today is the preservation of archaeological sites, ________ are threatened by development.

   a. which many  
   b. many of which  
   c. many of them  
   d. of which many

14. In 1775, Daniel Boone opened the Wilderness Trail and made ________ the first settlement in Kentucky.

   a. possibly it was  
   b. it possible  
   c. possible  
   d. as possible

15. Rarely ________ seen far from water.

   a. spotted turtles are  
   b. have spotted turtles  
   c. are spotted turtles  
   d. spotted turtles

16. Sharp knives are actually safer to use ________.

   a. that are dull ones.  
   b. than dull ones.  
   c. as ones that are dull.  
   d. as dull ones.

17. Daniel Webstar, Thadeus Stevens, and many others ________ prominent in public life began their careers by teaching school.

   a. they became  
   b. once they became  
   c. who became  
   d. became

18. As coal mines became deeper, the problems of draining water, bringing in fresh air, and ________ to the surface increased.
a. to transport ore
b. how ore is transported
c. transporting ore
d. ore is transporting

19. __________ because of the complexity of his writing, Henry James never became a popular writer, but his works are admired by critics and other writers.

a. Besides
b. Why is it
c. Perhaps
d. It may be

20. Piedmont glaciers are formed __________ several valley glaciers join and spread out over a plain.

a. when
b. that
c. by
d. from

21. As late as 1890, Key West, with a population of 18,000, ______ Florida'a largest city.

a. it was
b. to be
c. was
d. that was

22. A mastery of calculus depends on _________ of algebra.

a. to understand
b. understand
c. is understood
d. an understanding

23. ________ he was not a musician himself, Lawrence Hammond developed on electronic keyboard instrument called the Hammond Organ.

a. Although
b. Despite
c. That
d. For

24. Agnes De Mile's landmark musical play Oklahoma! was _______ of story, music, and dance.
a. a successful combination  
b. successfully combined  
c. successful combining  
d. to combine successfully

25. ________ single dialect of American English has ever became dominant.

a. Not  
b. Not only a  
c. Nor a  
d. No

26. In 1837 the University of Michigan became the first state university ________ by a board of regents elected by the voters of the state.

a. to be controlled  
b. under the control  
c. being controlled  
d. it was controlled

27. Indoor heating systems have made ________ for people to live and work comfortably in temperate climates.

a. possibly  
b. it possible  
c. possible  
d. it is possible

28. Certain fish eggs contain droplets of oil, ________ to float on the surface of the water.

a. allows them  
b. allowing them  
c. this allows them  
d. they are allowed

29. Considered America's first great architect, ________.

a. Henry Hobson Richardson designed many of the buildings at Harvard University  
b. Harvard University has many buildings that were designed by Henry Hobson Richardson  
c. many of the buildings at Harvard University were designed by Henry Hobson Richardson  
d. it was Henry Hobson Richardson who designed many of the buildings at Harvard University

30. ________ is caused by a virus was not known until 1911.

a. What if measles
b. As measles
c. Measles
d. That measles

31. Ellen swallow Richards became the first woman to enter, graduate from, and ______ at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

a. who taught  
b. a teacher  
c. teach  
d. to teach

32. Coins last approximately twenty times _______ paper bills.

a. longer  
b. as long  
c. longer than  
d. long

33. It has been estimated that _________ species of animals.

a. are over a million of  
b. there are over a million  
c. it is a million or more  
d. more than a million

34. Dr. Seuss, _________ was Theodor Seuss Geisel, wrote and illustrated delightfully humorous books for children.

a. with his real name.
 b. whose real name.
 c. who had as his real name.
 d. his real name.

35. _________ American landscape architects was Hideo Sasaki.

a. The most famous one of  
b. Of the one most famous  
c. The one most famous of  
d. One of the most famous

36. Most young geese leave their nests at an early age, and young snow geese are _________ exception.

a. none  
b. never  
c. no  
d. not

37. Vancouver, British Columbia, has a temperate climate for a city situated _________ far north.

a. so
b. as
c. very
d. by

38. __________ in 1849, Manuel A. Alonso recorded the customs, language, and songs of the people of Puerto Rico in his poetry and prose.

a. Having begun
b. The beginning was
c. Beginning.
d. He began

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**Question TWO:** Read the following reading comprehension and select the most appropriate answer according to the text. (12 points; one point for each one)

It is said that George Washington was one of the first to realize how important the building of canals would be to the nation's development. In fact, before he became president, he headed the first company in the United States to build a canal that was to connect the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. It was never completed, but it showed the nation the feasibility of canals. As the country expanded westward, settlers in western New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio needed a means to ship goods. Canals linking natural waterways seemed to offer an effective solution.

In 1791, engineers commissioned by the state of New York investigated the possibility companies of a canal between Albany on the Hudson River and Buffalo on Lake Erie, which would link the Great Lakes area with the Atlantic seacoast. It would avoid the mountains that served as a barrier to canals from the Delaware and Potomac rivers.

The first attempt to dig the canal, to be called the Erie Canal, was made by private companies but only a comparatively small portion was built before the project was halted for lack of funds. The cost of the project was an estimated five million dollars, an enormous amount for those days. There was some on-again, off-again federal funding, but the War of 1812 put an end to this. In 1817, DeWitt Clinton was elected governor of New York and persuaded the state to finance and build the Canal. It was completed in 1825, costing two million dollars more than expected.

The canal rapidly lived up to its sponsor's faith, quickly paying for itself through tolls. It was far more economical than any other form of transportation at the time. It permitted trade between the Great Lake region and East Coast, robbing the Mississippi River of much of its traffic. It allowed New York to supplant Boston, Philadelphia, and other eastern cities as the chief center of both domestic and foreign commerce. Cities sprang up along the Canal. It also contributed in a number of ways to the North's victory over the South in the Civil War.

An expansion of the canal was planned in 1849. Increased traffic would undoubtedly have warranted its construction had it not been for the development of the railroads.
39. Why does the author most likely mention George Washington in the first paragraph?

a. He successfully opened the first canal in the United States.
b. He was president at the time the Erie Canal was built.
c. He was involved in pioneering efforts to build canals.
d. He commissioned engineers to study the possibility of building the Erie Canal.

40. The word 'feasibility' in Bold is closest in meaning to

a. Profitability  
b. Possibility  
c. Difficulty  
d. Capability

41. According to the passage, the Erie Canal connected the

a. Delaware and Potomac River  
b. Atlantic Ocean and Hudson River  
c. Hudson River and Lake Erie  
d. Potomac and Ohio River

42. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the bolded word 'comparatively'?

a. Contrarily  
b. Relatively  
c. Incredibly  
d. Considerably

43. The bolded phrase 'on-again, off-again' could be replaced by which of the following with the least change in meaning?

a. Ineffectual  
b. Gradual  
c. Intermittent  
d. Unsolicited

44. The completion of the Erie Canal was financed by

a. DeWitt Clinton  
b. The state of New York  
c. The federal government  
d. Private companies

45. The actual cost of building the Erie Canal was

a. More than could be repaid  
b. Less than had been estimated
c. Five million dollars  
  d. Seven million dollars  

46. The bolded word 'tolls' is closest in meaning to which of the following?  

a. Fees  
  b. Grants  
  c. Links  
  d. Jobs  

47. Which of the following is NOT given as an effect of the building of the Erie Canal in the fourth Paragraph?  

a. It established Boston and Philadelphia as the most important centers of trade.  
  b. It allowed the East Coast to trade with the Great Lakes area.  
  c. It took water traffic away from the Mississippi River.  
  d. It helped determine the outcome of the Civil War  

48. What can be inferred about railroads in 1849 from the information in the last paragraph?  

a. They were seriously underdeveloped.  
  b. They were being planned but had not yet been built.  
  c. They were weakened by the expansion of the Canal.  
  d. They had begun to compete with the Erie Canal for traffic.  

49. The bolded word "warranted" is closest in meaning to  

a. Justified  
  b. Hastened  
  c. Guaranteed  
  d. Prevented

50. At which paragraph in the passage does the author focus on the beginning of construction of the Erie Canal?  

a. The First  
  b. The Second  
  c. The Third  
  d. The Fourth

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