

全国 2017 年 4 月高等教育自学考试  
英语国家概况试题  
课程代码:00522

请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案涂、写在答题纸上。

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. Blacken the letter of the answer you have chosen on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 1 point each)

1. Which of the following rivers goes through the city of London?  
A. The Forth. B. The Severn.  
C. The Thames. D. The Mersey.
2. About 500 BC \_\_\_\_\_ began to arrive in Britain and kept coming until the arrival of the Romans.  
A. the Jutes B. the Angles  
C. the Celts D. the Saxons
3. Located in Wales, \_\_\_\_\_ is an important city in the UK.  
A. Belfast B. Cardiff  
C. Liverpool D. Edinburgh
4. In the reign of \_\_\_\_\_, Britain lost the French port of Calais.  
A. Elizabeth I B. Edward VI  
C. Henry VIII D. Mary Tudor

5. The name Great Britain came into being when, in 1707, the Act of Union united England and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Wales
  - B. Scotland
  - C. Southern Ireland
  - D. Northern Ireland
6. The Parliament Act in 1911 strictly limited the powers of \_\_\_\_\_, making the Commons the supreme legislative body.
  - A. the Lords
  - B. the Cabinet
  - C. the Crown
  - D. the Church of England
7. What might be the immediate cause of the UK's entry into WWI?
  - A. Germany's invasion of Belgium.
  - B. The assassination of Franz Ferdinand.
  - C. Austria's declaration of war on Serbia.
  - D. Germany's declaration of war on Russia.
8. The discovery of oil in \_\_\_\_\_ has made the UK self-sufficient in oil.
  - A. the Irish Sea
  - B. the Black Sea
  - C. the North Sea
  - D. the Mediterranean
9. The Labour Party and \_\_\_\_\_ have been the dominant party in the UK since the mid-1920s.
  - A. the Republican Party
  - B. the Liberal Democrats
  - C. the Conservative Party
  - D. the Scottish National Party
10. Which of the following was a consequence of the Norman Conquest on England?
  - A. English became the official language in England.
  - B. The feudal system was completely established in England.
  - C. The England's commerce with the Continent was severely weakened.
  - D. The English church courts were more closely related to the civil courts.
11. How do most students in the UK pay for their college education?
  - A. They do part-time jobs.
  - B. They get state-funded grants.
  - C. They pay for it after graduation.
  - D. They get support from their parents.
12. In 1265, Simon de Montfort summoned the Great Council to meet at \_\_\_\_\_, and the meeting was seen as that of the earliest parliament.
  - A. Bedford
  - B. Canterbury
  - C. Westminster
  - D. Winchester

13. Which of the following is a newspaper of Northern Ireland?  
A. *The Herald*. B. *The Daily Record*.  
C. *The Western Mail*. D. *The Belfast Telegraph*.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ forms a natural boundary between Mexico and the USA.  
A. The Colorado River B. The Rio Grande River  
C. The American Ruhr D. The Gulf of California
15. Which of the following was the chief center of the American War of Independence?  
A. The South. B. The Midwest.  
C. New England. D. The Middle Atlantic States.
16. What language has official status in the state of New Mexico?  
A. French. B. Russian.  
C. Spanish. D. Portuguese.
17. In September 1783, by \_\_\_\_\_ Britain recognized the independence of the United States.  
A. the Treaty of Paris B. the Alien and Sedition Acts  
C. the Declaration of Independence D. the Emancipation Proclamation
18. In \_\_\_\_\_ women in the USA were given the right to vote.  
A. 1870 B. 1890  
C. 1913 D. 1920
19. In 1607, the English founded their first permanent settlement in \_\_\_\_\_ on the American continent.  
A. Virginia B. Maryland  
C. Connecticut D. Massachusetts
20. The nature of McCarthyism is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. anti-racism  
B. anti-Communism  
C. advocating free market  
D. advocating environmental protection
21. John Maynard Keynes believed the government could enhance the development of economy by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. limiting birthrate  
B. weakening manufacturing  
C. averaging household income  
D. controlling spending and taxes

22. \_\_\_\_\_ is often considered the father of American drama.  
A. William Inge  
B. Arthur Miller  
C. Eugene O'Neill  
D. Tennessee Williams
23. \_\_\_\_\_, as "the national sport," is the oldest of the major American team sports.  
A. Baseball  
B. Football  
C. Basketball  
D. Ice hockey
24. In Canada \_\_\_\_\_ can introduce bills involving taxation.  
A. the Supreme Court  
B. the House of Commons  
C. the Senate  
D. the Governor-General
25. Among the natural regions of Canada, farthest east is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the Canadian Shield  
B. the Arctic Region  
C. the Appalachian Region  
D. the Cordilleran Region
26. There have been nine major occurrences of \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia since 1788 due to its location and geographical features.  
A. flood  
B. drought  
C. landslide  
D. earthquake
27. As the federal capital of Australia, Canberra balances the power between two \_\_\_\_\_ centers of Sydney and Melbourne.  
A. economic  
B. political  
C. education  
D. population
28. Ireland is called the Emerald Isle because of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. its rich green countryside  
B. its rich emerald stones  
C. its surrounding blue sea  
D. its numerous islands
29. \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of Ireland, is known for its theaters and writers.  
A. Dublin  
B. Cork  
C. Limerick  
D. Waterford
30. Ireland enjoys a climate of western maritime under the influence of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the Indian Ocean  
B. the Pacific Ocean  
C. the Arctic Ocean  
D. the Atlantic Ocean

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## II. BLANK FILLING

**Choose 10 answers from the box and write the correct letter in the blanks 31-40 on the ANSWER SHEET. (20 points, 2 points each)**

31. Known as “the father of the British navy,” \_\_\_\_\_ founded a strong fleet which first beat the Danes at sea.
32. During nearly 400 years of control of Britain, the Romans always treated the Britons as a \_\_\_\_\_ people of slave class.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ marked the beginning of modern world history because it shook the foundation of the feudal rule in Europe.
34. Americans celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ to honor veterans of all wars in which the US has fought.
35. The first immigrants in American history came from England and \_\_\_\_\_.
36. Once a colony of Great Britain, Canada became independent in \_\_\_\_\_ through the British North America Act.
37. In 1840, on behalf of the British government, William Hobson signed \_\_\_\_\_ with Maori chiefs in New Zealand.
38. In Australia, Britain’s monarch is officially represented by \_\_\_\_\_ and six state governors.
39. The armed Irish uprising against the British rule in 1916 is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
40. *Ulysses* was written by the Irish novelist \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A. 1867
- B. the Netherlands
- C. the Easter Rising
- D. Thanksgiving Day
- E. subject
- F. James Joyce
- G. Veterans Day
- H. the prime minister
- I. The English Civil War
- J. Alfred
- K. the Treaty of Waitangi
- L. the Governor-General

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### III. TERM EXPLANATION

**Define the following terms in English. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in around 40 words. (10 points, 5 points each)**

- 41. Wars of the Roses
- 42. ANZUS Treaty

### IV. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

**Give a brief answer to each of the following questions. You are required to use complete sentences. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 3 points each)**

- 43. What was the effect of the Glorious Revolution on the British form of government?
- 44. How important is trade in the UK's economy?
- 45. What role did Martin Luther King play in the Civil Rights Movement?
- 46. For what purpose did the British government put the Stamp Tax into effect in America?
- 47. What are the main factors shaping the Canadian climate?
- 48. Who are the aboriginal people of Canada?
- 49. Why is Australia rich in unique species of animals and plants?
- 50. Why was Australia called a prison colony when it was founded in the late 1700s?
- 51. What is the base of support of the Labor Party in New Zealand?
- 52. What caused the fall of the Irish population in the 19th century?

### V. ESSAY QUESTION

**Write 100–120 words on the following topic on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)**

- 53. What are the distinct characteristics of the US government?