

facial recognition, can be employed for attendance tracking, replacing traditional roll-call methods. This reduces errors and (13) _____ time, enabling teachers to focus more on instruction. Access control is another key application—biometric identification can ensure that only authorized individuals enter school premises, bolstering student safety.

Moreover, biometrics can simplify tasks like checking out library books, managing cafeteria payments, or accessing school devices, offering students a faster and more (14) _____ experience. However, implementing biometric technology raises concerns about privacy and data security. Storing sensitive (15) _____ securely is crucial to avoid potential misuse or breaches. Schools must prioritize transparency, informing students and parents about how their data will be used and protected. While promising, biometric systems must balance efficiency with safeguarding personal information to build trust in educational settings.

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| 11. A. offers | B. releases | C. absorbs | D. connects |
| 12. A. for | B. as | C. with | D. without |
| 13. A. pays | B. saves | C. takes | D. creates |
| 14. A. convenience | B. conveniently | C. convenient | D. inconvenient |
| 15. A. recognition | B. facilities | C. advantages | D. information |

Part 2. Read the passage carefully and choose the best option. (1 point)

New Orleans, in Louisiana, is known as the most unique city in the United States with distinctive architecture, cross-cultural heritage and annual music festivals. However, due to its location along the Mississippi River with lakes on the other side, and nearly half of the city below sea level, the city faces the danger of flooding.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, the most destructive natural disaster in the history of New Orleans, struck the city. The storm brought strong winds and heavy rains for several days. As a result, water from the river and lakes rose, breaking the levees and poured directly into the city. Soon eighty percent of the city was under the water. The winds were so strong that even beds in Hyatt Hotel were seen flying out of the hotel windows. The loss from the storm was **huge**. Most of the major roads and bridges were destroyed, and houses collapsed. Nearly 2,000 people were killed. After the storm, several natural grounds for the breeding and migrating of different species of animals and birds were permanently lost.

16. New Orleans is famous for _____.
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| A. its modern architecture | B. its cross-cultural heritage |
| C. its Mississippi River | D. its special location |
17. Which statement is **NOT TRUE** about New Orleans?
- A. It lies between the Mississippi River and lakes.
 - B. One of its attractions is its annual music festivals.
 - C. The city has distinctive architecture.
 - D. Most of the city is below sea level.
18. What percentage of New Orleans was flooded after the water had broken the levees?

- A. 50% B. 80% C. 20% D. 29%
19. People could see the beds of Hyatt Hotel flying out of its windows because the _____ were strong
A. lakes B. hotels C. winds D. rooftops
20. The word ‘**huge**’ in paragraph 2 is **CLOSEST** in meaning to ‘_____’
A. tremendous B. private C. important D. addicted

III. LANGUAGE USAGE (3 points)

Question 21-32. Choose the correct answer to each of the questions.

21. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.
A. invents B. borrows C. appears D. destroys
22. Choose the word that has a different primary stress pattern from that of the others.
A. private B. creative C. serious D. social
23. Choose the word that has a different primary stress pattern from that of the others.
A. technology B. ecosystem C. telepathy D. convenience
24. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone _____ 1876.
A. in B. on C. at D. for
25. My mother said that she _____ AI from ChatGPT.
A. likes B. to like C. like D. liked
26. We _____ dinner when the earthquake _____ last night.
A. had/ were happening B. had/ happened C. were having/ happened D. are having/ happens
27. The task is just ‘**a piece of cake**’. You are able to do it. The phrase ‘**a piece of cake**’ is **CLOSEST** in meaning to _____
A. serious B. harmful C. easy D. risky
28. When looking at the moon with a telescope, we can see a lot of _____ on its surface.
A. planets B. aliens C. creatures D. craters
29. Find a **MISTAKE** in one of the four underlined parts of the following sentence.
The student asked the scientist when humans would lived on other planets in outer space.
 A B C D
30. “_____” are animals in the wild that face a high risk of extinction.
A. Habitat loss B. Climate change C. Single-use product D. Endangered species
31. Can learning English help people overcome the _____ when living abroad?
A. language barrier B. social network C. breakout room D. robot teacher
32. The scientists have carried out many _____ to find cures for cancers.
A. emojis B. experiments C. biometrics D. convenience

Question 33-35. Choose the sentence that is CLOSEST in meaning to the given one.

33. *Her father is busy, so he goes to the shopping mall once or twice a year.*
A. Her father usually goes to the shopping mall because he is not busy.
B. Her father is so busy that he usually goes to the shopping mall.

- C. Her father always goes to the shopping mall, but he is busy.
- D. Her father rarely goes to the shopping mall because he is busy.

34. ***The girl said “I am fond of using AI for learning English.”***

- A. The girl said that she was fond of using AI for learning English.
- B. The girl asked what she was fond of using AI for learning English.
- C. The girl said that he was fond of using AI for learning English.
- D. The girl asked if she was fond of using AI for learning English.

35. ***Lan is one of my cousins***

- A. One of my cousin is Lan
- B. Lan is a cousin of my
- C. Lan is a cousin of mine.
- D. A cousins of mine is Lan

IV. WRITING (2 points)

Write a paragraph (80-100 words) about three things you do to protect the environment.

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