I. Choose the grammatically correct answer. (英文文法選擇題)

1. Athletes show a continual desire to improve their performance to as high a level _______ their physical limitations will allow.
   (A) because (B) as (C) but (D) how
2. Long after elderly patients are able to care for themselves, _______ may defy doctors’ orders and rebel against hospital authorities.
   (A) however (B) who (C) they (D) furthermore
3. _______ often difficult to understand fully, much classical poetry shows a marriage of form and meaning that is rarely achieved in modern writing.
   (A) Although (B) Even (C) How (D) It is
4. _______ in most places began before the advent of writing is unquestionable.
   (A) There was literature (B) Literature (C) The literature (D) That literature
5. Only a handful of people throughout the world can get all the rest their bodies _______ from less than six hours of sleep.
   (A) to need (B) need (C) needs (D) needing
6. Jazz is a type of music _______ a regular beat and repeated melody as a base for ever changing improvisations.
   (A) it has (B) has (C) that it has (D) that has
7. Anthropology is a term _______ central characteristic is a concentration on the activities and beliefs of man.
   (A) whose (B) since (C) for (D) and
8. Professors’ most important responsibility is teaching, _______ a large amount of their time to research.
   (A) for devoting (B) but they must devote (C) must devote (D) that they must devote
9. Tax evasion is a serious problem because it deprives the government of necessary income _______ is sometimes impossible to detect.
   (A) what (B) where (C) this (D) and
10. Throughout his career Muhammad Ali showed a natural genius for self-promotion _______ boxing.
    (A) and as well (B) as well as (C) as well (D) well
11. The state of Wisconsin is ____ of milk and dairy products.
   (A) that the largest producer in the nation (B) where is the nation’s largest producer
   (C) the nation’s largest producer (D) largest because it produces the nation

12. In popular elections, candidates cannot afford to reveal any personal details that could later prove ____ to their political careers.
   (A) damage (B) damaging (C) about damage (D) damagingly

13. Power steering ____ useful as an option on cars for the weak or elderly.
   (A) is especial (B) is especially (C) to be especially (D) especially

14. ____ is one excuse for the physical or mental lack of skill or grace.
   (A) Clumsiness (B) Clumsiness that (C) There is clumsiness (D) It is clumsiness

15. ____ of the total number of innocent civilian casualties in the captured city range from 50,000 to 150,000.
   (A) As the estimates (B) Estimates (C) The estimates of how many (D) Of the estimates

   (A) Rita Dove was named U.S. Poet Laureate
   (B) U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove was named
   (C) and U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove
   (D) and U.S. Poet Laureate, Rita Dove was named

17. According to the Bill of Rights, ____ regardless of religion, is guaranteed the freedom to worship.
   (A) each citizen (B) in which each citizen (C) each citizen of which (D) each citizen who

18. ____ to ignore symptoms of bacterial infection.
   (A) Not advisable (B) Is not advisable (C) It is not advisable (D) It not being advisable

19. ____ that a definite solution to this dilemma may be years away.
   (A) to mention previously (B) As mentioned before (C) Before mentioning
   (D) It has been mentioned before

20. Newly developed power tools save carpenters and builders time and ____.
   (A) the sweat (B) more sweat (C) sweats (D) sweat
21. Most students enjoy ______ thousands of vocabulary words for the exam.
   (A) of having to memorize (B) having to memorize (C) that having to memorize
   (D) to have to memorize

22. Imitation is involved in ______ any imaginative work, whether the creator consciously intends it.
   (A) to create of (B) creating of (C) the creation of (D) of the creation

23. College students may drop out of school ______ difficulties in affording the tuition or a lack of
   interest in their studies.
   (A) since (B) because of (C) if (D) whether

24. The policy of that insurance company ______ over 300 distinct kinds of accident.
   (A) is covered (B) that covered (C) covering (D) covers

25. Mikhail Baryshnikov ______ the American Ballet Theater after his emigration to the U.S.
   (A) to dance for (B) dancing for (C) for whom danced (D) danced for

26. Industrializing production often ______ the spread of unemployment.
   (A) is hastened (B) hastening (C) hastens (D) by hastening

27. Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, ______ by Ezra Cornell.
   (A) for whom it was founded (B) was founded (C) founded by (D) which was founded

28. Martin Luther King was awarded ______ in 1964.
   (A) the Nobel Peace Prize (B) for the Nobel Peace Prize
   (C) as the Nobel Peace Prize (D) that the Nobel Peace Prize

29. Like other women who lacked sight and hearing, ______ difficult as first to live normally.
   (A) Hellen Keller found it (B) Hellen Keller found (C) Hellen Keller finding
   (D) Hellen Keller to find

30. The higher speed of a modern fighter has made more economical turbojet engine ______.
   (A) necessary (B) necessarily (C) as necessary (D) it necessary
II. Reading comprehension (閱讀測驗題): Read the following paragraphs and choose the best answer

Unit 1

Whether you are a smoker or a non-smoker, you should take measures to protect your lungs. You can test your lung capacity by holding a lighted match about six inches from your face and trying to blow it out with your mouth wide open. If you cannot blow out the flame, arrange for a medical examination. Using a simple machine called a spirometer, a doctor can measure the lungs’ strength and capacity. In other words, he can test how efficiently you breathe. When combined with a complete physical examination, the spirometer test may detect early signs of respiratory problems.

31. Which sentence expresses the main idea?
(A) Necessity is the mother of invention.
(B) An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
(C) Don’t count your chickens before they are hatched.
(D) Join the unhooked generation.

32. The paragraph is in favor of
(A) forbidding smoking in public places.
(B) outlawing the sale of tobacco products.
(C) enforcing strict air quality controls.
(D) promoting good health habits.

33. If a person passes the match test, he can assume that he
(A) must have an examination.
(B) need not worry about lung disease.
(C) has no obvious lung problems.
(D) is in good physical health.

34. What does the word “it” in line 3 refer to?
(A) a lighted match (B) your face (C) your mouth (D) your lung capacity

35. The word “respiratory” in line 6 is closest in meaning to
(A) facial. (B) physical. (C) breathing. (D) smoking.
Unit 2

Doctors are of the opinion that most people cannot live beyond 100 years, but a growing number of scientists believe that the aging process can be controlled. There are more than 12,000 Americans over 100 years old who receive social security benefits, and their numbers are increasing each year. Dr. James Langley of Chicago claims that, theoretically and under ideal conditions, animals, including man, can live six times longer than their normal period of growth. A person's period of growth lasts approximately twenty-five years. If Dr. Langley's theory is accurate, future generations can expect a life span of 150 years.

36. Which sentence best expresses the main idea?
   (A) Within a few generations, most people will probably live for 150 years.
   (B) Social security pensioners are steadily increasing in number.
   (C) Man’s normal period of growth compares with that of animals
   (D) Physicians and scientists disagree regarding man’s possible life span.

37. The main idea of the paragraph deals with
   (A) population control. (B) expected longevity. (C) retirement benefits.
   (D) impractical theories.

38. The author develops his main idea by
   (A) explaining the findings of an expert.
   (B) describing the conditions necessary for a long life.
   (C) comparing man with other animals.
   (D) quoting popular medical opinion.

39. The word "claims" in line 4 is closest in meaning to
   (A) asks. (B) demands. (C) asserts. (D) requires.

40. The word "approximately" in line 6 is closest in meaning to
   (A) correctly. (B) relatively. (C) nearly. (D) skillfully.
Unit 3

If you ever go traveling, you should stay in a youth hostel. They’re cheap, excellent places for information, and above all, weird.

Most youth hostels are cramped, dirty, and look just like a dormitory. Others have nice kitchens and comfortable living rooms with TVs and radios. You’ll never forget the people you meet at a youth hostel. They’re just as strange as characters in a book. They come from all over the world. Most are just visitors, but some are permanent residents. Being a strange crowd of people, they have many interesting stories to tell. There’s no doubt you’ll hear stories as strange as the people who tell them. Among such an exotic group of people, it is easy to forget where you are. In a youth hostel, you are in another culture. Your traveling experiences won’t be complete until you stay in one.

41. Which of the following is not a good thing about youth hostels?
   (A) They’re cheap. (B) They’re weird. (C) They’re good places for information.
   (D) They’re dirty.

42. What do youth hostels look like?
   (A) Living rooms. (B) Dormitories. (C) Schools. (D) Hotels

43. What is so special about youth hostels?
   (A) They’re for normal people. (B) They’re easy to find.
   (C) They’re not for everyone. (D) They’re full of interesting stories.

44. Where do people in youth hostels come from?
   (A) From the same country as the hostel. (B) Only from rich countries.
   (C) From all over the world. (D) Only from poor countries.

45. The word “permanent” in line 6 is closest in meaning to
   (A) good. (B) temporary. (C) emergent. (D) constant.
Unit 4

Children often hate being different from their peers. On the other hand, teenagers love being different from everyone else. That is the struggle that many left-handed people must go through as they grow up. It is not just an outward **uniqueness** that left-handers possess. As a matter of fact, scientists have found **conclusive** evidence that left-handed people, on average, are more creative than their right-handed compatriots.

There are large numbers of **them** who are writers, artists, actors and even politicians. When it comes to head injuries, many left-handed people fare better than right-handed people. The reason for this is due to the fact that left-handers often have speech centers in both sides of their brains. Thus, if they have a stroke or suffer other brain injuries, they will most likely recover more quickly than those without this unique trait.

46. What can be inferred from the passage?
   (A) It is not unusual to see right-handed artists.
   (B) It is unusual to see left-handed stroke victims.
   (C) It is more common for people to be right-handed.
   (D) It is fun to be left-handed when you are a child.

47. The word “uniqueness” in line 3 is closest in meaning to
   (A) harmony. (B) agreement. (C) isolation. (D) peculiarity.

48. The word “conclusive” in line 4 is closest in meaning to
   (A) convincing. (B) assumed. (C) misleading. (D) unproven.

49. The word “them” in line 6 refers to
   (A) left-handed people. (B) scientists. (C) right-handed people. (D) artists.

50. What is the best title for this article?
   (A) Feeling a Little Blue (B) It’s Not Bad to Be a Lefty
   (C) Unlucky Lefty (D) Forever Doing Things My Way