FIRST PERIODIC TEST in GRADE 8 ENGLISH
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Directions: Read each item carefully. Choose the best answer from the given choices. Write the letter that corresponds to your answer on your answer sheet.

I. Listening Comprehension/Oral Language and Fluency.

1. Stress on the right syllable helps to show contrast and emphasis in meaning. If the word **CONTEST** has the stress on the first syllable as in this sentence, "But if you didn't agree, why didn't you ***contest*** it at that time?" What does the word CONTEST mean?
   A. a competition
   B. a struggle for superiority or victory between rivals
   C. to call into question and take an active stand against
   D. to compete or strive
2. Which sentence should be said with the falling intonation?
   A. Do you think that's a good decision?
   B. Is she really serious about that?
   C. It is a good decision, isn't it? (the speaker is **NOT** sure)
   D. The emperor wanted a great bell.
3. Which statement has rising intonation?
   A. When is John coming over?
   B. Is he coming over this afternoon?
   C. He's coming over this evening.
   D. He is going to bring pizza.
4. In which sentence does the speaker want to tell us that her apartment isn't big?
   A. **SHE** lives in a tiny apartment in Ortigas.
   B. She lives in a **TINY** apartment in Ortigas.
   C. SHE lives in a tiny **APARTMENT** in Ortigas.
   D. SHE lives in a tiny apartment in **ORTIGAS**.
5. In the sentence, ***"I said she might consider a new haircut,"*** which word will you stress if you want to mean "NOT JUST A HAIRCUT."
   A. consider
   B. haircut
   C. might
   D. new
6. ***I d-d-d- didn't mean to hurt you."*** The speaker in this sentence is _____.
   A. afraid
   B. confident
   C. proud
   D. sorry
7. "An architect?" The speaker expresses _____.
   A. anger
   B. disgust
   C. dismay
   D. surprise
8. Choose the word which is stressed on the first syllable.
   A. **perfect** which means make flawless
   B. **present** which means gift
   C. **progress** which means move forward
   D. **record** which means to register

(For items 9-10): Determine the meaning conveyed by the sentence. Be guided by the slash (/).

9. **"The principal/said the teacher/ is competent."**
   A. The principal is competent.
   B. The teacher is competent.
   C. The principal and the teacher are both competent.
   D. The teacher who is also the principal is competent.

10. **“The woman said / the man is my guide.”**
    A. My guide is neither a man nor a woman
    B. My guide is the woman.
    C. The man is my guide.
    D. The woman is my guide.

II. VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT.

11. Despite the complex security systems in modern vehicles cunning thieves still manage to get away with thousands of cars and trucks every year. The word ***cunning*** means _____.
    A. foolish
    B. ignorant
    C. kind
    D. skillful
12. The poor farmer loved his mother with tender ***reverence***. The underlined word means
    A. acceptance
    B. consideration
    C. respect
    D. sympathy
13. No one ever thought about disobeying the mandate of the cruel officer. ***Mandate*** means _____.
    A. inquiry
    B. order
    C. request
    D. suggestion
14. Which is the correct arrangement of the following words according to the increasing degree of intensity?
    A. argument – conflict – battle - war
    B. battle - war – argument – conflict
    C. conflict - argument – battle – war
    D. war – battle – conflict – argument
15. Arrange the words in descending order.
    A. scream – shout – mumble – whisper
    B. scream – shout – whisper – mumble
    C. shout – scream – mumble – whisper
    D. shout – scream – whisper – mumble

III. Grammar Structure and Awareness

(**For items 16-19):** Complete each sentence to form conditional statement.

16. _____, I will not be able to drive.
    A. If it rains on Sunday
    B. If it had rain on Sunday
    C. If it had rained on Sunday
    D. If it had had rain on Sunday
17. _____, she would not have died.
    A. If Ko-Ngai did not jump in the boiling metal.
    B. If Ko-Ngai has not jumped in the boiling metal
    C. If Ko-Ngai had not jumped in the boiling metal
    D. If Ko-Ngai have not jumped in the boiling metal
18. If you had warned me, I _____ your father about that party. (But you didn't, and I have).
    A. I will not tell
    B. I will not have told
    C. I would not have tell
    D. I would not have told
19. I’ll watch the film, _____.
    A. if I finish early
    B. if I finished early
    C. if I had finish early
    D. if I have finish early

For items 20-23: Choose the appropriate coordinating or subordinating conjunction

20. The poor farmer did not leave his mother _____ he loved her so much.
    A. and
    B. because
    C. so
    D. while
21. Ko-Ngai sold some of her jewels _____ sought the help of a fortune teller.
    A. and
    B. but
    C. for
    D. so
22. Kouan Yu did his best _____ the metals refused to blend with one another.
    A. although
    B. but
    C. or
    D. while
23. Either you cast the bell _____ you die.
    A. and
    B. for
    C. nor
    D. or
24. *"When the governor issued the mandate, the people trembled in fear."* This sentence is an example of a _____ sentence.
    A. Complex
    B. Compound-Complex
    C. Compound
    D. Simple
25. Which sentence is **NOT** a compound-complex sentence?
    A. Although it was raining and the roads were slippery, we decided to go for a bike ride.
    B. Eric ran home the rest of the way because he knew he was in trouble.
    C. Greg said that we should start without him but we waited anyway.
    D. When I graduate I want to go to college, but first I want to travel.
26. The following are examples of complex sentence **EXCEPT**
    A. Because she runs every day, she is very fit.
    B. Carlos and Rey have not seen their grandmother since they came to Pampanga.
    C. In the middle of the night, a loud noise from my neighbor's house woke me up.
    D. We were doing a very difficult problem in Mathematics when the fire alarm rang yesterday.
27. "The food smells ***delicious***."What kind of adjective complement is used in this sentence?
    A. object complement
    B. sentence complement
    C. subject complement
    D. verb complement
28. She wanted ***him to leave***. The underlined part in the sentence is called _____.
    A. object complement
    B. sentence complement
    C. subject complement
    D. verb complement
29. " The little girls picked a **pretty** bouquet of flowers for their mom. What does the underlined word modify?
    A. bouquet
    B. flowers
    C. girls
    D. mom

IV. Reading Comprehension/Literature.

Read the following passages carefully before you answer the questions that follow.

(For items 30-31)*A. Why do parents usually get so angry? Children frequently quarrel, make noise, ask questions or come around asking for permission at exactly wrong time. Usually, parents get angry when their children don't follow their advice; when they suffer from health problems like severe headaches or high blood pressure; or when mothers go through menopause. These facts are realized by children only when they themselves become adults.*

30. The main purpose of the paragraph is _____.
    A. to amuse
    B. to entertain
    C. to explain
    D. to inform
31. What is the implied opinion of the writer about parents' anger to children?
    A. against
    B. in favor
    C. neutral
    D. cannot be determined

(For items 32-35)

The governor was pleased at the wit of the youth and praised greatly, but he demanded to know where he had obtained his wisdom. "Alas! Alas!" cried the farmer, "the truth must be told!" and with deep bows he related his story. The governor listened and their meditated in silence. Finally, he lifted his head, Shinano needs more than the strength of youth, he said gravely, "ah, that I should have forgotten the well-known saying, "with the crown of snow", there cometh wisdom!". That very hour the cruel law was abolished, and the custom drifted into as far as past that only legends remain.

32. It can be inferred in the story that the aged mother was_____.
    A. kind
    B. honest
    C. industrious
    D. wise
33. What is the best paraphrase for this line?
    "With the crown of snow, there cometh wisdom!"
    A. The mountains are covered with snow.
    B. The young and strong are candidates for becoming kings.
    C. Wisdom is a virtue that comes only from young people.
    D. Wit and intelligence can also be found amongst old people.
34. What value is underscored in the selection?
    A. Great love of a son to his mother.
    B. Greatness of the king for lifting the cruel law.
    C. Great intelligence of a farmer in solving problems.
    D. Great love of a mother to her son and a son to his mother.
35. What opinion may be formed based on the passage?
    A. The governor lifted the law.
    B. The governor asked where the man got his wisdom.
    C. The governor was delighted by what the farmer did.
    D. The people of Shinano lived happily for the rest of their lives.
36. The Japanese tea ceremony is a tradition that promotes _____.
    A. emotional and physical health
    B. emotional and spiritual health
    C. physical and emotional health
    D. physical and spiritual health
37. In the sentence, "But your health insurance will cover only a portion of the cost and won't give you any of those funds ahead of time," what is the function of the transition word <u>but</u>
    A. condition
    B. contrast
    C. emphasis
    D. illustration

38. “I managed to get the house tidy before my parents got home.” What is the signal-marker in this sentence?

A. before
B. house
C. manage
D. tidy

39. Finally, the day when the last effort to cast the great bell was to be made. The signal-marker in the sentence is _____.

A. cast
B. effort
C. finally
D. made

40. The Japanese tea ceremony steps begin with the cleaning of the tea utensils. _____, the host cleans the tea bowl, tea scoops, and tea whisk with concentrated and graceful movements. _____, the host prepares the tea by adding three scoops of matcha tea powder per guest to the tea bowl. _____, the hot water is ladled into the bowl and whisked in a thin paste. _____, more water is added to create a soup-like tea.

What words will you use to fill in the blanks to show proper sequence of events in the paragraph?

A. Next, Then, Finally
B. First, Second, Third, Lastly
C. Now, Afterwards, Then, Lastly
D. Now, Then, Afterwards, Lastly

41. Arrange the events logically as they happened in the story.

A Shinano was governed by a despotic leader.
B. The governor sent out a cruel proclamation to put to death all aged people.
C. Long ago, there lived a poor farmer and his aged mother.
D. The farmer hid his old mother beneath the kitchen floor.
E. He supplied his old mother with everything needful.

A. 1 - 2 – 3 – 4 - 5
B. 3 – 1 - 2 – 4 - 5
C. 3 – 2 – 1 – 4 – 5
D. 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1

42. What is common among the Philippines, China, and Japan?

A. tea ceremony
B. emperor as rulers
C. traditions influenced by religion
D. bowing of heads as a form of greeting

43. You are going to give a Chinese friend a gift as a token of appreciation for wonderful friendship. What should you do to show that you are giving the gift whole-heartedly **taking into consideration their culture?**

A. wrap your gift in white paper
B. wrap your gift in red and gold
C. wrap your gift in transparent plastic
D. wrap your gift with colorful wrappers

44. As part of the Asian continent, Filipinos share the same values and traditions with the and the Japanese. What values are common among these groups of people?

A. family-oriented, hardworking, religious
B. family-oriented, hardworking, superstitious
C. goal-oriented, hardworking, nature-enthusiast
D. goal-oriented, hardworking, religious

45. “Be as Rama, be as Sita.” This is one of the most famous sayings the Indians taught to their young ones. What specific value can be derived from this quotation?

A. Be a hero like Rama and a heroine like Sita.
B. Be a perfect son and an ideal husband like Rama and be a faithful wife like Sita.
C. Be a strong man like Rama and be a submissive wife like Rama.
D. Be exiled like Rama and be dependent like Sita.

46. Your Iranian friend messaged you in Facebook. He said he will be having a vacation here in the Philippines for a week. You offered him to stay in your house. Your mother was having a hard time already thinking of the menu you will have during your friend's visit. Since you have learned their customs in your history subject, what is the best food you can offer to him?
    A. Bread, fresh fruits, black tea
    B. Rice, fried pork, coffee, fresh fruits
    C. Rice, fried pork, unleavened bread, coffee
    D. Rice, unleavened bread, fried chicken, black tea, fresh fruits
47. Most of the themes in African Literature focus on freedom, independence, equality and economic freedom to name a few. What do these lines from the African story of creation reveal about their values?

    A West African creation tale explains how two spirit people were accidentally sent down to earth by the sky god. Lonely, the people decided to create children from clay, but feel they must hide them when the sky god comes down. Because they are hidden in fire, the children soon turn to various shades based on how long they had been exposed to the heat. Over time, these clay children grow up and move to various regions of the earth, ultimately populating it (Fader).

    A. Africans follow their religion.
    B. Africans are hardworking people.
    C. Africans value people's differences.
    D. Africans entertain themselves through tales.
48. You are the feature editor of Philippine Daily Inquirer. You are tasked to make a write up about the Muslims. You want the public especially the Christians to be familiar with their customs because it will guide them to understand Muslims better.
    You will focus on their_____.
    A. culture
    B. history.
    C. leaders
    D. problems of the people.
49. Why is research, best regarded as skill?
    A. Because it is a God given talent.
    B. Because it is developed in school
    C. Because it is updated from time to time
    D. Because it involves special ability and training
50. When reading researches, you may have noticed website reference at the end of a topic or article as in this example:

    Prosodic features are features that appear when you put sounds together in connected speech. It is as important for you to learn the prosodic features as successful communication depends as much on intonation, stress and rhythm as on the correct pronunciation of sounds.

    What is the purpose of putting this website reference?
    A. to make researches look more formal
    B. to promote the website and its links
    C. to provide the reader additional information
    D. to recognize the source thus avoid plagiarism