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SAMPLE PROFICIENCY III

EACH QUESTION IS 1 (one) POINT.

Choose the correct alternative.

1. The Margot West Hotel is perfect both for those who want _____ and for those who are looking forward to _____ an exciting holiday.

- a) relaxing / have b) relax / having c) to relax / having d) to relax / have

2. Jasmine Stone's new novel _____ last month, and she _____ a speech about it in Paris next Friday.

- a) was published / is giving c) published / gives
b) is published / is going to give d) has been published / will give

3. "Will you go to the soccer game tomorrow?" asked Brandon to Peter.

Brandon wanted to know _____.

- a) whether will Peter go to the soccer game the following day
b) if Peter would go to the soccer game the next day
c) that Peter will go to the soccer game the previous day
d) would Peter go to the soccer game tomorrow

4. **A:** Would you like to have dinner with me tonight, David?

B: Well, thanks for the invitation, but it is impossible. I am really busy tonight. If I _____ so much homework to do, I _____.

- a) don't have / will come c) didn't have / would come
b) don't have / could come d) didn't have / come

5. J.R.R. Tolkien, _____, wrote the books *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

- a) that was very popular the world over c) who was a professor at Oxford University
b) where he studied English Literature d) which came out in 1969

6. **A:** Did you take any photos of _____ Eiffel Tower when you were in _____ Paris?

B: No. When we were there, _____ weather was really cold, and unfortunately we took _____ raincoat only. We couldn't go sightseeing.

- a) the / Ø / the / a b) the / the / Ø / a c) Ø / the / Ø / the d) Ø / Ø / the / Ø

7. **A:** Hi, have you started writing your assignment? I started two days ago.

B: Not yet, unfortunately. I _____ for the books I _____ a week ago, and probably I _____ finish it on time.

- a) am waiting / have ordered / haven't been able to c) waited / ordered / am not able to
b) have been waiting / ordered / won't be able to d) have waited / have ordered / wasn't able to

8. **A:** Two Spanish students have come to our classroom.

B: What language do they speak?

A: They speak _____ English _____ Spanish. However, _____ Esteban _____ Miguel wants to move back to Spain. They want to find jobs and stay here in the USA.

- a) both / and / neither / nor c) either / or / both / and
b) neither / or / both / and d) both / and / neither / or



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Choose the word which has the **OPPOSITE** meaning to the word underlined.

21. Although it was illegal to purchase goods from pirates, many people did it.

- a) work b) sell c) buy d) give

22. My mother always says that we should first decide what we want and then carry on until we achieve our goal.

- a) work out b) look out c) give up d) break into

Choose the best alternative to complete the sentences.

23. The seminar we attended last week gave us the _____ to visit Washington, and we were all happy about that.

- a) opportunity b) responsibility c) poverty d) strategy

24. My brother doesn't _____ my flatmate Brandon, so he never visits me when Brandon is at home.

- a) compare with b) come back c) get on well with d) spread out

25. Scientists want to _____ any possible life forms on other planets. To do this, they have to test whether conditions on a planet would allow any kind of life to exist.

- a) attract b) memorize c) weigh d) identify

26. To be a firefighter, you have to learn to use different firefighting _____ such as axes, special flashlights, and other tools.

- a) environment b) equipment c) treasure d) resident

27. I think in the near future Turkey and Egypt will have more _____ in international business and politics. They will have the power to change East and West.

- a) surface b) influence c) distance d) evidence

28. Rap music doesn't _____ American culture. It is originated from Africa. Africans generally rap about their lives in this kind of music.

- a) escape from b) search for c) belong to d) dream of

29. The lecture given by the new professor was very _____. He provided us with a lot of useful and interesting data about environmental pollution.

- a) informative b) information c) informational d) inform

30. Which of the following is **a skill**?

- a) how well you know someone c) how long your hair is
b) how easy you get an illness d) how well you swim

31. Brenda is a very generous friend. She _____.

- a) didn't have free time for me because of her exam c) took me to the cinema and paid for lunch we had.
b) didn't give any money for our charity organization d) likes to make up funny stories



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Choose the sentence which completes the paragraph best.

32. _____. Many children begin learning to play football when they are very young. You often can see them playing at school or in the streets around their houses. If a player is very good, he might go on to play for a professional team. People in my country love to watch football on TV. and also go to games whenever they can. Many people have a favorite team or player, and everyone loves to talk about matches and competitions. Football is really like a national sport in my country.

- a) I love to play football, and I hope I can become a professional player one day
- b) There are many popular sports in my country, but the most popular sport is football
- c) Football is a difficult sport to learn to play well compared to basketball
- d) In high school, students may play football for a team and compete in tournaments

33. Kids who grow up in a bicultural family have a lot of advantages. For one thing, they are able to learn a second language with almost no effort, and they will have a perfect accent when they speak. They will also have contact with two different countries and might travel abroad when they are very young. But the most important advantage is that they become open to other cultures and other ways of doing things. _____.

- a) All in all, children who grow up in a bicultural family are never ready for the future
- b) As a result, bicultural upbringing can provide several benefits for these kids
- c) In short, raising kids in a bicultural family can be frightening at times
- d) To conclude, these bicultural kids will have difficulty in adaptation in the future

Choose the IRRELEVANT sentence in the paragraphs given.

34. (I) The Greek islands make a perfect place to go on holiday. (II) There are literally hundreds of islands to choose from. (III) Athens is the rather overcrowded and polluted capital of Greece. (IV) Many of the Greek islands are still very peaceful. (V) For those who want more excitement, there are islands with plenty of bars and restaurants in Greece.

- a) II
- b) III
- c) IV
- d) V

35. (I) There are many health benefits of doing crossword puzzles. (II) There is good evidence that doing crosswords helps you to avoid mental degeneration in later life. (III) Tests with retired people who regularly complete crosswords have shown higher levels of the chemicals associated with mental alertness. (IV) The participants in the study reported that they feel more alert and they are more interested in life than a control group who did not do crosswords.

(V) All the participants agreed that The Sun is an awful newspaper.

- a) II
- b) III
- c) IV
- d) V



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Choose the alternative which completes the sentence best.

36. The doctor suggested her to do some exercise to lose weight _____.
a) although she was too fat
b) if she will put on weight
c) but she ignored his advice
d) whether she insists on eating
37. Unless the necessary precautions are taken immediately, _____.
a) the government will not be able to control the Ebola outbreak
b) there has been heavy rain resulting in flooding
c) the injured people have been taken to the nearest hospital
d) the country suffered the worst economic disaster since 1927

Choose the alternative which has the same meaning as the sentence given.

38. If he doesn't wear his glasses, he can't see the smart board.
a) He can't see the smart board even when he wears his glasses.
b) Since he wasn't wearing his glasses, he couldn't see the smart board.
c) Whether he wears his glasses or not, he can't see the smart board.
d) He can't see the smart board unless he wears his glasses.
39. Of all my friends, Jane is the one who reads most.
a) None of my friends read as much as Jane.
b) Jane reads as much as my other friends.
c) Some of my friends don't read as much as Jane.
d) None of Jane's friends reads as much as she does.

Read the paragraph and answer the questions (40-42) below.

John Steinbeck grew up in California and went to university there and studied marine biology. He worked at various jobs before he became famous in the 1930s with his novels about farm workers. In his novels, his approach is realistic, and he shows a great deal of sympathy for his characters who are mostly poor and suffering. We see this in *The Grapes of Wrath*, which is one of his best-known novels, and has been made into a film and also staged in the theatre.

40. According to the paragraph, Steinbeck _____.
a) concerned the problems American society was facing
b) used California as the setting for all his works
c) was trained as a scientist but turned to literature
d) wrote only one major novel
41. We understand from the passage that the people Steinbeck describes in his novels _____.
a) usually have a background of economic and social hardships
b) don't represent the agricultural community of California
c) fail to arouse the reader's sympathy
d) work in a wide variety of jobs in California.
42. It is clear from the paragraph that Steinbeck's famous novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*, _____.
a) was only popular as a book during the 1930s
b) has attracted the general reader and the film directors.
c) enjoyed little success in the theatre
d) was not success to Steinbeck's



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Read the paragraph and answer the questions (43-45) below.

Einstein developed his famous theory of ‘relativity’ shortly after 1900. It was an enormous improvement over Newton’s views since it explained many things that Newton could not. It showed the close connection between space, time and gravity, and it led to surprising predictions. One of them was that matter and energy could be changed into each other. The two are simply different forms of the same thing. This idea enabled man to split the atom and later to obtain large amounts of nuclear energy.

43. According to the paragraph, it was at about the turn of the 20th century that _____.

- a) the splitting of the atom was achieved
b) fresh sources of energy were discovered
c) the relativity theory was first suggested by Einstein
d) Newton’s theory of gravity was accepted as correct

44. The word “enabled” means _____.

- a) dismissed
b) allowed
c) ruined
d) damaged

45. The passage points out that one of the benefits of Einstein’s relativity theory _____.

- a) was to show the danger of the splitting of the atom
b) has been to make space exploration possible
c) was that it proved Newton’s views were wrong
d) has been the discovery of a new source of energy

Read the paragraph and answer the questions (46-48) below.

Nobody knows when fiction began. Maybe the first story-teller was a prehistoric mother trying to explain the world to her children. Or perhaps it was a hunter telling about his adventures around the campfire. Who can tell? What we do know, though, is that story-telling was a purely oral activity until around 800 BC. Myths and tales were passed down by word of mouth and had to be memorized by each new generation of story-tellers. This oral tradition only changed when ancient people started to keep written records of certain stories. The earliest surviving examples of these are the epics of Homer, a blind professional story-teller, who lived in the eighth century BC.

46. The passage points out that story-telling _____.

- a) was first introduced by Homer in ancient times
b) possibly began in prehistoric times
c) began as a written activity
d) became less popular during the 8th century BC

47. We can infer from the passage that the Homeric epics _____.

- a) were among the first stories to be written down
b) consisted mainly of myths and other tales
c) are the first types of prehistoric tales and myths
d) were not the best kind in the 8th century BC

48. According to the passage, throughout the oral tradition, professional story-tellers _____.

- a) depended on Homer for their stories
b) were much respected in primitive societies
c) used to learn myths and tales by heart
d) were skillful at creating new stories



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Read the passage and answer the questions (49-55) below.

King Khufu was the leader, or pharaoh, of Egypt who governed his country from 2589 to 2566 B.C. Also known by his Greek name, Cheops, the Egyptian pharaoh Khufu was the second pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty. Khufu came to the throne, in his twenties, and immediately began work on his pyramid. He ordered the construction of his tomb, the largest structure in the world at that time, the Great Pyramid at Giza.

The Great Pyramid is almost 150 meters tall and was completed around 2560 B.C. Experts say it is made up of about 2.3 million stone blocks. Nobody is absolutely sure, but it probably took about 23 years to complete. It is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still standing today. It was also the tallest man-made structure in the world for over 3,800 years. Though the pyramid was designed as a tomb, apparently the place was never used as a burial site because Khufu's mummy¹ has never been found and no other tomb has been discovered nearby.

Khufu also played an important role in helping to strengthen Egypt. Khufu was the first pharaoh to build a pyramid at Giza. In order to build the Great Pyramid, he got thousands of ordinary Egyptians to come to Giza to work on it. He also made the people of Giza give food, water, and beer to the visiting workers. The building of the pyramid brought together large groups of people from all over the country for the first time. Building the pyramid became Egypt's most important job--something everyone could be proud of. This helped to unite the people and strengthen the country.

¹mummy: a dead body that is covered in cloth.

49. The purpose of the passage is to describe ____.

- a) one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
b) the way ancient Egyptians lived

- c) King Khufu and what he did for his country
d) how ordinary Egyptians helped their king

50. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- a) Thousands of Egyptians came to Giza to live.
b) Building the Great Pyramid was very difficult.

- c) The people of Giza helped the visiting workers.
d) Building the Great Pyramid helped to strengthen Egypt.

51. Another title for this reading could be ____.

- a) Ancient Egyptians and Their Pyramids
b) King Khufu and the Great Pyramid

- c) Building the City of Giza
d) The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

52. In paragraph 2, the word apparently means ____.

- a) unfortunately
b) physically

- c) clearly
d) usually

53. In paragraph 3, the word it refers to ____.

- a) the city
b) the pyramid

- c) the country
d) the role

54. Which statement about the Great Pyramid is **NOT TRUE**?

- a) It took thousands of workers to build it.
b) It took over 20 years to build it.

- c) It was probably finished in the year 2560 B.C.
d) It was built after the death of King Khufu.

55. In paragraph 3, something everyone could be proud of means something everyone could ____.

- a) have feelings of self-worth
b) get advantage of

- c) help each other with
d) compete for



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Choose the best alternative to complete the following dialogues.

56. Mother: Where are you going?

Steve: Just to the supermarket. Do you need anything?

Mother: _____

Steve: OK. I will get them for you.

- a) No, thank you. Everything is ready for the meal.
- b) Just a cup of coffee, please.
- c) I don't know what we will have for dinner.
- d) Yes, I do. I need sugar and some eggs.

57. Kate: I hear that your parents have moved to a new flat.

Ruth: _____

Kate: I'm so pleased. I know they used to get tired climbing up to the second floor.

- a) Yes. But they have already regretted selling the old one.
- b) Unfortunately, the rent went up in the old one. They were rather disappointed.
- c) That's right. They've found one on the ground floor that they like very much.
- d) There are some very nice houses for sale near where we live, but they aren't interested in them.

58. Helen: I am looking forward to going to the concert by the Russian Philharmonic Orchestra.

Rose : _____

Helen: The tickets have already been sold out, but I've got two for us.

Rose : Oh, really!

- a) Wouldn't it be a good idea to reserve seats in advance?
- b) What did you think of their last performance?
- c) I listened to them several times when I was in London.
- d) I suppose the tickets have cost you a small fortune.

59. Molly : Have you heard from Clare since she went to Spain?

Martin: _____.

Molly : Well, how is she?

Martin: Just fine. I've got a letter here with me. You can read it.

- a) Yes, I have. I got a letter from her just two days ago.
- b) Nothing after the postcard to tell me she'd arrived safely.
- c) No, I haven't. But I'm sure she'll be writing soon.
- d) No. I tried to phone her yesterday, but she was out.



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60. James: Have you heard how Polly is getting on?

Sally : Yes, I talked to her mother yesterday, and she's really starting to improve now.

James: _____.

Sally : No, but she will leave so in a day or two.

- a) Did she say anything about the flowers we sent?
- b) Can we go and visit her tomorrow?
- c) Has she left the hospital yet?
- d) Why didn't you talk to Pat? Weren't you allowed in?

Choose the best alternative that you would say in the situations below.

61. You have two tickets for a concert in the evening, but at the last minute, you are unable to go. You think perhaps someone in the class might like to go. So you say:

- a) I've two tickets for the concert of the year. Who would like to go there with me?
- b) I've two tickets for a concert this evening, but I can't use them. Would anybody like them?
- c) Next time you need tickets, please let me know beforehand so that I can get good seats.
- d) Thank you for inviting me. But unfortunately, I have to meet some important people tonight.

62. A friend wants to borrow a school book from you. You don't want to lend it to her as she is always slow in returning everything. She insists. Finally, you agree but rather reluctantly. You say:

- a) No, certainly not. You never give things back on time.
- b) Alright, take it. But just for one night, give it back tomorrow.
- c) I am sorry, I need it myself. Ask Jason to lend you this book.
- d) Take it. I don't think I will ever need it again. No problem.

63. You have just left school and wish to start work. You've seen an interesting advertisement in a newspaper. You are calling to get more information. You say:

- a) I am interested in the job you advertise. Can I start tomorrow?
- b) This is exactly the kind of job I'd like to have.
- c) Could you give me more details about the job you have advertised?
- d) I suppose you can pay more than you're offering, can't you?

64. Your tooth has been hurting on and off for a while. You realize you must see your dentist, so you call his secretary and ask for an appointment. You say:

- a) The pain in my tooth is getting worse. What should I do about it?
- b) Why doesn't Dr. Harrison receive patients after 6 o'clock?
- c) As I have a meeting in the afternoon can I postpone my appointment?
- d) I have got a bad toothache. Can Dr. Harrison see me sometime tomorrow?



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65. You've decided to buy a camera but want some advice on what to choose. You phone a friend who is well-informed on cameras and say:

- I'm planning to get a camera. Since you're an expert, tell me which model you'd recommend?
- As I've already made up my mind to get a camera I was wondering what models you sell.
- As you are an expert on cameras, why do you think this model will not suit me?
- Since you know a lot about cameras, can you instruct me on how to operate this one?

LISTENING 1

66-72

LISTENING 2

73-80

WRITING (20 pts.)

Choose ONE of the topics below and write an opinion essay. (200-250 words)

- Students should prefer to live in university accommodation on campus rather than private accommodation off campus. Do you agree or disagree?**
- Global cities are better places to live for the younger members of society. Do you agree or disagree?**
- A teacher's personality is more important than the subject they teach. Do you agree or disagree?**

ANSWER KEY:

1. c	8. a	15. d	22. c	29. a	36. c	43. c	50. d	57. c	64. d
2. a	9. c	16. b	23. a	30. d	37. a	44. b	51. b	58. a	65. a
3. b	10. d	17. c	24. c	31. c	38. d	45. d	52. c	59. a	
4. c	11. b	18. d	25. d	32. b	39. a	46. b	53. b	60. c	
5. c	12. a	19. a	26. b	33. b	40. c	47. a	54. d	61. b	
6. a	13. c	20. b	27. b	34. b	41. a	48. c	55. a	62. b	
7. b	14. a	21. b	28. c	35. d	42. b	49. c	56. d	63. c	