Millennium Comprehensive Secondary School ENGLISH Model Questions for Grade 12 in 2014 E.C

**GRAMMAR AND USAGE**

**DIRECTIONS:** ***Choose the word or phrase that best completes the gaps in each sentence.***

1. What would you do if you _____million birrs?
A. want B. won C. winning D. makes
2. _____ we leave _____ we will arrive.
A. The soonest/earlier B. The sooner/the earliest
C. Sooner/earlier D. The sooner/the earlier
3. I am on my way to office I can't hear what you are saying now; may I call you _____I reach office?
A. whenever B. if C. while D. when
4. That is too_____ for the girl to carry.
A. heavy a suitcase B. a heavy suitcase C. heavy suitcase D. a suitcase heavy
5. If I _____ feeling better, I_____ go out for dinner tonight.
A. was/won't B. weren't/would C. were/would D. am/could
6. I have invited Abenezer and Amanuel. _____ Asefa, never want to see him again.
A. Owing that B. Still C. Concerning D. While
7. In _____ countries, many women don't have _____ children.
A. any/ any B. no/ any C. some/ any D. every/ some
8. Paper was invented _____ the Chinese.
A. in B. on C. with D. by
9. Fashion experts always recommended that you _____ your best features.
A. show off B. get off C. ran off D. go off
10. I don't mind the children ____in the garden, but I won't have them _____over my flowers.
A. playing/to walk B. playing/walk C. to play/to walk D. playing/walked
11. The teacher made her students _____ the result of their research to the whole class.
A. to present B. present C. presenting D. to be presenting
12. I was not good at Math as a child, but I _____ play different musical instruments.
A. used to B. could C. might D. would be able to
13. The results of our calculation on financial cost of the projects are quite consistent _____ our initial estimate.
A. for B. by C. with D. in
14. _____ the teacher suspected Thomas cheating on the exam, he preferred to say nothing.
A. As a result B. In spite of C. Though D. Due to
15. James Dean, _____ died in a tragic accident, was a teen idol.
A. that B. whose C. who D. whom
16. Shall I keep some chicken salad for your brother; he_____ hungry when he gets here.
A. will be B. can be C. might be D. must be
17. My parents didn't go to the cinema last night because they _____ the movie previously.
A. didn't see B. have seen C. had seen D. saw
18. Have you seen the secretary _____ last week?
A. hired B. was hired C. she was hired D. when she was hired
19. However _____to convince her, she refused to believe in him.
A. hard he tried B. he tried hard C. tried he hard D. he hard tried
20. She picked up the letter; read it and _____ it into pieces.

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A. had torn B. torn C. tears D. cuts
21. This animal story is as _____ as that science fiction.
A. better B. best C. more better D. good
22. I wish Ethiopia _____ in the coming FIFA world cup championship.
A. participated B. would participate C. will participate D. had participated
23. We have been studying English for 10 years but we don't speak it fluently _____.

A. also B. yet C. already D. just
24. He is _____ to speak in front of people, and his _____to make presentation in class prevents him from scoring the highest mark.
A. unable/inability B. unable/unable C. unable/ unability D. inability/inability
25. As soon as he _____ smoking and drinking, he will probably become healthy.
A. gives up B. starts up C. looks up D. hangs up
26. I will give you my contact number _____ you can call me when you want.
A. so that B. unless C. despite D. as long as
27. Would _____ telling me way to the bus station?
A. mind B. pleas C. you D. you mind
28. Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can _____ scenes from everyday life.
A. deter B. delineate C. depict D. defer

29. She likes English and Math, but Physics and Chemistry. This means _____

A. She likes only English and Physics.
B. She likes only Chemistry and Math.
C. She hates Physics and Chemistry, but English and Math.
D. She dislikes English and Math, but Physics and Chemistry.

30. It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has _____.
A. set up B. set out C. set in D. set at
31. Sometimes I wish I _____ what the future holds.
A. know B. had known C. knowing D. will know
32. We find it difficult to imagine where we come from & believe that we are in fact ___ from apes.
A. directed B. devolved C. descended D. departed
33. I _____ fix my cooking stove that I had to call an electrician.
A. was able to B. could C. can D. couldn't
34. During his child _____ Tesfu used to play with toys all around.
A. –ish B. –ship C. –hood D. –less
35. Please advise these labors to work hard day and night. Don't _____ them sit idle.
A. Make B. do C. let D. get
36. As it was evening, only _____ students appeared.
A. few B. little C. a few D. a little
37. I can't come to the meeting today. Sorry, I am _____ busy.
A. too B. little C. a few D. a little
38. Even if I _____ the answer. I wouldn't tell you.
A. knew B. know C. knows D. knowing
39. Have you ever spoken _____ a famous person?

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A. to B. on C. about D. in
40. Don't _____ estimate him by his look, he is one of the best students in the school.
A. over B. sub C. under D. self
41. I had gone to bed when the phone _____
A. rings B. ring C. rang D. ringing
42. I have decided _____ in Addis Ababa this weekend.
A. staying B. to stay C. stayed D. stay
43. Definitely, she_____ to Axum tomorrow morning.
A. goes B. win C, is going D. shall go
44. I solved the sum this way, but my brother did it _____
A. differ B. different C. differently D. difference

45. Naol was not doing very well. _____, he didn't pass the exam.
A. Therefore B. But C. Because D. When
46. _____ Christmas we cover trees which shiny balls and flashing lights.
A. At B. In C. On D. With
47. _____ he looks very young, he's actually almost fifty
A. Despite B. In spite of C. However D. Although
48. We _____ take care of water so as not to be infected by water born disease.
A. must B. could C. will D. may
49. You like pizza, _____?
A. didn't you B. don't you C. doesn't you D. do you
50. The winner received _____ gold medals
A. the B. a C. an D. un
51. Ababa's sister, who made a speech yesterday, lives in Jimma. This sentence implies
A. Abebe has only one sister. C. Abebe has three sisters.
B. Abebe has more than one sister. D. Abebe lives in Jimma.
52. Someone switched the freezer off. _____, all the food was spoiled.
A. So B. Consequently C. As a result of D. all
53. I did not pass my entrance exam because I had a serious problem. The meaning is the same as _____.
A. But for a serious problem, I would have passes my entrance exam.
B. But for the fact that I had a serious problem, I would have passed my entrance exam
C. But for a serious problem, I wouldn't have passed my entrance exam.
D. Both A and B are correct
54. I am going away for a few days. I will phone you _____ I get back.
A. when B. in case C. if D. whether
55. I'll _____ the room repainted as soon as I get back from china.
A. let B make C. made D. allow
56. The telephone _____ several times before I _____ it .
A. was ringing /answer C. has rung /answered
B. was ringing/ answered D. had rung /answered
57. My uncle decided to take _____ and my sister to the market.
A. I B. mine C. me D. myself
58. I can't do cross words_____ you do.
A. as quick as B. as quickly as C. so quickly as D. so quick as
59. It is not our house yet. It _____.
A. haven't been paid for C. hasn't been paid for

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B. hasn't been paid in D. wasn't paid
60. I may watch the film .It _____ very good.
A. Is supposed to be B. Is suppose to be C. Is supposing D. was supposed to be
61. Gabissa _____ to the hospital last night
A. taken B. has been taken C. was taken D took
62. My father, _____ is a teacher, lives in Addis.
A. which B. that C. whom D. who
63. I haven't eaten an apple _____ a long while.
A. from B. since C. for D. until
64. Almaz is the girl to _____ the letter is addressed.
A. Who B. whose C. whom D. that
65. The tests we had last week were difficult, but the one we had this week was _____
A. most difficult B. more difficult C. difficult D. the more difficult
66. Sky said that he _____ come shopping with us the following weekend.
A. was B. will C. would D. has
67. I can meet you at 12 o'clock. _____teaching by then.
A.I will have finished B. I finished C. I would finish D. I will be finishing

68. When we came in the morning we found the window _____.
A. broke B. breaking C. broken D. break
69. _____ bad he/she may be, you can never want to hurt your child.
A. Although B. In spite of C. However D. Nevertheless
70. It _____ the first time all the family had been together since Glashow's wedding.
A. is B was C. has been D. had been
71. _____ my mother _____ father can speak English well.
A. Not only/ but also B. Neither/ and C. Either/ or D. weather/nor
72. Please put my clothes in the closet _____ they were before.
A.as B. like C.as if D.as though
73. They _____ the news before I called.
A. hear B. have already heard C. had already heard D. had been heard
74. I would have bought that cloth on display if I _____ money.
A. have B had C .have had D. had had
75. By the time I graduate she_____ someone else.
A. will have already married B. will marry C. had already married D. marries
76. I am really angry _____ you .How can you possibly betray me like this?
A. with B. at C. about D.in
77. She has given me a_____ over coat for my birthday.
A. cotton brand new smooth B. smooth brand new cotton
C. brand new smooth cotton D. brand new cotton smooth
78. Ethiopians has been popular in long distance running _____ Abebe won the marathon in Rome
A. when B. since C. because D. as
79._____ her laziness, she passed the exam.
A Because of B. Despite the fact C. Although D. In spite of
80. Many employees _____ in this company last year.
A. were hired B. hired C. are hired D. had hired
81. The food tastes sweet, _____ it?
A. does B. doesn't C.it does D. it doesn't

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82. He _____ a teacher all his life. He has had no other job.
A. is B. had been C. was D. has been
83. Everything is going so well .We _____ any problems so far.
A. didn't have B. don't have C. haven't had D. hadn't had
84. One has to fight relentlessly to _____ corruption.
A. do away with B. put up with C. look forward to D. come up with
85. You are _____.You had left all the documents on the table when you left. They are very Confidential.
A. in responsible B. irresponsible C. misresponsible D. unresponsible
86. I am saving up _____ to buy a radio.
A. because B. although C. in order D. so that
87. She gave _____all the money to the poor and the needy.
A. out B. in C. through D. away
88. You can hardly avoid _____ her if you both working in the same office.
A. to meet B. meet C. for meeting D. meeting
89. The _____ you prepared yourself for the exam, the _____ mark you get.
A. earlier/best B. earlier/good C. early/best D. earlier/better
90. The teacher said to me, "Why were you absent yesterday?" The reported speech of this is:

A. The teacher asked me why was I absent the day before.
B. The teacher asked me that I had been absent the day before.
C. The teacher asked me why were you absent the day before.
D. The teacher asked me why I had been absent the day before.

91. Solomon is a good speaker _____he also writes very well.
A. In addition B. consequently C. however D. thus
92. If you don't mind, I _____ finish my coffee before we leave.
A. would have B. would rather C. would like D. would
93. I think teacher Chalew _____ in this school since 1990 or may be earlier.
A. has thought B. is teaching C. teaches D. taught
94. I enjoyed reading the story. It was rather sad, _____.
A. also B. but C. so D. though
95. I am a hard working person in the organization. I hope_____ the promotion.
A. to get B. to C. for getting D. in getting
96. _____ they had been waiting in line all night, I was sure they would get tickets.
A. As though B. Because of C. Since D. Until
97. As soon as the war was over, the refugees_____ to go back to the villages they _____ about five years earlier.
A. tried / had left B. had tried / left C. have tried / were left D. were tried / have left
98. Remember to wear a helmet _____ your head is protected.
A. in order that B. in order to that C. so as D. to
99. Once you _____ in to a routine, you'll find the work is quite easy.
A. are settling B. have settled C. settled D. will settle
100. He _____ to take part.
A. advised not them B. invited them not C. offered them not D. ordered them not
101. The teachers were talking about a trip to see castles and the students were wondering _____
A. why to go. B. where they go? C. when it was. D. what were they?
102. In my dream, my uncle offered me a ride on his motor bike and I told him I would rather _____.

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A. walk B. walking C. walked D. to walk
103. If you borrow something from someone, make sure you give _____.
A. them back to it B. back it to them C. it back to them D. it to back them
104. When we heard the good news, we were _____.
A. delight B. delighted C. delighting D. delights
105. If attendance is for attend, then _____ is for admit.
A. admit B. admittedly C. admission D. admitting
106. While I _____ TV, I heard Tariku talking to a policeman.
A. watched B. was watching C. am watching D. had been watching
107. If he _____ enough time, he _____ his children to a picnic.
A. had/would take B. had/would have taken C. had had/would have taken D. had/will take
108. Her boss wouldn't let her _____ out early.
A. to go B. go C. going D. gone
109. I'm going to take my umbrella_____ it rains.
A. if B. when C. incase D. while
110. The exam was so difficult. I wish it_____ easy.
A. will be B. were C. has been D. had been
111. The police aren't sure how the incident happened. They say it _____ an accident.
A. might not have been B. might be C. couldn't have been D. could be
112. My bag, _____ I had left at the gate, had disappeared.
A. which B. that C. whom D. who
113. I expect you _____ your mind by tomorrow.
A. will change B. will have changed C. will have been changed D. will be changing

114. What an awful thing! I thought the weather would be _____in Aril, but it actually got _____.
A. worse/better B. good/better C. better/worse D. good/worse
29. There are many occasions when seat-belts save life, yet only_____ drivers often wear them.

A. little B. a lot of C. a little D. few
115. I was hoping to find some money in your bag, but I did not get_____.
A. many B. a few C. any D. some
116. I don't know why she wouldn't lend us one if she_____ two books.
A. has B. has had C. had D. had had
117. _____ Corona virus, we couldn't go out of our houses.
A. But for the fact that B. But for C. I wish D. If only
118. Everything _____ before they saw it.
A. clean B. has cleaned C. is cleaned D. had cleaned
119. "I was studying at the high school in 1980," she said. When we report this:

A. She said that I was studying at high school in 1980. B. She said that she has been studying at high school in 1980.
C. She said that she had studied at high school in 1980. D. She said that she had been studied at high school in 1980.

120. That is the man _____ I gave the book.
A. who B. to whom C. which D. whose

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121. She hardly speak English; _____?
A. has she B. doesn't she C. can't she D. does she

122. Out in the office behind his house, Eyob is sweating over his newspaper column. His feet are propped up on his desk, and his computer key board sits on his lap. This is most likely taken from a(an)----------piece of writing.

A. descriptive B. argumentative C. expository D. narrative

123. Everybody was unusually punctual. There was, however, someone very important that was still expected – the driver. While everyone was eagerly waiting to leave the campus, Samuel's phone rang. It was the driver … This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

A. narrative B. expository C. descriptive D. argumentative

124. The phrase "*I regret to inform you that*…." is a possible introduction used in a letter to someone who:

A. should settle her/his bill. C.is required to sign his /her contract.

B.is advised to collect an item. D. did not succeed in a job interview.

125. *Take care and thanks again*. This is most likely taken from

A. The ending of a formal letter. C. The ending of a letter to a friend.

B. The beginning of a formal letter. D. The beginning of a letter to a friend

126. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

A. "The frog," states an African proverb "does not jump without a reason."

B. "The frog," states an African proverb, "does not jump without a reason."

C. "The frog" states an African proverb, "does not jump without a reason."

D. The frog, "states an African proverb" does not jump without a reason.

127. Which of the following words is correctly spelt?

A .questionaire B. resemblance C. extention D. enviroment

128. *I hope you are well*. This is most likely taken from

A. The body of a friendly letter. C. The beginning of a formal letter.

B. The ending of a formal letter. D. The beginning of a friendly letter.

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In family (129) ---------- the children are the same in some ways and different in others. I have two brothers and (130) ----------of them are slim. However, (131) ---------- of my two sisters are slim, and I'm neither of.

129. A. all B. either C. no D. none
130. A. neither B. both C. every D. ---
131. A. out of B. all C. except D. none

132. Halima loves to play games. Her favorite game is chess because it requires a great deal of thought. Halima also likes to play less demanding board games that are played mostly based on luck. If she is alone, Halima likes to play action video games. What is the central idea of the paragraph?

A. Halima enjoys playing games. C. Halima likes to be alone.

B. Halima likes to think. D. Halima dislikes violence.

**Choose the alternative that is the best arrangement of the word/ phrases in each item to make a complete sentence**.

1. to/ necessary/ habits/ sometimes/ it/ changes/ our/ is.

   A. Sometimes it is necessary to change our habits.
   B. To change our habits sometimes it is necessary.
   C. It Sometimes is necessary our habits to change.
   D. It sometimes is to change our habits necessary.

2. Humans/ Computers/ better/ can/ think/ than/ in/ some/ ways.

   A. In some ways better can think humans than computers.
   B. Humans can better think in ways some than computers.
   C. Computers can think better than humans in some ways.
   D. Better can think humans than computers in some ways.

3. have/ I/ taken/ sir/ the/ tests/ all.
   A. All the tests I have taken sir. C. I have taken sir all tests.
   B. I have taken all the tests, sir. D. Sir I have all the tests taken.

## Part five: Reorganizing Jumbled Sentences

**Directions: for items 71-75 read the following jumbled sentences carefully and choose the appropriate order of the sentence to make coherent paragraphs.**

136. 1. Across the center of the continent stretch great mountain ranges and high plateaus.

   2. Asia comprises one third of the earth's land surface.
   3. Enormous areas in it are mostly uninhabited.



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4. Asia alone is roughly two and half times the size of Europe.

A. 2, 3, 1, 4 B. 1, 4, 2, 3 C. 4, 3, 2, 1 D. 3, 1, 2, 4

137. I tried to talk to couple of people but we ran out of things to say.

2. Last week a friend of mine invited me to a party.
3. Eventually, I noticed a man sitting alone, so I went over and started talking about the weather.
4. When I got there I found that I did not know any of the other guests.

A. 1, 2, 3, 4 B. 3, 2, 4, 1 C. 4, 3, 2, 1 D. 2, 4, 1, 3

138. 1. In recognition of this, progress has been made all the time in the computer industry.
2. This is because people know more about computers than they used to, and computers are playing a bigger part in our lives.
3. Many people believe we can look forward to the day when even our household jobs will be done by computer- controlled robots.
4. Large numbers of computers have been sold recently.

A. 2, 1, 3, 4 B. 4, 2, 1, 3 C. 3, 4, 1, 2 D. 1, 3, 2, 4

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