**THE BIG CHALLENGE 2015**

**LEVEL 5**

1. “Where ................ from?” “From New York.”

A. can you

B. are you

C. do you

D. have you

2. We often ................ TV in the evenings.

A. watch

B. looks

C. sees

D. write

3. Patrick is as tall ................ his father.

A. that

B. as

C. than

D. of

4. How many states are there in the USA?

A. 48

B. 49

C. 50

D. 51

5. Kate was absent from school this morning and ............ was her sister.

A. neither

B. nor

C. also

D. so

6. Complete the “family” of words: wonderful, excellent, beautiful, ..........

A. horrible

B. ugly

C. bad

D. lovely

7. You are late for class and you want to apologise to your teacher. What can you say?

A. I’m sorry for you.

B. Please excuse me.

C. I regret.

D. It doesn’t matter.

8. Do you like this vase? My parents ........... it last year when they were on holiday in Italy.

A. have bought

B. buy

C. bought

D. will buy

9. ................ is a big problem in this city.

A. The poverty

B. Violence

C. The crimes

D. Hungry people

10. “Guy” rhymes with “................”.

A. boy

B. try

C. grey

D. say

11. They ................ off from their hotel very early in the morning and climbed to the top of the mountain.

A. set

B. got

C. turned

D. kept

12. The policeman told Mrs Lewis that she .............. park there – it was strictly forbidden.

A. couldn’t

B. would be able to

C. would have to

D. can’t

13. Jane’s boss was very satisfied ............... her work.

A. of

B. from

C. with

D. in

14. They have been married ................ a year now.

A. since

B. for over

C. during

D. ever since

15. Your sister is going to a party. As she leaves home, what can you say to her?

A. You’re welcome!

B. Have a great time!

C. Enjoy the show!

D. Do your best!

16. Which noun does not belong to this “family” of words? Mouse, printer, scanner.

A. laptop

B. closet

C. modem

D. monitor

17. The company managed to make a profit .............. the bad economic situation.

A. despite

B. because

C. although

D. therefore

18. Up to now, .............. no news of the missing plane.

A. there has been

B. we were having

C. people had

D. we are receiving

***Read this text to answer questions 19 to 23.***

“Here you are, sir,” said the waitress. “Enjoy your meal.”

“Ah, at last!” said Tom. “But weren’t there supposed to be chips and peas with the steak?”

“Sorry, sir, only chips today. We’ve run out of peas. I thought I told you.”

“What about my chicken?” asked a woman at the next table. “It’s been twenty minutes since I ordered it.”

“It won’t be long, madam,” said the waitress, turning to go back to the kitchen.

“Hey, wait a minute,” said Tom. “This steak is like leather!”

“If I take it back, sir, you’ll have to wait while they cook another one.”

“Oh, forget it,” said Tom. “I’ll eat it, but I’m not coming here again.”

19. Who are the people in this scene?

A. Two men and a woman.

B. Two women and a man.

C. Tom, his friend and a waitress.

D. Three customers in a restaurant.

20. Which sentence is true?

A. Tom has got peas instead of chips.

B. The restaurant doesn’t usually serve peas.

C. On the menu, it says that the steak comes with chips and peas.

D. Tom hasn’t got any chips on his plate.

21. What’s the other customer’s problem?

A. She doesn’t like her chicken.

B. She has been waiting for a long time.

C. She hasn’t ordered her meal yet.

D. She wants to change her order.

22. What’s the problem with Tom’s steak?

A. It’s too small.

B. It’s not cooked enough.

C. It’s very tough.

D. It’s cold.

23. What does Tom decide at the end?

A. He’s going to ask for another steak.

B. He’s going to order something else.

C. He’s going to eat the steak.

D. He’s going to leave.

24. If you .......... jogging every morning, you’d soon lose some weight.

A. go

B. are going

C. went

D. have gone

25. An interstate in the USA would be called a .............. in Britain.

A. high-speed train

B. motorway

C. national newspaper

D. long-distance marathon

26. I’m disappointed, John. You usually do very good translations, but this time you’ve made ................ mistakes.

A. far too few

B. very few

C. more than a little

D. quite a few

27. In 2014, Scottish nationalists wanted ............ the United Kingdom.

A. that Scotland left

B. Scotland leave

C. their country to leave

D. Scotland for leaving

28. There was ............ queue at the Post Office this morning that I decided not to wait.

A. such a

B. so long

C. a huge

D. so much

29. A man says to you, “Key in your pin code, please.” What are you doing?

A. You are entering a building with a security code.

B. You are helping a man who can’t find his keys.

C. You are paying for something with your bank card.

D. You are talking to someone who wants to use your computer.

30. The outback is a huge remote area of ............... .

A. Australia

B. Canada

C. New Zealand

D. India

31. Thank you so much .............. to see me. I really appreciate it.

A. to have come

B. for coming

C. having come

D. to promise

32. US cities are famous for their skyscrapers.

Some of ............. are in Chicago and New York.

A. tallest ones

B. the higher

C. the oldest ones

D. taller buildings

33. Pronunciation: “American” = o O o o; “politician” = .............

A. O o o o

B. o O o o

C. o o O o

D. o o o O

34. My job ............. answering customers’ questions by email.

A. consists

B. involves

C. deserves

D. attempts

35. I have no idea why ……....... me to her birthday party. I hardly know her.

A. did she ask

B. she invited

C. has she invited

D. is she asking

36. Which US organisation protects national security by collecting information from foreign countries?

A. The BBC.

B. MI6.

C. The FDA.

D. The CIA.

37. He was very nervous because he ............. speaking in public.

A. wasn’t used to

B. didn’t used to

C. wasn’t used for

D. hasn’t been used for

38. A woman asks you a very personal question. You think she has no right to ask the question and you’re not going to answer. What can you say to her?

A. Don’t worry about it.

B. You mustn’t be upset.

C. It’s none of your business.

D. Please don’t interrupt.

39. Which pair of words does not rhyme?

A. street, neat

B. heard, third

C. niece, bees

D. care, wear

40. A woman says, “Can you put me through to Mr Peterson, please?” What does she want?

A. She wants directions to Mr Peterson’s office.

B. She wants to know where Mr Peterson is.

C. She wants Mr Peterson’s email address.

D. She wants to speak to Mr Peterson on the phone.

41. I .............. the tennis match but my opponent was on top form and I lost.

A. should be winning

B. must have lost

C. should have won

D. could win

42. Which word can replace “result” in the sentence: “The result of the discussion was a decision to close the factory”?

A. bypass

B. outlook

C. turnout

D. outcome

43. This is the project .......................... on at the moment.

A. which I have been going

B. I’m working

C. that my friends finished

D. whose result is

44. James has offered to repair Kathy’s hairdryer. She watches him for a minute and then says, “You haven’t got a clue, have you?” What does she mean?

A. You aren’t using the right tools.

B. You’re doing it very quickly.

C. You’re very talented.

D. You have no idea what to do.

45. Which event took place in 1861?

A. The beginning of the American Civil War.

B. The death of Queen Victoria.

C. The end of the American War of Independence.

D. The assassination of President Lincoln.

46. “At this very moment,” said the reporter, “hundreds of aid workers ........... to the area to deal with the situation.”

A. have been gone

B. are gone

C. will have been flying

D. are being flown

47. The organisers decided to cancel the concert. In other words, they decided to ................... .

A. put it off

B. call it off

C. stop it up

D. break it out

48. Once the new law .............. , it will take about a month before it comes into effect.

A. will have been passed

B. will be debated

C. has been passed

D. will be passing

49. Prince Harry .......... to the press for almost an hour. I hope he won’t be much longer; he has an important appointment in ten minutes.

A. has been spoken

B. has spoken

C. was speaking

D. has been speaking

50. Your hair looks lovely. Have you just ....................... ?

A. gone to the hairdresser’s

B. had it done

C. had restyled it

D. been cut

51. In the USA, a second-year high school or university student is called ............. .

A. a senior

B. a freshman

C. a sophomore

D. a junior

52. Pete and his girlfriend had an argument. Pete thinks it’s finished between them.

You don’t agree. You tell him: “Don’t worry, ........”

A. there’s no smoke without fire

B. it’s a storm in a teacup

C. she’s a wolf in sheep’s clothing

D. you aren’t out of the woods yet

53. I do wish you ................ things like that. You don’t realise how offensive it is.

A. aren’t saying

B. wouldn’t say

C. haven’t said

D. don’t say

54. The Capitol in Washington is ..................... .

A. a monument that commemorates the War of Independence

B. the equivalent of the Houses of Parliament in Britain

C. the building that houses the Supreme Court

D. where the FBI has its offices