Section One: Reading Comprehension
Direction: Questions (1-18) are based on the following reading passage. Read the text carefully and answer the questions according to the information therein. Each question has four choices, A-D. Choose the best alternative.

Measuring Reading Speed on E-Readers Teaches Us That Speed Isn't Usability
SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FROM ITS ORIGINAL FORMAT IN A POST BY KENT ANDERSON - JULY 13, 2010

E-readers have been the talk of the town for a few years now, from the **dowdy** but effective Kindle to the gorgeous but **flinty** iPad. The rates of adoption of these devices and the market share they've laid claim to have been surprising, and indicate that the e-reader is here to stay. But is e-reading coming at a price in productivity? Do we lose time when reading electronically, even on devices made for reading?

Jakob Nielsen recently measured the reading speeds for people using tablets like the iPad and e-readers like the Kindle versus good old paper. The upshot? The iPad measured at 6.2% lower reading speed than the printed book, whereas the Kindle measured at 10.7% slower than print. However, the difference between the two devices was not statistically significant because of the data's fairly high variability.

Hallelujah, the printers shout! Finally, proof that good old paper **trumps** these **newfangled** electronic reading devices. It's faster, after all. That's got to be of huge significance in a world looking for more productivity from its people.

Um, wait before you pop the bubbly . . .

First, note the internal caution Nielsen puts on the findings — not statistically significant. Why? Because of the data's "fairly high variability." But more importantly, reading quickly isn't the same as usability. And this is a crucial difference, it turns out. Devices like the iPad and the Kindle are usable for many different things. A Kindle can be used to read newspapers, books, blogs, and personal documents. An iPad can be used to browse the Web, read email, and many other things. A book, meanwhile, can really only be used for reading and personal note-taking. Most importantly, a book can only be used for reading the book that's printed on its pages. This is a vital limitation to books which devastates their usability. Tony Bradley makes this point well in a post at MacWorld, in which he begins:

While the study seems to suggest that tablet reading devices are inferior to printed books for consuming the written word, it does not account for the convenience and overall higher reading volume made possible by devices like the iPad.

Carrying an iPad or Kindle, I can read many things in many formats, all on the same device. I may read **marginally** more slowly for extended passages, but I'll probably do more reading overall on one of these devices, especially if I'm traveling, busy, or shifting settings. Having recently spent a vacation outside the US, the Kindle's international delivery of books allowed me to purchase two new books while traveling — books I never would have found locally. I read more because of this. I could acquire these books without adding to my luggage. I paid less than for physical books. Does the fact upset me that, on average, I might read 100 e-pages while you read 110 in print? Good luck keeping up with me if I'm reading while you're out shopping in a foreign country for an English-language book — or waiting for your printed book to ship. Reading speed is different than productivity.

And Nielsen's study begs the question, is slower reading such a bad thing? Is **skidding** across the words what we want to do? Is speed-reading really the goal of reading extended passages? A friend of mine years ago insisted that he didn't proceed beyond a sentence until he was sure he understood it. He read slowly, savoring each idea. And he was **awfully** smart. When I'm in a particularly **dense** book, I think of him, and I slow down.

Is reading really something we want to turn into a hot-dog eating contest? I think not. So, while the study has some limited interest, let's remember that the goal isn't the number of words consumed, but the quality of the ideas transmitted and the fidelity with which they're received.

1. What indication is there to hint that e-readers are here to stay?
   A) The lower reading speed rates registered with e-readers
   B) The fact that these devices are electronic
   C) The market share these devices have claimed
   D) Their popularity among the young generation
2. What question is this passage written to address?
   A) Is the e-reader worth its high price?
   B) Do we read better using e-readers than books?
   C) How fast can we read using e-readers?
   D) What are the benefits of books over e-readers?
3. What probable reason has been given in the passage to account for the emphasis given to reading speed?
   A) The speed with which we read is the most important thing.
   B) Speed is significant because we live in a world that is looking for more productivity from its people.
   C) Understanding can take place when one can read fast.
   D) Our reading speed shows how smart we are.

4. Which statement best describes Nielsen's findings and his conclusion after performing his measurements?
   A) E-readers are not a viable replacement for books because they are slower.
   B) Books still are the best means of doing reading due to their higher reading speed rates.
   C) The iPad is slightly better for reading than the Kindle since it allows faster reading.
   D) Although slightly slower, e-readers are better for reading because of the higher volume of reading they allow.
5. What does the high variability of Jakob Nielsen's measurement data signify?
   A) There is a huge difference between reading on e-readers and books.
   B) There isn't that much difference between the iPad and the Kindle when it comes to reading.
   C) We can't say books are better than e-readers because we don't have constant data.
   D) There isn't a constant data for the iPad and the Kindle; thus we can't take the analysis seriously.
6. Based on what has been said in the passage, which one of the following statements is probably less accurately about the author?
   A) He is an American.
   B) He prefers e-readers to books.
   C) He thinks the Kindle is better than the iPad.
   D) He is not very concerned about slower reading speed.
7. What advantages does the book have over the e-reader?
   A) It is accessible anywhere in the word.
   B) It adds to our luggage when we travel.
   C) It allows a faster reading speed than the e-reader.
   D) It can only be used for reading one type of content.
8. A person who does his reading on an e-reader would benefit more than the person who readers books in all of the following except one. Which one?
   A) He would be able to purchase books more cheaply.
   B) He would be able to read more content.
   C) He would be able consume information faster.
   D) He would be able to take with him more books when he travels.
9. One of the following questions is used in the passage to express the idea that reading should not be done hastily - just to finish the reading - but slowly and enjoying and understanding its contents fully. Which one?
   A) Is reading really something we want to turn into a hot-dog eating contest?
   B) Is slower reading such a bad thing?
   C) Is e-reading coming at a price in productivity?
   D) Does the fact upset me that, on average, I might read 100 e-pages while you read 110 in print?

10. Which one of the following can be taken as a weakness in the author's main argument in the passage?
    A) He provided data from an actual measurement and the opinions of the person who did the research to support this claim.
    B) He cited his own experience to show the advantage of e-readers in support of his argument.
    C) He based his argument on one research to prove his point may be ignoring other studies.
    D) He accepted points that weigh against his claim and proceeded to show how they are insignificant.

Direction: Choose the alternative that best defines the given word as it is used in the context of the passage.

11. 'trumps'; paragraph 3;
    A) winner
    B) outperforms
    C) is faster
    D) is easier
12. 'dowdy'; paragraph 1;
    A) inefficient
    B) excellent
    C) old-fashioned
    D) operational
13. 'skidding'; paragraph 8;
    A) dragging slowly
    B) stuttering and moving disorderly
    C) moving uncontrollably fast
    D) halting without movement
14. 'dense'; paragraph 8;
    A) with small letters and condensed
    B) with many pages and heavy print
    C) heavy to carry and with hard cover
    D) with ideas difficult to understand
15. 'flinty'; paragraph 1;
    A) boring and dull
    B) useless and wasteful
    C) unemotional and inflexible
    D) beautiful but unintelligent
16. 'awfully'; paragraph 8;
    A) unpleasantly
    B) horrifically
    C) surprisingly
    D) extremely
17. 'newfangled'; paragraph 3;
    A) new and innovative
    B) dangerous and harmful
    C) dated but useful
    D) modern but dangerous
18. 'marginally'; paragraph 7;
    A) significantly
    B) hardly
    C) definitely
    D) slightly

Section Two: Grammar and Usage

Directions: The following questions contain incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words or phrases, A–D, given below each question. Choose the word that best completes the sentences.

19. Many International organizations like USAID and OXFAM _____ in Ethiopia since 1984 in areas affected by malnutrition and epidemics and areas of conflict.
    A) have worked
    B) worked
    C) had worked
    D) were working
20. That legacy _____ at the University of Cambridge in 1953 when doctorial students Francis Crick and James Watson _____ DNA's double –helix structure, forever reshaping our understanding of human biology.
    A) began/were cracked
    B) began/cracked
    C) was began/were cracked
    D) began/have cracked
21. His girl friend got her first degree in Biology two years ago. Now, she's thinking of going back to university and taking a/an _____course in the field of Genetics Engineering.
    A) pregraduate
    B) undergraduate
    C) postgraduate
    D) regraduate
22. She works for a/an _____ company. It has offices in over 30 countries.
    A) multinational
    B) international
    C) binational
    D) intranational
23. Many people _____ tried to complete the game, but no-one has succeeded so far.
    A) did
    B) have been
    C) were
    D) have
24. That stupid dog _____ all day long.
    A) does always bark
    B) always is barking
    C) had always barked
    D) is always barking
25. In many countries of the world, _____ progress happens very quickly these days.
    A) technological
    B) technology
    C) technologically
    D) technolgicaliy
26. The international campaign to eradicate polio, which _____ 2.5 billion people since it began in 1988, has faced one setback after another.
    A) has been vaccinated
    B) has vaccinated
    C) vaccinated
    D) was vaccinated
27. Many of you should take the blame. I feel you are the main cause for the _____ of the concert.
    A) delayance
    B) delayed
    C) misdelay
    D) delay
28. There is too_____ noise, I cannot hear myself think!
    A) little B) many C) much D) plenty of

29. In Africa, signature species like lion, rhino, elephant and cheetah _____at an alarming rate while the habitats they once _____are shrinking rapidly; however, there are still Islands of biodiversity across the continent mainly in East and Southern Africa.
   A) are disappearing/roamed
   B) were disappearing/roamed
   C) disappeared/were roamed
   D) are disappearing/are roamed
30. Most of the Grade 12 students at EPS _____ their entrance exams in May. They are studying day and night.
   A) are unlikely to pass
   B) are likely to pass
   C) will definitely pass
   D) are absolutely to pass
31. They will not let you _____ the supermarket before you pay.
   A) leave
   B) to leave
   C) to have left
   D) left
32. I have three brothers and _____ of them are slim, but both of my two sisters are slim and pretty.
   A) all
   B) no
   C) none
   D) neither
33. Our teacher _____ us _____ our homework; we do it because it is important.
   A) does not make/do
   B) makes/to do
   C) does not make/ to do
   D) has been made/do
34. They have done _____ courses in running a business. That is why their business is not as effective as expected.
   A) none
   B) no
   C) not
   D) some
35. His boy is very dull and has made _____ progress in his lessons.
   A) a little
   B) few
   C) much
   D) little
36. Melaku and Chaltu were made _____ in police station as they are found to be suspected thefts.
   A) to stay
   B) stay
   C) to staying
   D) stayed
37. My recipe requires _____ salt and _____ eggs than yours.
   A) less/less
   B) less/fewer
   C) fewer/fewer
   D) fewer/less
38. We don't know who messed up the school hall. The head teacher is waiting for someone to_____ who can then clear it up.
   A) own up
   B) pull up
   C) speak up
   D) look up
39. While my wife and I _____for the bus, we _____two of our friends.
   A) was waiting /met
   B) were waiting/met
   C) have waited/met
   D) waited/were meeting
40. Drone footage shows new _____ in historic Syrian city of Palmyra.
   A) destruction
   B) destructive
   C) destructed
   D) destructing

41. The passive form of the sentence, "His wife upbraided him for his irresponsible handling of family finance." is _____
   A) He had upbraided by his wife for his irresponsible handling of the family finance.
   B) He was upbraided by his wife for his irresponsible handling of the family finance.
   C) He has upbraided by his wife for his irresponsible handling of the family finance.
   D) He has been upbraided by his wife for his irresponsible handling of the family finance.
42. I didn't finish the book because I was _____ in the subject.
   A) disinterested
   B) uninterested
   C) misintrested
   D) ilintrested
43. When I arrive at the station, the bus_____.
   A) had already left
   B) has already left
   C) was already left
   D) would already left
44. The man was accused of getting a credit card using a(n) _____ name.
   A) imaginary
   B) fictitious
   C) fictional
   D) unimaginery
45. A flood warning _____ for the south-western region earlier today.
   A) was issued
   B) issued
   C) is being issued
   D) was being issued
46. The girls found _____ oranges on the tree, so they picked what was there.
   A) a little
   B) much
   C) a few
   D) no
47. Whenever you get difficult words in reading texts, try to work out what they mean using the context clues which might appear within the text itself. Never keep ___words in a dictionary.
   A) looking into
   B) looking up
   C) looking forward
   D) looking at
48. There appears to be an amendment made to the investment policy. However, we are not sure of who the major _____ is.
   A) benefit
   B) beneficent
   C) beneficial
   D) beneficiary
49. After they _____ doing the first exam, they started the second one.
   A) are finished
   B) have finished
   C) were finished
   D) had finished
50. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
   A) The ferocious big black bear threatened our hiking party.
   B) The big ferocious black bear threatened our hiking party.
   C) The black ferocious big bear threatened our hiking party.
   D) The black big ferocious bear threatened our hiking party.

51.I sometimes wish that my wife _____ a member of Kebele Women's Association.

A) will be
B) weren't
C) shouldn't be
D) should be

52.I haven't seen that dress before. It _____ a new one.

A) can't be
B) will be
C) must be
D) may be

53.I don't think that shirt is going to fit him. Have you forgotten how _____ his shoulders are?

A) big
B) broad
C) long
D) vast

54.The man, along with his neighbors, _____ to the local meeting.

A) are coming
B) come
C) is coming
D) were coming

55.By the end of the semester, I _____ my college preparatory classes.

A) will finish
B) have finished
C) will have finished
D) finished

56.He often goes to the countryside _____ horseback.

A) with
B) on
C) in
D) by

57.I am left with very_____ patience; I won't tolerate you anymore.

A) little
B) much
C) few
D) less

58.If you hadn't passed this exam, your English teacher _____ angry with you.

A) is going to be
B) would be
C) will be
D) would have been

59.Excuse me Ato Lemma, would you mind _____ what you have just said?

A) to repeat
B) for repeating
C) repeating
D) to repeating

60._____ do you like to work with, Tariku or Tadesse?

A) Whose
B) Who
C) Where
D) When

61._____, the teacher decided to cancel today's class.

A) As so many students absent
B) Because so many students absent
C) For so many students absent
D) With so many student absent

62.The sweets are to be shared _____ the five children.

A) between
B) among
C) with
D) against

63.I would have scored above 600 in the national exam if I _____ very well.

A) would study
B) studied
C) had studied
D) have studied

64.You can buy almost anything in this supermarket; _____, it has a restaurant serving good cheap meals.

A) however
B) meanwhile
C) otherwise
D) moreover

65.Thirty more people _____ last week.

A) were laid off
B) were lied off
C) were layed off
D) were laying off

66.Only one of the following statements is grammatically viable. Which one?

A) Did you hear one of our passengers is wanted by the police?
B) Did one of our passengers wanted by the police, you heard?
C) You heard is one of our passengers wanted by the police?
D) Did you hear the police is wanted one of our passengers?

67.Which one of the following is meaningfully incorrect?

A) He was so pleased with my work that he offered me a permanent post at his office.
B) My work was so great that I was offered a permanent post at the office.
C) I was offered a permanent post at the office because my work was so pleasing.
D) He was too pleased with my work to offer me a permanent post at his office.

68.All this inconvenience _____ by this money.

A) will made up for
B) will being made up for
C) will been made up for
D) will be made up for

69.His brothers are not interested in sports, and _____.

A) nor are mine
B) mine aren't neither
C) neither are my
D) my aren't either

70.I have _____ having a dictionary at hand and can't write essays without it.

A) grown accustomed to
B) became accustomed to
C) grown accustomed with
D) become accustomed with

71.I'm going to go out and _____.

A) have cut my hair
B) have my hair cut
C) let my hair cut
D) got my hair cut

72.I couldn't let him do whatever he wants to do now, _____?

A) do I
B) can I
C) could I
D) don't I

73.I desperately need some help, Captain. Can you please send me your _____ detectives to help out?

A) better
B) the better
C) best
D) the best

74.I'm sorry you got thrown out of the test, but you _____ your cellphone into the examination room. You know it's forbidden.

A) mustn't have brought
B) should have brought
C) oughtn't to have brought
D) needn't have brought

75._____ in this school since the beginning of the year.

A) He was working
B) He has been working
C) He is working
D) He works

76.It's either the teacher or the students that_____ to blame for the poor grades this semester.

A) is
B) are
C) was
D) have been

77.This wind is _____ the roof off.

A) too strong to blow
B) very strong that to blow
C) strong enough to blow
D) enough strong to blow

78.My mother wanted to know _____

A) that where was i going.
B) where I was going.
C) if I was going where.
D) whether I was going where.

79.I was very scared when the dog came running at me, but he told me _____ a person sitting.

A) a dog didn't bite
B) dog wouldn't bite
C) dog won't bite
D) dogs don't bite

80.Ketema has no intention _____ going to university. He's always wanted to start his own business early.

A) to goo
B) of going
C) to going
D) for going

Direction: Choose the alternative which is the same or nearly the same in meaning with the original sentence.

81. He is not likely to be re-elected if he continues to avoid important decisions.
    A) He likes to avoid important decisions.
    B) He thinks it is important that an election should be held.
    C) He will continue the discussions when he is re-elected.
    D) He probably won't be re-elected because he won't make decisions.

82.My son, unlike the son of my wife's college roommate and longtime friend, hardly manages his studies.

A) My son fails in his studies.
B) My wife has a friend whose son is not doing very well in his studies.
C) My son is not doing very well in his education.
D) Both the sons of my wife's longtime friend and her college roommate are clever students.

83.Despite his having had the shirt cleaned, still there is dirt on it.

A) He cleaned his shirt, but there is still dirt on it.
B) Though he cleaned his shirt, there was dirt on it.
C) Since somebody cleaned his shirt, there was not dirt on it.
D) Even though somebody cleaned his shirt, there is still dirt on it.

84. Alebachew remembered faxing the mail before he left the office.

A) He remembered to fax the mail before leaving.
B) He remembered that he had faxed the mail before he left.
C) He remembers faxing the mail but not leaving.
D) The mail may have been faxed, but he doesn't remember it.

85.He has been writing a book for the last two years.

A) He finished writing a book two years ago.
B) His finished the book two years ago.
C) He started writing a book two years ago and he is still working on it.
D) He started writing a book two years ago and he just finished it last year.

86.As a child, my parents took me to Chicago to visit my grandfather.

A) My parents took me to Chicago to visit my grandfather when they were a child.
B) My parents took me to Chicago to visit my grandfather since I was a child.
C) My parents took me to Chicago to visit my grandfather because I was a child.
D) My parents took me to Chicago to visit my grandfather when I was a child.

87.No sooner had the bell rung than the students rushed out.

A) The students rushed out and at once the bell rang.
B) As soon as the students rushed out the bell rang.
C) The bell rang, and immediately, the students rushed out.
D) The bell didn't ring in time, so the students rushed out.

88.Very few countries in Africa are growing faster than Ethiopia these days.

A) Many countries in Africa are growing very fast like Ethiopia these days.
B) Ethiopia has the fastest growth registered in Africa these days.
C) Presently, Ethiopia is one of the fastest growing countries in Africa.
D) Only a few countries are growing fast in Africa, and Ethiopia is one of them.

89.She must have had her bonus to afford such an extravagant vacation.

A) She is going on a vacation with the bonus she recently received.
B) She has received her bonus and is going on a vacation.
C) She is going to get her bonus which she plans to use for her vacation.
D) She would not have gone on a vacation if she has not received her bonus.

Section Three: Communications (Speaking Skills)
Direction: Below are given a set of dialogues. Study the context in each one and choose from the alternatives (A – D), that best completes the dialogue.

90. Genet: I wonder where Selam is.
    Almaz: I _____ she's still on the phone.
    A) don't know
    B) don't care
    C) imagine
    D) doubt

91. Stranger: How can I get to the Airport, please?
    You: Go straight. Turn right and _____.
    A) there is it
    B) you will admire it
    C) you can't miss it
    D) that it is

92. Tourist: Excuse me; do you know where I can change some of my dollars?
    Passer by: _____
    A) Yes, the nearest bank is round that corner.
    B) Sorry, I don't change dollars.
    C) Yes, I do.
    D) Sure, what do you want me to do?

93. Your friend: Tafesse's grandmother passed away this morning.
    You: _____.Really?
    A) Grandmothers are old, aren't they?
    B) It it serious?
    C) How sad!
    D) Does he know?

94. Samson: Tea?
    Yilma: _____.
    A) What? I don't understand.
    B) I'm sorry, but I don't have tea.
    C) It smells wonderful, doesn't it?
    D) Yes, please. Thank you.

95. Student: How soon can I get my new ID?
    Coordinator: You will have to wait till we finish processing your personal information.
    Student: _____
    A) And how long is that going to take?
    B) Why would that take long?
    C) Can you finish that fast then?
    D) You people are always so slow. Can you hurry it up, please?

96. Mother: Do you mind watching the kids while I go get some groceries?
    Daughter: _____
    A) Not at all. I'm busy with my paper.
    B) Sorry. I've got nothing to do anyways.
    C) Yes, of course. I'd be happy too.
    D) Sure thing. Don't worry about it.

97. Employee: I'm sorry if I caused you any trouble with my comments.
His boss: _____. You only told the truth.

A) You're welcome
B) Don't mention it
C) No worries
D) That's all

98. Customer: Do you have a charger for Samsung phones? My battery just died.
Shopkeeper: _____

A) I'm afraid we're fresh out of those.
B) Yes, but we sold the last one just yesterday.
C) I'm sorry we meant to keep those in stock.
D) Of course, sir. We'll have one ready for you by tomorrow.

99. A stranger: Excuse me, sir. Would you by any chance know a Mr. Peterson in this neighborhood? I was supposed to be at his house for son's birthday, but I got my directions mixed up.
Passerby: _____

A) Sure, but I don't live around here myself.
B) I don't know the neighborhood that well I'm afraid.
C) You must be mistaken. I don't know everyone in this neighborhood.
D) I'm not sure I know anyone by that name. Who did you say you were?

100. Sara: Hello. Why aren't you here already? We started the party half an hour ago.
Baye: _____

A) I'm afraid I'm lost. Did you say to take the first or second turn?
B) The directions you gave me are spot on. I don't know where I am.
C) I'm very close. I'll be there as soon as I find your house.
D) I'm on my way. Can you please show me where your house is?

101. Foreigner: _____
Shopkeeper: There is a bank at the main square.

A) Do you accept foreign currency here?
B) Where can I change my foreign currency?
C) I'm afraid I don't have any local currency.
D) How much is that in local currency?

102. Company owner: We have too many expenses. We should lay off some of our workers.
Company Manager: I couldn't agree more. _____

A) We have too many workers with too little responsibilities.
B) Whatever little profit we have depends on our workers.
C) We can't put our employees out of work; what will they eat?
D) That'll be against a lot of labor laws.

103. Person A: _____
Person B: You were in violation of several regulations. I'm afraid I'm going to have to book you.
   A) What did I do wrong, officer?
   B) Can I have a room for the night?
   C) How soon can I get a table, please?
   D) Why can't I borrow this book? I'm a member of the library.

104. A: I'm sorry for your loss. Your grandfather was a great man. He'll be missed.
B: Thank you. _____
   A) I agree with you.
   B) I couldn't agree more.
   C) You are kind to say that.
   D) Obviously. Did you know him well?

105. A: I think Donald Trump would make a great president.
B: _____
(Which one would be an appropriate response in a formal debate?)
   A) I couldn't agree more. I think he'll ruin the US and the world.
   B) Based on what? His narcissistic comments? I'd say he'd be a disaster.
   C) I respectfully disagree. You're saying that because you're a racist.
   D) Considering his racist comments and lack of experience, I incline to disagree with you.

106. A: What's happened to the dog? It's throwing up, and it looks very ill and looks weary.
B: I've no idea. _____
   A) It must've eaten something bad.
   B) It has eaten something bad.
   C) It could've eaten something bad.
   D) It should've eaten something bad.

107. A: Frequent droughts have affected parts of Ethiopia severely.
_____
B: A lot actually. It's caused economic stagnation, not to mention the devastation it's caused in terms of malnutrition and lives lost.
   A) Why do you think that is?
   B) I wonder how that has affected the people.
   C) How much of an effect did that have on the country?
   D) I'm sure that's put some pressure on the economy.

108. A: Do you think Alem would be able to make to the party?
B: _____. She said she'd be busy all weekend.
   A) I think so
   B) Indefinitely
   C) I can't say
   D) Most certainly

109. A: I'd been feeling worse and worse all week, so finally I decided to see a doctor. That is when I learned I need surgery.
B: _____
A) I'm sorry about that, but what can you do, right? Anyway, break a leg.
B) That is terrible! Surgeries are terrifying! How're you handling it?
C) Oh no! That doesn't sound good at all. I had a friend who died during surgery.
D) That's awful! But I'm sure you'll be back on your feet in not time.

110. A: Chairman, I think the problem is in human error. If the people handling the project hadn't…
B: _____You can't just accuse people without evidence!
A) If you don't mind me interrupting you,
B) Wait just a moment!
C) How dare you!
D) Excuse me?

111. A: I hear you've been promoted. Congratulations! I can think of no one more deserving.
B: _____
A) Yes, indeed you're right. Thank you.
B) Oh, that's nothing. All in a day's work.
C) Oh, I'm sure that's not true, but thanks.
D) Thank you. The boss truly knows his employees.Z

Section Four: Vocabulary
Completion
Direction: For the following questions choose the best word to complete the given sentences.

112. We are not sure of the number of causalities, but we heard there was a _____ on the way to Gojam.
A) danger
B) collision
C) calamity
D) coalition

113. We had to work within the _____ that had already been established.
A) arbitrary
B) legislature
C) Parameters
D) transcends

114. Habitamu has already finished his experiment, and is ready to _____ the final results of his experiment as the college ordered him to do so soon.
A) write back
B) write down
C) write in
D) write up

115. Ekram was _____ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.
A) indispensable
B) indiscriminate
C) commensurate
D) indisputable

116. Mary became _____ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.
A) proficient
B) reflective
C) redundant
D) valiant

117. To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to _____ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.
A) prescribe
B) probe
C) converge
D) revere

118. The children were _____by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.
A) censured
B) manufactured
C) prevaricated
D) confused

119. The soldiers received a military _____ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.
A) allotment
B) dominion
C) affectation
D) mandate

120. Jackson's poor typing skills were a _____ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.
A) benefit
B) hindrance
C) partiality
D) temptation

121. The high-profile company CEO was given an _____ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.
A) expiation
B) honorarium
C) inoculation
D) interpretation

122. The events of the evening _____ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.
A) expired
B) transpired
C) retired
D) ensured

123. The student failed his research paper because he chose to _____ material from another author's work.
A) authorize
B) stimulate
C) overrule
D) plagiarize

124. The employee's claim of being out with the flu did not seem very _____ because he returned from sick leave with a deep tan.
A) inattentive
B) tactful
C) plausible
D) vulnerable

125. As she walked through the halls of her old grade school, Madeline became _____, remembering her old friends and teachers.
A) nostalgic
B) credulous
C) precocious
D) ambitious

126. We knew Jana had _____ motives for running for class president: She wanted the nearby parking space that came with the office.
A) anterior
B) interior
C) inferior
D) ulterior

127. We could not describe the scene before us; it was filled with such _____ beauty.
   A) inexorable
   B) unutterable
   C) uproarious
   D) fretful
128. The subject matter was _____ because the mumbling professor spoke too quickly.
   A) obscure
   B) treacherous
   C) vital
   D) maximized
129. The drama workshop's efforts _____ in the final production of a play written, directed, and acted by the students for the entire school.
   A) finalized
   B) languished
   C) discerned
   D) culminated
130. During his many years of hard work, Paul was promoted several times and began to rise through the bank's _____ of employees.
   A) declassification
   B) surplus
   C) hierarchy
   D) principality
131. It had rained all afternoon, but the fans were still _____ that the baseball game would still be played.
   A) pessimistic
   B) sadistic
   C) optimistic
   D) domineering

Substitution:

Direction: For the following questions choose the option that is the same or nearly the same in meaning with the underlined words/phrases in each sentence.

132. He made **<u>an allusion</u>** to marital problems to suggest solutions.
   A) a reference
   B) an Attempt
   C) a Deception
   D) a mockery
133. Abstract painting, once thought **<u>deviant</u>**, are now very commonplace.
   A) divided
   B) different
   C) customary
   D) offensive
134. We were served **<u>sumptuous</u>** lunches at the end of the seminar last Saturday.
   A) meager
   B) poor
   C) satisfaction
   D) expensive and grand
135. Some individuals always like to **<u>denigrate</u>** the intellectual capacity of women.
   A) upgrade
   B) declare as unimportant
   C) appreciate publicly
   D) promote widely
136. I was **<u>dismayed</u>** to hear that he's had an accident.
   A) surprised
   B) saddened
   C) confused
   D) disapproved
137. The Nigerian government is **<u>mobilizing</u>** its military to find and free the abducted school girls.
   A) recruiting
   B) moving
   C) transporting
   D) rallying

138. He wasn't prepared for the meeting and had to come up with a **bogus** excuse to explain his failures. Expectedly, none of his employers believed him.
   A) bold B) clever C) unfair D) false
139. Despite the **rhetoric** about how there has been a significant reduction of new infections of HIV in Africa, millions of people still live with the virus.
   A) talk C) truth
   B) deception D) history
140. A friend of mine believes the price of most goods is rising because the stores are **hoarding** them. He said the shop owners store these items until the price has increased significantly so that they can make a lot of profit.
   A) sell for very high price
   B) lie about the price of something
   C) accumulating something secretly
   D) taking advantage of something
141. The treaty was not signed because one of the **signatories** needed some changes in some of its articles.
   A) someone hosting the treaty
   B) someone taking part in the treaty
   C) someone witnessing the treaty
   D) someone drafting the treaty
142. The queen **abdicated** the throne due to poor health and her some became king.
   A) died C) refused power
   B) was made illegitimate D) was enthroned
143. We were offered cakes **garnished** beautifully with slices of fruits.
   A) decorated C) offered with
   B) made from D) hidden under
144. Near the construction site several idle people were **looking on** the busy laborers.
   A) admiring happily C) examining closely
   B) watching inactively D) supporting morally
145. It was his **self-serving** practice at work that finally got him fired. The manager didn't have any patience for employees who put themselves before the good of the company.
   A) self-motivated C) self-driven
   B) self-confidence D) self-centered
146. You should buy only things you need. Leave luxury items to when you have **disposable** income.
   A) throwaway C) reusable
   B) nonrefundable D) spare

Section Five: Writing

Direction: Read the questions carefully and choose the alternative that best answers each question according to specific instructions for each one of them.

147. A letter which includes the statements, "We shall communicate the exact amount the purchase to you upon a written request…" is _____.
    A) a personal letter
    B) a cover letter
    C) a business letter
    D) a letter of application
148. Which part of a business letter contains the title of the writer?
    A) the introduction
    B) the body
    C) the signature
    D) the salutation
149. 'Despite the fact that they were losing day light, they were determined to reach the town before they stop for rest. They knew if they were caught by night in the middle of the jungle, they might be putting their lives at risk. However, their desperation to reach to the aid of their countrymen was driving these men onwards. 'This type of writing is commonly found in;
    A) argumentation
    B) description
    C) exposition
    D) narration
150. Of the following, one is more commonly used in news article titles. Which one?
    A) The police have captured the three suspects in the murder case.
    B) Police captures murder suspects
    C) The police captured suspects of the murder case.
    D) The police announced the capture of suspects.
151. Which one of the following can be a topic sentence for the rest if all the sentences were all part of the same paragraph?
    A) This is partly due to rapid melting of the polar icecaps.
    B) There are, however, other factors involved.
    C) Deforestation is also a major contributor in this.
    D) Global warming is picking up speed.
152. The sentence "Many think that genetically engineered crops are a grave danger to the environment." is likely taken from_____
    A) an argumentative writing
    B) a descriptive writing
    C) a narrative writing
    D) an expository writing
153. She was a big, awkward woman, with big bones and hard, rubbery flesh. Her short arms ended in ham hands, and her neck was a squat roll of fat that protruded behind her neck as a big bump. Her skin … This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:
    A) narrative
    B) expository
    C) descriptive
    D) argumentative

154. Every person is a unique collection of opinions, tastes, ideas, and beliefs. No two people like exactly the same things or feel precisely the same way about an issue. Yet there is one thing that all people enjoy, and which is an important part of everyone's life -music. Music is a universal art that ignores boundaries of age, culture, and time.

This is most likely taken from the _____ part of well organized essay.

A) introduction
B) conclusion
C) body
D) detail

155. To close a letter to a manager, the most appropriate word is _____.

A) Love,
B) Best regards,
C) Dear Sir,
D) Thank you,

156. Many have tried to define literature, but a comprehensive definition is yet to come. However, what most experts of the field agree upon is that an apt definition of literature must focus on the language being used. They say literature is any piece of work that employs creative and artistic language. This piece of text is;

A) expository
B) narrative
C) argumentative
D) persuasive

Jumbled paragraphs

The following sentences, if put in the right order, would give a coherent paragraph. A set of possible orders are given below. Choose the correct order.

157. 1) Whereas trade deficit describes the opposite situation.
2) They say for a country to prosper rapidly, it must maintain a trade surplus for a period of time.
3) Trade surplus explains a business scenario where a country sells more goods to others than it buys.
4) Economists use the terms trade 'deficit' and 'surplus' to explain economic trends in a country.
5) It is because of this trend, they say, China developed so fast.

A) 43125
B) 12543
C) 32145
D) 34215

158. 1) Failures, however, are not something to dread so much.
2) Most people hate and fear failures very much.
3) They can be a blessing if we manage to use them.
4) They can help us learn a great deal and make real progress.
5) They are part of life and proof that we are doing something to achieve our goals.

A) 12345
B) 21345
C) 23145
D) 51342

159. 1) Synonyms, words that have the same meaning, do not always have the same emotional meaning.
2) Similarly, a person wants to be slender but not skinny, aggressive but not pushy.
3) For example, the words stingy and frugal both mean "careful with money."
4) Therefore, you should be careful in choosing words because many so called synonyms are not really synonymous at all.
5) However, calling someone stingy is an insult, but calling someone frugal is a compliment.

A) 13524 C) 25143
B) 35241 D) 13425

160. 1) But in the industrial era destroying the enemy's productive capacity means bombing the factories which are located in the cities.
2) So in the agrarian era, if you need to destroy the enemy's productive capacity, what you want to do is burn his fields, or if you're really vicious, salt them.
3) Now in the information era, destroying the enemy's productive capacity means destroying the information infrastructure.
4) How do you do battle with your enemy?
5) The idea is to destroy the enemy's productive capacity, and depending upon the economic foundation, that productive capacity is different in each case.
6) The purpose of the military is to defend the nation and be prepared to do battle With its enemy.

A) 645213 C) 452136
B) 631254 D) 465213

161. 1) Michael Hofman, a poet and translator, accepts this sorry fact without approval or complaint.
2) But thanklessness and impossibility do not daunt him.
3) He acknowledges too — in fact he returns to the point often — that best translators of poetry always fail at home level.
4) Hofman feels passionately about his work, and this is clear from his writings.
5) In terms of the gap between worth and reward, translators come somewhere near nurses and street – cleaners.

A) 51342 C) 51324
B) 14523 D) 43512

162. 1) Passivity is not, of course, universal.
2) In areas where there are no lords or laws, or in frontier zones where all men go armed, the attitude of the peasantry may well be different.
3) However, for most of the soil-bound peasants the problem is not whether to be normally passive or active, but when to pass from one state to another.
4) This depends on an assessment of the political situation.

A) 2431 C) 4321
B) 3124 D) 1234

163. 1) In the case of King Merolchazzar's courtship of the Princess of the Outer Isles, there occurs a regrettable hitch.
2) She acknowledges the gifts, but no word of a meeting date follows.
3) The monarch, hearing good reports of a neighboring princess; dispatches messengers with gifts to her court, beseeching an interview.
4) The princess names a date, and a formal meeting takes place; after that everything buzzes along pretty smoothly.
5) Royal love affairs in olden were conducted on the correspondence method.

A) 13245 C) 53412
B) 12345 D) 53214

164. 1) The wall does not simply divide Israel from a putative Palestinian state on the basis of the 1967 borders.
2) A chilling omission from the road map is the gigantic 'separation wall' now being built in the West bank by Israel.
3) It is surrounded by trenches, electric wire and moats; there are watchtowers at regular intervals.
4) It actually takes in new tracts of Palestinian land, sometimes five or six kilometers at a stretch.
5) Almost a decade after the end of South African apartheid, this ghastly racist wall is going up with scarcely a peep from Israel's American allies who are going to pay for most of it.

A) 23145 C) 15432
B) 21435 D) 53142

Directions: Choose the correct spelling for the missing word in each of the following sentences.

165. A) firce C) ferce
B) fierce D) fierce

166. A)thirtieth C) thirtieth
B) thirtyth D) thirtyieth

167. A) unyeilding C) unyelding
B) unyielding D) unyealding

168. A) desicion C) disision
B) decission D) decision

169. A) recruit
B) recriut
C) recrut
D) recruite

170. A) decualtured
B) dehumansed
C) micrwave
D) hairdryer

171. A) neutrallity
B) reverbberate
C) obsolescence
D) revolutionise

172. A) occassion
B) comission
C) omition
D) permission

Jumbled words:

Directions: Each of the following sentences has been split into four parts and the parts have been jumbled. Choose the best order of words from among the four options (a), (b), (c), (d) to produce the correct sentence.

173. Gave/could/he/right/tips/some/it/that/us/do/so/we
   A) Could he gave right tips some we it that us do so.
   B) He gave us some right tips we could do it that so.
   C) He gave us some tips that so we could do it right.
   D) He gave us some tips so that we could do it right.

174. how / I / do /this / question / should / know /not / answer/I
   A) I do not know how I should answer this question.
   B) I do not know how I should this question answer.
   C) I do not know how this question should I answer.
   D) I do not know should I how answer this question.

175. Finish / work / early / one / can / go/ and / a / for walk / ones.
   A) One can finish and go for a walk one's work early.
   B) One's can finish one work early and go for a walk.
   C) One can finish one's work early and go for a walk.
   D) One can one's work finish early and go for a walk.

176. One /of /the /killer /diseases/ in Ethiopia /and /kills/ thousands/ is/ malaria/ every year/
   A) Every year in Ethiopia malaria is one of the killer diseases and thousands kills.
   B) Malaria is one of the killer diseases and kills thousands in Ethiopia every year.
   C) In Ethiopia is malaria one of the killer diseases, every year and kills thousands.
   D) Malaria is one of the killer diseases and thousands in Ethiopia kills every year.

177. looked/Almaz/mother/neither/sister/their/nor/her/like
   A) Their mother neither like Almaz nor looked her sister.
   B) Their mother like neither Almaz nor looked her sister.
   C) Almaz looked like neither their mother nor her sister.
   D) Her sister like neither their mother nor looked Almaz.

178. Ethiopia /Blacklion /Abebech /1952 /was /Addis Ababa /born/ on February/ in/ 10/ Hospital/
   A) Abebech was born on 10 February 1952 Blacklion Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
   B) Abebech was born in Ethiopia on February 1952 Blacklion Hospital.
   C) Abebech was born in 1952, on February 10,Blacklion Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
   D) Abebech was born in Blacklion Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on February 10, 1952.
179. reads / in search of intellectual food / person / a / well-educated / book
   A) A well-educated person reads in search of intellectual food book.
   B) A person reads a book in search of well-educated intellectual food.
   C) Book reads a well-educated person in search of intellectual food.
   D) A well-educated person reads a book in search of intellectual food.
180. the / was / that / authority / curbed / King / annoyed / his / was
   A) The king annoyed was that his authority was curbed.
   B) The king was annoyed that his authority was curbed.
   C) The king annoyed that was his authority was curbed.
   D) The annoyed king that was his authority was curbed.

The End