English Proficiency Test - answers

Part I: English Grammar

1. Juan_____ in the library this morning.
- A. is study
- B. studying
- C. is studying
- D. are studying

2. Alicia, _____ the windows please. It's too hot in here.
- A. opens
- B. open
- C. opened
- D. will opened

3.The movie was _____ the book.
- A. as
- B. as good
- C. good as
- D. as good as

4. Eli's hobbies include jogging, swimming, and _____.
- A. to climb mountains
- B. climb mountains
- C. to climb
- D. climbing mountains

5. Mr. Hawkins requests that someone _____ the data by fax immediately.
- A. sent
- B. sends
- C. send
- D. to send

6. Who is _____ , Marina or Sachiko?

- A. tallest
- B. tall
- C. taller
- D. the tallest

7. The concert will begin _____ fifteen minutes.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. with
- D. about

8. I have only a _____ Christmas cards left to write.

- A. few
- B. fewer
- C. less
- D. little

9. Each of the Olympic athletes _____ for months, even years.

- A. have been training
- B. were training
- C. has been training
- D. been training

10. Maria _____ never late for work.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. were
- D. is

11. The company will upgrade _____ computer information systems next month.

- A. there
- B. their
- C. it's
- D. its

12. Cheryl likes apples, _____ she does not like oranges.
- A. so
- B. for
- C. but
- D. or

13. You were _____ the New York office before 2 p.m.
- A. suppose call
- B. supposed to call
- C. supposed calling
- D. supposed call

14. When I graduate from college next June, I _____ a student here for five years.
- A. will have been
- B. have been
- C. has been
- D. will have

15. Ms. Guth _____ rather not invest that money in the stock market.
- A. has to
- B. could
- C. would
- D. must

Part II: English Grammar

1. The majority to the news is about violence or scandal.
- A. The
- B. to
- C. news
- D. violence

2. Takeshi swimmed one hundred laps in the pool yesterday.
- (•) A. swimmed
- ( ) B. hundred
- ( ) C. in
- ( ) D. yesterday

3. When our vacation, we plan to spend three days scuba diving.
- (•) A. When
- ( ) B. plan
- ( ) C. days
- ( ) D. diving

4. Mr. Feinauer does not take critical of his work very well.
- ( ) A. does
- (•) B. critical
- ( ) C. his
- ( ) D. well

5. Yvette and Rinaldo send e-mail messages to other often.
- ( ) A. and
- ( ) B. send
- (•) C. other
- ( ) D. often

6. Mr. Olsen is telephoning a American Red Cross for help.
- ( ) A. is
- (•) B. a
- ( ) C. Red
- ( ) D. for

7. I had a enjoyable time at the party last night.
- (•) A. a
- ( ) B. time
- ( ) C. at
- ( ) D. last

8. The doctor him visited the patient's parents.
- ( ) A. The

- (•) B. him
- ( ) C. visited
- ( ) D. patient's

9. Petra intends to starting her own software business in a few years.
- ( ) A. intends
- (•) B. starting
- ( ) C. software
- ( ) D. few

10. Each day after school, Jerome run five miles.
- ( ) A. Each
- ( ) B. after
- (•) C. run
- ( ) D. miles

11. He goes never to the company softball games.
- (•) A. never
- ( ) B. the
- ( ) C. softball
- ( ) D. games

12. Do you know the student who books were stolen?
- ( ) A. Do
- ( ) B. know
- (•) C. who
- ( ) D. were

13. Jean-Pierre will spend his vacation either in Singapore nor the Bahamas.
- ( ) A. will
- ( ) B. his
- (•) C. nor
- ( ) D. Bahamas

14. I told the salesman that I was not interesting in buying the latest model.
- ( ) A. told
- ( ) B. that

C. interesting
D. buying

15. Frederick used work for a multinational corporation when he lived in Malaysia. A. used work
B. multinational
C. when
D. lived in

Part III. English Vocabulary

1. The rate of _____ has been fluctuating wildly this week. A. money
B. bills
C. coins
D. exchange

2. The bus _____ arrives late during bad weather.
A. every week
B. later
C. yesterday
D. always

3. Do you _____ where the nearest grocery store is? A. know
B. no
C. now
D. not

4. Jerry Seinfeld, the popular American comedian, has his audiences _____.
A. putting too many irons in the fire
B. keeping their noses out of someone's business

- [x] C. rolling in the aisles
- [ ] D. going to bat for someone

5. The chairperson will _____ members to the subcommittee.

- [x] A. appoint
- [ ] B. disappoint
- [ ] C. appointment
- [ ] D. disappointed

6. The critics had to admit that the ballet _____ was superb.

- [ ] A. procrastinate
- [x] B. performance
- [ ] C. pathology
- [ ] D. psychosomatic

7. Peter says he can't _____ our invitation to dinner tonight.

- [ ] A. angel
- [ ] B. across
- [x] C. accept
- [ ] D. almost

8. We were _____ friends in that strange but magical country.

- [ ] A. upon
- [x] B. among
- [ ] C. toward
- [ ] D. in addition to

9. The hurricane caused _____ damage to the city.

- [ ] A. extend
- [ ] B. extended
- [x] C. extensive
- [ ] D. extension

10. Many cultures have special ceremonies to celebrate a person's _____ of passage into adulthood.

- [ ] A. right
- [x] B. rite

C. writ
D. write

Part IV. English Reading Comprehension

Directions to Erik's house

Leave Interstate 25 at exit 7S. Follow that road (Elm Street) for two miles. After one mile, you will pass a small shopping center on your left. At the next set of traffic lights, turn right onto Maple Drive. Erik's house is the third house on your left. It's number 33, and it's white with green trim.

1. What is Erik's address?
A. Interstate 25
B. 2 Elm Street
C. 13 Erika Street
D. 33 Maple Drive

2. Which is closest to Erik's house?
A. the traffic lights
B. the shopping center
C. exit 7S
D. a greenhouse

Date: May 16, 1998
To: Megan Fallerman
From: Steven Roberts
Subject: Staff Meeting

Please be prepared to give your presentation on the monthly sales figures at our upcoming staff meeting. In addition to the accurate accounting of expenditures for the

monthly sales, be ready to discuss possible reasons for fluctuations as well as possible trends in future customer spending. Thank you.

3. The main focus of the presentation will be _____.

- A. monthly expenditures
- B. monthly salary figures
- C. monthly sales figures
- D. staff meeting presentations

4. Who will give the presentation?

- A. the company president
- B. Megan Fallerman
- C. Steven Roberts
- D. future customers

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5. Which of the following counties is not included in the tour?

- A. Devon
- B. Cornwall
- C. Essex
- D. Hampshire

6. How many people can go on this tour?

- A. 10
- B. an unlimited number

C. 2-8

D. a limited number

7. What can we infer about this area of southern England?

A. The region has lots of vegetation.

B. The coast often has harsh weather.

C. The sun is hot and the air is dry.

D. The land is flat.

Anna Szewcyzk, perhaps the most popular broadcaster in the news media today, won the 1998 Broadcasting Award. She got her start in journalism as an editor at the *Hollsville County Times* in Missouri. When the newspaper went out of business, a colleague persuaded her to enter the field of broadcasting. She moved to Oregon to begin a master's degree in broadcast journalism at Atlas University. Following graduation, she was able to begin her career as a local newscaster with WPSU-TV in Seattle, Washington, and rapidly advanced to national television. Noted for her quick wit and trenchant commentary, her name has since become synonymous with *Good Day, America!* Accepting the award at the National Convention of Broadcast Journalism held in Chicago, Ms. Szewcyzk remarked, "I am so honored by this award that I'm at a total loss for words!" Who would ever have believed it?

8. What is the purpose of this announcement?

A. to invite people to the National Convention of Broadcast Journalism

B. to encourage college students to study broadcasting

C. to recognize Ms. Szewcyzk's accomplishments

D. to advertise a job opening at the *Hollsville County Times*

9. The expression "to become synonymous with" means

A. to be the same as.

B. to be the opposite of.

C. to be in sympathy with.

D. to be discharged from.

10. What was Ms. Szewczyk's first job in journalism?

A. She was a T.V. announcer in Washington.

- B. She was a newscaster in Oregon.
- C. She was an editor for a newspaper in Missouri.
- D. She was a talk show host in Chicago.

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