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READING COMPREHENSION I

DIRECTION: READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE CAREFULLY.

....Passage....

1. Akira came directly, breaking all tradition. Was that it? Had he followed form, had he asked his mother to talk to his father to approach a go - between, would Chie have been more **receptive**? He came on a winter's eve. He **pounded** on the door while a cold rain beat on the shuttered veranda, so at first Chie thought him only the wind. The maid knew better. Chie heard her soft **scuttling** footsteps, the creak of the door. Then the maid brought a calling card to the drawing room, for Chie. Chie was reluctant to go to her guest; perhaps she was feeling too cozy. She and Naomi were reading at a low table set atop a charcoal brazier. A thick **quilt** spread over the sides of the table so their legs were **tucked** inside with the heat. "Who is it at this hour, in this weather?" Chie questioned the maid as she picked the name card off the maid's lacquer tray. "Shinoda, Akira. Kobe Dental College, "she read. Naomi recognized the name. Chie heard a soft intake of air. "I think you should go," said Naomi.
2. Akira was waiting in the entry. He was in his early twenties, slim and serious, wearing the black military - style uniform of a student. As he bowed - his hands hanging straight down, a black cap in one, a yellow oil-paper umbrella in the other - Chie glanced beyond him. In the **glistening** surface of the courtyard's rain-drenched paving stones, she saw his reflection like a dark double. "Madam," said Akira, "forgive my disruption, but I came with a matter of urgency." His voice was soft, refined. He straightened and stole a **deferential** peek at her face. In the dim light his eyes shone with sincerity. Chie felt herself starting to like him. "Come inside, get out of this nasty night. Surely your business can wait for a moment or two." "I don't want to trouble you. Normally I would approach you more properly but I have received word of a position. I have an opportunity to go to America, as a dentist for Seattle's Japanese community." "Congratulations," Chie said with amusement. "That is an opportunity, I am sure. But how am I involved?" Even nothing Naomi's breathless reaction to the name card. Chie had no idea. Akira's message, delivered like a formal speech, filled her with maternal amusement. You know how children speak earnestly, so hurriedly, so endearingly about things that have no importance in an adult's mind? That is how she viewed him, as a child.
3. It was how she viewed Naomi. Even though Naomi was eighteen and training endlessly in the arts needed to make a good marriage, Chie had made no effort to find her a husband. Akira blushed, "Depending on your response, I may stay in Japan. I have come to ask for Naomi's hand." Suddenly Chie felt the dampness of the night. "Does Naomi know anything of your ambitions?" "We have an understanding. Please don't judge my **candidacy** by the unseemliness of this proposal. I ask directly because the use of a go- between takes much time. Either method comes down to the same thing: a matter of parental approval. If you give your consent, I become Naomi's yoshi.

We will live in the House of Fuji. Without your consent, I must go to America to secure a new home for my bride." Eager to make his point, he had been looking her full in the face. Abruptly, his voice turned gentle. " I see I have **startled** you. My humble apologies. I will take no more of your evening. My address is on my card. If you don't wish to contact me, I will re-approach you in two weeks' time. Until then, good night. He bowed and left. Taking her ease, with effortless grace, like a cat making off with a fish, "Mother?" uttered Naomi. Chie heard Naomi's low voice and turned from the door. "He has asked you?" The sight of Naomi's clear eyes, her dark brows gave Chie strength. May be his hopes were **preposterous**. "Where did you meet such a fellow? Imagine! He can think he can marry the Fuji heir and take her to America all in the snap of his fingers!" Chie waited for Naomi's **ripe** laughter. Naomi was silent. She stood a full half minute looking straight into Chie's eyes. Finally she spoke, "I met him at my literary meeting." Naomi turned to go back into the house, then stopped. "Mother." "Yes?" answered her mother. "I mean to have him." said Naomi.

DIRECTION: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING BASED ON THE PASSAGE.

1. Which idea best describes what happens in the passage?
   A. One character argues with another character who intrudes in her home.
   B. One character receives a surprising request from another character.
   C. One character reminisces about choices she has made over the years.
   D. One character criticize another character for pursuing the unexpected.
2. Which choice best describes the developmental pattern of the passage?
   A. A careful analysis of traditional practice.
   B. A detailed depiction of meaningful encounter.
   C. A definitive response to a series of question.
   D. A cheerful recounting of an amusing anecdote.
3. Which reaction does Akira most fear from Chie?
   A. She will consider his proposal as inappropriate.
   B. She will mistake his earnestness for immaturity.
   C. She will consider his unscheduled visit an imposition.
   D. She will underestimate the sincerity of his emotions.
4. In the passage, Akira address Chie with?
   A. Affection but not genuine love. C. Amusement but not mocking disparagement
   B. Objectivity but not complete impartiality. D. Respect but not utter deferenc
5. The main purpose of the first paragraph is to:
   A. Describe a culture C. Question a suggestion
   B. Criticize a tradition D. Analyze a reaction
6. As used in first paragraph, "form" (first line) most nearly means:
   A. Appearance. B. Custom C. Structure. D . Nature
7. Akira says his meeting with Chie is "a matter of urgency" (paragraph - 2). What does he mean by that?
   A. He fears that his own parents will disapprove of Naomi.
   B. He worries that Naomi will reject him and marry someone else.
   C. He has been offered an attractive job in another country.
   D. He knows that Chie is unaware of his feeling for Naomi.
8. "Chie heard her soft scuttling footsteps...." "HER" refers to who?
   A. Naomi B. Chie herself C. The maid D. The guest at the door

DIRECTION: FIND THE CONTEXTUAL MEANING OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM THE PASSAGE.

9. Preposterous (paragraph 3)
   A. ridiculous B. reversed C. incredible D. important

10. Scuttling (paragraph 1)
A. an act B. run furtively C. fetching D. hurrying
11. Earnestly (paragraph 2)
A. intensely serious C. shortly
B. sign D. promise
12. Tucked (paragraph 1)
A. turn under B. pull off C. stored D. settled
13. Receptive (paragraph 1)
A. able to consider new ideas C. an organ
B. willing D. ready to mate
14. Quilt (paragraph 1)
A. bed cover B. mattress C. join D. stitch
15. Startled (paragraph 3)
A. kicked C. struggled
B. cause to feel alarm D. felt sudden shock
16. Deferential (paragraph 2)
A. respectful B. . showing deference C. partial D. bowing
17. Pounded (paragraph 1)
A. defeated B. crushed C. hit D. strike
18. Glistening (paragraph 2)
A. shinning B. sparkling C. reflecting D. . greasy
19. Candidacy (paragraph 3)
A. nominee B. parasitic fungus C. proposal D. white
20. Heir (paragraph 3)
A. continued to work C. entitled to the property
B. gather D. yield
21. Ripe (paragraph 3)
A. ready for harvesting B. advanced C. pretty D. beautiful

VOCABULARY: SUBSTITUTION

DIRECTION: CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT BEST SUBSTITUTES THE CAPITALIZED WORD OR PHRASE.

22. Despite his wealth and growing power, Teddy remains AVARICIOUS man.
A. a humble B. greedy C. an irritable D. an intelligen
23. Some snakes are very PERILOUS, so you should take caution if you see one.
A. dangerous B.careful C. slippery D. favourabl
24. I cannot PAY FOR the price of a ticket, so I can't see the movie.
A. buy B. donate C. save D. afford
25. Although the desert gets very hot during the day, it's very CLAMMY at night.
A. dry B. cold C. humid D. . lonely
26. His FAR- SIGHTEDNESS meant a lot to the crowed.
A. ability to solve problems C. inability to see from short distance
B. ability to understand others D. understanding of possible consequences.
27. I took your remarks in GOOD PART.
A. with no hesitation C. at my departure
B. without being offended D. accepted more than half
28. They DELIBERATED UPON the issue before they made decisions.

A. carelessly handled
B. intentionally delayed
C. hurriedly discussed
D. carefully discussed

29. The commandos took DECISIVE measure to free the hostage.
A. quick. B. tentative C. hesitant D. desperate

30. I knew he was being SHADOWED.
A. secretly followed
B. kept in the opposition
C. kept in the dark
D. intentionally ignored

31. He never stops talking about her IMMACULATE behavior.
A. rude
B. acceptable
C. un-spoilt
D. disappointing

32. She now knows she can no longer COUNT ON you.
A. notice
B. keep attracted to
C. depend
D. ask for money

33. Even though I knew the rock weighed a lot, it was still NIMBLER than I thought it would be.
A. lighter B.larger C. heavier D. sharper

VOCABULARY: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTION: CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD/ PAIR OF WORD TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

34. The newspaper did not mention the.....of the damage caused by the fire.
A. range B. extent C. amount D. quantity

35. We could have provided him with a detached house but he.....asked for a small flat.
A. decidedly B. specifically C. strongly D. solely

36. He is quite.....and, therefore, easily.....
A. callow/ deceived.
B. lethal / perceived
C. weak/ conceived
D. limpid/ received

37. He always did well at school.....having his early education disrupted by illness.
A. on account of
B. in spite of
C. in addition to
D. even though

38. Computer technology will bring.....a revolution in business administration.
A. over B. across C. up D. about

GRAMMAR

DIRECTION: CHOOSE THE WORD/PHRASE THAT BEST COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

39. That man ____left leg was amputated, suffers from diabetes.
A. who B. which C. whose D. whom

40. Why is it that .....came to your party?
A. anyone B. someone C. no one D. even one

41. Neither of them.....interesting to me. Take them away.
A. are B. seem C. is D. Has

42. Having been .....the go all day, I got completely exhausted.
A. in B. . through C. on D. upon

43. I have hardly a coin. Can you please.....me some?
A. lend B. borrow C. take D. steal

44. He had to run for two hours so as.....
A. he can save his life.
B. to save his life
C. he could evade his enemies.
D. he should overcome his fears.

45. They .....anything since yesterday.
A. didn't eat
C. have never eaten

B. had never eaten D. will have never eaten

46. We have been expecting the book for months, but it has to come out.....
A. yet B. . by now C. still D. up to now

47. By the time he finishes his studies, he.....spent eight years on it.
A. will have B. has had C. could have D. might have

48. This question is a little.....the next one.
A. less difficult as C. as difficult as
B. difficult than D. less difficult than

49. I.....a college or a university by October 2009.
A. will join C. have joined
B. should join D. Will have joined

50. I found this question a bit.....the rest of the question.
A. easier than B. the easiest of C. easiest of D. so easy as

51. I would like to have .....reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
A. more B. The most C. a more D. the more

52. Gary is.....a better job because he is not earning enough now.
A. looking at B. looking in to C. looking on D. looking for

53. What they are doing is not relevant.....the instructions in the book. Better tell them to stop.
A. of B. about C. to D. with

54. It is now generally accepted that in the future robots will take over many of our tasks, especially the more.....type of jobs.
A. repetitive B. repeating C. repetition D. . repeated

55. What .....it actually like to wake up one day with more money than you can imagine?
A. does B. has C. is D. do

56. Do you find .....difficult to meet new people?
A. them B. it is C. they are D. it

57. They agreed amongst …….t hat they would not tell anyone.
A. themselves B. . himself C. ourselves D. yourself

58. These plants usually flowers in spring, …..won't if there frost.
A. but B. however C. nevertheless D. . otherwise

59. Enjoyed reading the story. It was rather sad, ……..
A. also B. but C. so D. though

60. Kemal is working as a detail assistant. What he does is ……people's
A. clean B. cleans C. cleaning D. . to clean

61. Tickets are required for admission……., those who don't have a ticket won't get in.
A. consequently C. similarly
B. rather D. subsequently

62. Desert flowers can be invisible for years…….appear suddenly after heavy rain.
A. actually, but C. consequently and
B. alternatively or D. nevertheless, so

63. What's a miracle? Well, popcorn's a miracle if you……know how it's made.
A. didn't B. don't C. won't D. wouldn't

64. Some of you may have already completed section one ……, you can go on to section two.
A. if so B. . if you do C. if you may D. if not

65. In summer, if my dad finished work early, he……..sometimes take us swimming.
A. is B. was C. will D. would
66. If you don't mind, I……..finish my coffee before we leave.
A. would B. would like C. would have D. would rather
67. If they'd…….just in more time, he'd have been able to do a better job.
A. give B. giving C. given D. gave

READING COMPREHENSION II

DIRECTION: READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Book clubs are a great way to meet new friends or keep in touch with old ones, while keeping up on your reading and participating in lively and intellectually stimulating discussions. If you're interested in starting a book club, you should consider the following options and recommendations.

The first thing you'll need are members. Before recruiting, think carefully about how many people you want to participate and also what the club's focus will be. For example, some book clubs focus exclusively on fiction, others read nonfiction. Some are even more specific, focusing only on a particular genre such as mysteries, science fiction, or romance. Others have a more flexible and open focus. All of these possibilities can make for a great club, but it is important to decide on a focus at the outset so the guidelines will be clear to the group and prospective member.

After setting the basic parameters, recruitment can begin. Notify friends and family, advertise in the local newspaper, and hang flyers on bulletin boards in local stores, colleges, libraries, and bookstores. When enough people express interest, schedule a kick-off meeting during which decisions will be made about specific guidelines that will ensure the club runs smoothly. This meeting will need to establish where the group will meet (rotating homes or a public venue such as a library or coffee shop); how often the group will meet, and on what day of the week and at what time; how long the meetings will be; how books will be chosen and by whom; who will lead the group (if anyone); and whether refreshments will be served and if so, who will supply them. By the end of this meeting, these guidelines should be set and a book selection and date for the first official meeting should be finalized.

Planning and running a book club is not without challenges, but when a book club is run effectively, the experience can be extremely rewarding for everyone involved.

68. Which of the following organizational patterns is the main one used in the passage?
A. chronological C. comparison-contrast
B. hierarchical D. cause and effect
69. According to the passage, when starting a book club, the first thing a person should do is
A. hang flyers in local establishments. C. decide on the focus and size of the club.
B. put an ad in a local newspaper. D. decide when and where the group will meet.
70. Which of the following would NOT be covered during the book club's kick-off meeting?
A. deciding on whether refreshments will be served
B. discussing and/or appointing a leader
C. choosing the club's first selection
D. identifying what kinds of books or genre will be the club's focus
71. A good title for this passage would be
A. Book Clubs: A Great Way to Make New Friends.
B. Starting a Successful Book Club: A Guide.
C. Five Easy Steps to Starting a Successful Book Club.
D. Reading in Groups: Sharing Knowledge, Nurturing Friendships.
72. Which of the following is NOT something that successful book clubs should do?
A. focus exclusively on one genre

B. have guidelines about where and when to meet
C. have a focus
D. decide how to choose and who will choose book selections

73. Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the passage?
A. Smaller groups are better for a variety of reasons.
B. The social aspect of book clubs is more important than the intellectual.
C. Starting your own book club is better than joining an existing one.
D. When starting and running a book club, a casual approach is risky.

WRITING I

DIRECTION: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

74. " Coffee was originally used as a food and a medicine by the Arabs, who cultivated it 1400 years ago in Yemen. It's uses as a drink we know today only began to spread after the year 1400."
This is most likely taken from a piece of writing that is: -
A. descriptive B. argumentative C. expository D. narrative

75. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive writing?
A. It is very tough to get to the tip of Mount Kilimanjaro.
B. At the tip of Mount Kilimanjaro, it's windy and very cold.
C. Many people think Mount Kilimanjaro is in Kenya but it is not.
D. It took us longer than we expected to get to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

76. "Why should the poor pay as much as the rich? First, the poor is already poor and nothing is to be drawn out of poverty. Second, there is also a moral question of whether it would be just to add another burden to this group already saddled with....."
This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:
A. descriptive B. expository C. narrative D. argumentative

77. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
A. "The frog," states an African proverb "doesn't jump without a reason."
B. "The frog," states an African proverb, "doesn't jump without a reason".
C. "The frog," states an African proverb, "doesn't jump without a reason."
D. The frog, " states an African proverb" doesn't jump without a reason."

78. Which one of the following words is WRONGLY spelt?
A. arguable. B. changeable. C. dyeing D. cognizance

79. "We were woken up at 5:30 each morning by the night warder and his bell. He shouted, 'Wake up! Get up!' We were not let out of our cells until 6:45. Before that we had to..."
This type of writing is likely taken from:
A. Science textbook B. Biography C. Recipe D. Autobiography

80. Which one of the following text is correctly punctuated?
A. What do you mean when you say "hypertension?"
B. What do you mean when you say "hypertension"?
C. What do you mean when you say, “hypertension?"
D. What do you mean when you say, "hypertension"?

81. "I am writing this letter in response to your advertisement of 12 September 2009 regarding..."
Which part of a formal letter does the line go in?
A. Salutation. B. Introduction C. Body. D. Closing

82. Which one of the following might NOT be among the issues to be explained in a letter of apologies to a customer?

A. What the mistake was?
B. How the mistake occurred?
C. When the mistake occurred?
D. Who committed the mistake?

83. Which one of the following is correctly punctuated?
A. He asked where are you going?
B. He asked, Where are you going?
C. He asked, "Where are you going?"
D. He asked, "Where are you going"?

WRITING II

DIRECTION: FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, A TOPIC SENTENCE IS GIVEN. TRY CHOOSING THE SENTENCE THAT BEST DEVELOPS OR SUPPORTS IT.

84. A fireplace should be lined with special fire bricks to prevent heat transfer.
A. Normal bricks are not dense enough to withstand excessive heat.
B. Fire codes also require a smoke alarm in every room.
C. Good up-drafts can make a pleasant fire, however.
D. Modern houses don't use as much lumber as older homes did.

85. Cosmetic plastic surgery is one of the fastest-growing segments of U.S. medicine.
A. Cosmetic plastic surgery can have dangerous side effects, some of which can be fatal.
B. Americans are eager to make their bodies as perfect as possible and to minimize the visible signs of aging.
C. The price of cosmetic plastic surgery is also on the rise.
D. This increase in cosmetic plastic surgery says something quite disturbing about our culture.

86. If a car suddenly begins to skid on ice, a driver's instinctive reaction might be the wrong one.
A. Skids can be a terrifying experience.
B. Cars can be very unpredictable on ice.
C. Many people instinctively turn the wheel in the wrong direction, making the skid worse.
D. New tires can help reduce the risk of skidding on ice.

87. The "lead" inside the common pencil is actually not lead at all.
A. Lead is commonly mined in Africa.
B. Pencils were invented in 1603 by William Ledbelly.
C. Even when sharpened, a pencil may not write as well as a pen.
D. The substance used in pencils today is graphite.

88. There is no instruction by the old bird in the movements of flight; no conscious imitation by the young.
A. The most obvious way in which birds differ from humans in behavior is that they can do all that they have to do, without ever being taught.
B. More extraordinary than the fact that a bird is able to fly untaught, is that it is able to build a nest untaught.
C. Young birds frequently make their first flights with their parents out of sight.
D. Young birds brought up in artificial environments will build the proper kind of nest for their species when the time comes.

89. Parents play an important role in their children's academic success.
A. Video games have a negative impact on children's academic success.
B. Studies show that children of parents who regularly assist with homework and show an active interest in their child's studies bring home better grades.
C. Studies show that watching less television and spending less time playing video games help children get better grades.
D. Children who are avid readers get much better grades than their peers.

MECHANICS

DIRECTION: CHOOSE THE ONE UNDERLINED EXPRESSION (A, B, C, OR D) THAT MUST BE CHANGED IN ORDER TO CORRECT THESE SENTENCES.

90. My neighbor used to say, 'How about <u>helping</u> me carry this?' or 'Give me a hand with this, <u>would</u> you?', but at

A B

no time he asked me if I ever needed help with anything.

C D

91. I'm not trying to work more, quite often I have no time for lunch or I don't have much of an appetite, so I

A B C

take no longer a whole hour for lunch break.

D

92. I told Sara that it wasn't my party. I explained that it was my brother's party, so none of my friends

A

had been invited. I guess she didn't believe me because her first question was, 'Why you didn't invite me to the

B C D

party?'

93. We thought flying would be faster, but when Tesema suggested she go by train Megersa realized

A B

she had enough time and she will be able to see all the small towns along the way.

C D

94. Because I suspected that our bill was too high, I asked our waiter if he would check it again and he

A B

agreed me there had been a mistake.

C D

95. Aster and Yakob said that they'd seen most of the Bishoftu on their trip and they both mentioned that

A B

every city center was starting to look the same, with only a few exceptions.

C D

96. When he said they weren't going to get engaged because they were getting married right away, I assumed he

A B

wasn't already, get married but I didn't know he had just got divorced that day.

C D

97. No one died, but four people were injured and had to be taken to hospital after a small plane was crashed near

A B C D

Dublin last night.

98. The main door couldn't be opened. It had been locked by a special key that the caretaker didn't have. He

A B C

had been given a large set of keys, but none of them fitted the main door.

D

99. The sign said parking was prohibited but my car wasn't left there more than five minutes while I ran to pick up

A B

the shoes were repaired at Nejo, but was given a parking ticket anyway.

C D

100. A new company has taken over the office which located next to yours and it's going to be redecorated after it's

A B C

been cleaned up a bit.