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英语国家概况试题

课程代码:00522

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选择题部分

注意事项:

1. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。
2. 每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. (50 points, 1 point each)

1. _____ declared that he, and not the Pope, was the Supreme Head of the Church of England in 1535.
A. James I
B. Charles I
C. James II
D. Henry VIII
2. Which of the following is NOT a comedy written by Shakespeare?
A. *Hamlet*.
B. *As You Like It*.
C. *Merchant of Venice*.
D. *Mid-Summer Night's Dream*.
3. In the 17th century England, _____ founded the Commonwealth to replace the monarchy.
A. Guy Fawkes
B. Philip Augustus
C. Oliver Cromwell
D. Sir Francis Drake
4. _____ is generally regarded as the beginning of the modern world history.
A. The English Civil War
B. The English Renaissance
C. The Hundred Years' War
D. Elizabeth's religious reform

5. The Industrial Revolution started in Britain in the late _____ century.
A. 16th B. 17th
C. 18th D. 19th
6. Renaissance, the traditional period between the Middle Ages and modern times, was _____.
A. the restoration of the Church of England
B. the restoration of Parliament and Privy Council
C. the revival of classical literature and artistic styles in European history
D. the revival of contemporary literature and artistic styles in European history
7. The Wars of the Roses were a death blow to _____.
A. serfdom B. capitalism
C. feudalism D. the Church Of England
8. The First Civil War (1642—1646) in Britain was fought between _____.
A. the King and the Parliament
B. the nobles and the middle class
C. the Presbyterians and Catholics
D. the yeoman farmers and the artisans
9. _____ modified and improved the design of the steam engine in 1765.
A. James Watt B. Abraham Darby
C. Richard Arkwright D. Henry Court
10. The British Parliament consists of the following EXCEPT _____.
A. the Sovereign B. the House of Lords
C. the House of Commons D. the House of Representatives
11. The purpose of the crusades from the 11th to 13th centuries was to gain possession of the Christian holy city of _____ from the Islamic Empire of the Turks.
A. Rome B. Vatican
C. Mecca D. Jerusalem
12. One of the most far-reaching consequences of the Second World War was that it _____ the end of Britain's empire.
A. prevented B. blocked
C. slowed down D. hastened

13. Which of the following statements is NOT true of the Puritans?
- They wanted to purify the Church of England.
 - They were not wealthy and well-educated gentlemen.
 - They saw the New World as a refugee provided by God.
 - They were not satisfied with the political corruption of England.
14. Out of the war settlement for the First World War came the establishment of the _____, which also created tensions giving rise to the Second World War 20 years later.
- confederate union
 - federal union
 - League of Nations
 - United Nations
15. Which statement about Britain and the Second World War is NOT correct?
- Winston Churchill led his country to final victory in 1945.
 - Britain suffered far more military casualties in the Second World War than in the First.
 - The German Blitz radically changed the face of London for the first time since the Great Fire nearly 3 centuries earlier.
 - As a result of the war Britain lost one-quarter of her national wealth and entered upon a period of economic difficulties.
16. During the _____, literature is primarily artistic, rather than philosophical and scholarly.
- Chartist Movement
 - Reformation
 - English Renaissance
 - Elizabeth's reign
17. A General Election in Britain must be held every _____ years and is often held at more frequent intervals.
- two
 - three
 - four
 - five
18. The British Prime Minister lives at _____.
- Buckingham Palace
 - No.10 Downing Street
 - Whitehall
 - Windsor
19. Which of the following is a daily newspaper in the U.K.?
- The Sun*.
 - The People*.
 - News of the World*.
 - Sunday Mirror*.

28. Which of the following is run by the government at the federal, state or local levels?
- A. Coal industry. B. Steel industry.
C. Motor industry. D. Postal service.
29. The open declaration of the U.S. containment policy toward the Soviet Union was made by _____.
A. George Kennan B. Harry Truman
C. Franklin Roosevelt D. Teddy Roosevelt
30. The cornerstones of the post-war economic boom (1945—1960s) in the U.S. were the industries of automobile, housing and _____.
A. defense B. mining
C. food processing D. service
31. Contradiction between American Congress and the Executive sharpened during the Vietnam War, which resulted finally in the passing of the _____.
A. Marshall Plan B. War Power Act
C. Truman Doctrine D. Taiwan Relations Act
32. The leaders of the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain held _____ summit meetings during World War II.
A. two B. three
C. four D. five
33. According to the textbook, which statement about the current situation of black Americans is NOT correct?
A. The black people enjoy more rights than ever before.
B. The employment situation is very unfavorable to the blacks.
C. Inequality and subtle discrimination against the blacks still exists.
D. The poverty rate of the blacks is the lowest among all racial and ethnic groups.
34. The immediate cause of America's entry into World War II was _____.
A. the Japanese invasion of China
B. the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor
C. the German invasion of the Soviet Union
D. the German submarine attack on American ships

35. The U.S. President cannot veto a law if Congress passes the law again by a _____ vote.
- A. two-thirds
B. three-fifths
C. one third
D. one fifth
36. According to the textbook, the U.S. has a _____.
- A. state-run economy with a dominant public sector
B. state-run economy with a dominant private sector
C. free-market economy with a dominant public sector
D. free-market economy with a dominant private sector
37. Higher education in the United States started with the founding of _____.
- A. Yale University
B. Harvard College
C. Stanford University
D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
38. Which of the following is the largest group of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States?
- A. The Indians.
B. The blacks.
C. The Hispanics.
D. The Asians.
39. _____ was regarded as the leader of the Transcendentalist Movement in America.
- A. Mark Twain
B. Walt Whitman
C. Ralph Waldo Emerson
D. Nathaniel Hawthorn
40. According to the textbook, for the last 20 years Arizona, Nevada and _____ have been the fastest growing states in population.
- A. Florida
B. Alaska
C. Montana
D. New Mexico
41. Among the four Australian cities with a population of more than one million, which one is located on the western coast?
- A. Perth.
B. Brisbane.
C. Adelaide.
D. Melbourne.
42. Which of the following is NOT a reason for Australia's dry and hot climate?
- A. Australia has few mountains.
B. The equator runs through Australia.
C. Distance from the ocean affects the weather.
D. The air masses that affect Australia are mostly dry, sunny and high pressure cells.

43. Although Australians are the descendents of many nations, most Australians are of _____ descent.
- A. British
B. Asian
C. Scandinavian
D. Indian
44. With a history of more than 40,000 years, the dominant aspect of Australian Aboriginal culture was _____.
- A. their tribal gatherings
B. their belief in the Dreamtime
C. the balance between man and nature
D. a friendly relationship among different tribes
45. The short growing season and thin, rocky soil of the Atlantic provinces in Canada have made _____ difficult.
- A. mining
B. fishing
C. farming
D. lumbering
46. The province of _____ lies on the Pacific coast of Canada, which is a land of rugged mountain ranges and fertile river valleys.
- A. Nova Scotia
B. Newfoundland
C. British Columbia
D. New Brunswick
47. According to the textbook, _____ is the most highly developed region of Canada.
- A. Prairie provinces
B. Atlantic provinces
C. the Canadian Shield
D. St. Lawrence-Great Lakes provinces
48. The rainfall in Ireland is _____ that in Britain.
- A. less than
B. similar to
C. much less than
D. more than
49. Ireland declared itself a republic in _____.
- A. 1932
B. 1937
C. 1948
D. 1949
50. In New Zealand, the central plateau of North Island is dominated by three _____.
- A. large plains
B. large grasslands
C. geothermal rivers
D. volcanic mountains

非选择题部分

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II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Give a one-sentence answer to each of the following questions. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. (30 points, 3 points each)

51. What are the main functions of the British Parliament?
52. What kind of people do British popular newspapers appeal to?
53. What are the British official public holidays also called?
54. What were the American wartime objectives after the Pearl Harbor bombing?
55. What do *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and *Roots* describe?
56. Who were called the Anti-federalists in the U.S. history?
57. What is the most important factor that has influenced the population distribution in Australia?
58. Where did the name "Canada" come from?
59. Who was the first king to bring all Ireland under English control?
60. What are the two main islands that make up New Zealand?

III. TERM EXPLANATION

Explain each of the following terms in English. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet in around 40 words. (20 points, 5 points each)

61. *The Economist*
62. The Beatles
63. Watergate Scandal
64. Tehran Summit (1943)