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I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below

Einstein's Expanding Legacy

The recent fiftieth anniversary of Albert Einstein's the death has caused many around the world to take stock of this amazing man. The world 'genius' has been used to describe lesser Mortals, but in Einstein's case it was truly deserved. He was popular figure too, with his familiar shock of white hair and droopy moustache, and was often treated like a super star although the trappings of fame meant little to him. Married twice and indifferent towards children, he was obsessed with physics.

Einstein's remains the fore most scientist of the modern era. Looking back 2,400 years, only Newton, Galileo and Aristotle were his equals.100 years ago in 1905 . Einstein published no fewer than five scientific papers that fundamentally changed our grasp of space ,time ,light and matter. A decade later he surpassed even himself with his theory of relativity.

Born in the era of horse draw carriages, his ideas launched a technological revolution that generated more changed in a century than in the previous two millennia. It can be argued that computers, satellites, telecommunications, lasers, Televisions and nuclear power all owe their invention to Einstein's pioneering work. The world is a very different place than it was 100 years ago--- thanks to Einstein. But he was not just a scientist. As a teenager he read philosophy. It taught him to think independently and abstractly about space and time. He was also an accomplished musician. The interplay between music and math is well known. Einstein would furiously play his violin as away to think through knotty physics problem. He escaped Hitler's Germany and devoted the rest of his life to humanitarian and pacifist causes with an authority un matched by any scientist today, or even most politicians and religious leaders.

Today, however, there are curiously few statues of the man. The most notable is a 12-foot bronze at National academy of sciences in Washington depicting the Wrinkled old sage gazing at his famous E=MC2 formula. Tourists climb into his lap for snapshots "Imagination is more important than knowledge, Einstein's once said." The important thing is not to stop questioning." He also had a sense of humor, describing relativity this way."

Put your hand on a hot stove to a minute, and it seems like an hour sit with pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity "will there ever be another Einstein? A new Einstein will emerge, scientists say, but don't hold your breath. After all, more than 200 years separated Einstein from his nearest, Isaac Newton.

Source Selamta, volume 22 No.3 sep. 2005

1. This passage is mainly written to:
   A. Commemorate his death
   B. Explain the theory of relativity
   C. Narrate the life history of Einstein
   D. Argue that Einstein is the best of all scientists ever born.
2. The italic phrase 'lesser mortals' refers to:
   A. Newton ,Galileo and Aristotle
   B. The geniuses that have lived after the death of Einstein
   C. Any other scientists that have contributed to the advancement of science.
   D. The scientists that were killed by Hitler after Einstein escaped from Germany.
3. The passage suggests that Einstein was :
   A. A peace loving person.
   B. Fond of the fame he had.
   C. A good father and husband
   D. Elegantly dressed and well kept.
4. The italic word grasp can be replaced by:
   A. Belief C. Imagination
   B. Attitude D. understanding
5. Newton ,Galileo and Aristotle are mentioned in the passage to :
   A. Prove the most scientists come from Europe
   B. Tell the history of science over the last 2400 years
   C. Compare and contrast the work of Einstein with that of theirs.
   D. Illustrate that true geniuses appear once in a long while.
6. The italic word **generated** means:
   A. Retarded C. Impeded
   B. Hindered D. Produced
7. The passage suggests that Einstein was born during a time:
   A. When the world was technologically backward
   B. When there were ample scientific discoveries
   C. Of rapid technological progress
   D. In which there was a humanitarian crisis.
8. The word **'Knotty'** means
   A. Simple C. interesting
   B. Difficult D. extra ordinary

9. The story of Einstein's Explanation of relativity is given to show Einstein's
   A. Simplicity C. sense of humor
   B. Imagination D. love for pretty girls
10. It is possible to deduce from the passage that writer:
   A. Feels Einstein is not given the regard he deserves
   B. Is exaggerating Einstein's contribution to science
   C. Is happy that Einstein has a bronze statue in Washington
   D. Does not expect that another scientist like Einstein will ever come
11. The comparison between Einstein and politicians and religious leaders is given:
   A. Politics, religion and science have the same root.
   B. During Einstein's time the three were treated equally
   C. To show that Einstein was not only a scientist but asocial critic.
   D. Einstein was politician and religious leader towards the end of his life.
12. The phrase **"don't hold your breath"** means
   A. Don't panic; relax
   B. It is going to happen soon
   C. It is difficult to tell in advance
   D. Don't expect that to happen soon.

II. Reading passage

Africa's Danakil Desert---cruelest place on Earth

We had met the merchants at the salt mines that lie beyond Hamed Ela and boarder lake Asele in the heart of the northern Danakil. More than 300 feet below sea level, the Salt Lake and plains are one of the lowest points in Africa. **Here** teams of Muslims Afar and Christian Tigrayans from Ethiopian highlands gather daily ten months out of the year to mine the salt and **ferry** it by camel, mule and donkey to markets in Ethiopian's mountains and beyond into Sudan. This trade itself remains the main livelihood of the northern Afar, and they guard **their** Desert -like the argonauts of old.

The Afar make sure that not one robs them of their salt by studiously overseeing the mines and caravans. Every merchant must stop at the salt-collectors hut in the dusty enclave of Hamed Ela on the edge of the salt flats and pay a fee for each camel, mule, and donkey in his caravans. At the mines every job from levering the salt from the earth to running the out door to kitchen's is assigned and managed by an Afar. There is a strict monopoly, and it has made them proud and dictatorial. They do not hesitate for a minute to let you know that once you set foot in their salt kingdom ,you are subjected to their commands.

We found **that** out in Berahile, which sits about mid-way up the escarpment that rises above the desert. The government offices of the northern Afar region are located in Berahile the market town for Afar caravans, which is presided over by the turbaned and dignified Ali Hassen Bore .Before venturing to the mines , Carsten ,Zelalem and I paid Ali a visit, joining him and his retainers on the verandah of one of the squat government buildings . in his 50s Ali had the bearing of a Sultan. He wore a beige polo shirt and green plaid sarong with a wide leather belt; a short dagger was discreetly tucked into it. Over his shoulder he displayed a not-so-discreet, but holstered, colt .45- caliber pistol. His front teeth were chipped to points, crocodile-style a cosmetic embellishment that Afar men and Women consider beautiful.

Ali sat soldier-straight in his chair, while his assistants crowded close by, some squatting on their heels, others leaning against a wall. Like Ali they were all heavily armed and they listened carefully to our requests to visit the salt mines; there eyes were narrowed and suspicious as they squinted against the sun.

The negotiations lasted a full afternoon, but at the end of Ali granted as permission to enter the land of the Afar and to stay in Hamed Ela Until we joined the caravans. We were guests, Ali said. they would help us, but he made it clear that we would have to a bide by to **their** rules. He then assigned Edris to protect us and make sure we did what we were told.

Source National Geographic -oct.2005

13. Where are the salt mines found?
    A. In lake Asele
    B. Near Hamed Ela
    C. in southern Afar
    D. more than 300 feet below sea level
14. What do the Afars mentioned in the passage mainly depend on for their living?
    A. Income from salt
    B. The ever-growing tourism
    C. Camels and camel product
    D. Their volcanic soil from the salt
15. Who ‘studiously oversees the mines and caravans ‘in the Danakil depression?
    A. The Afars
    B. The tax collectors
    C. The Tigrayans
    D. every merchant
16. How long does the salt trade last in-year?
    A. 12 months
    B. Almost a year
    C. about 300 days
    D. about fifty weeks
17. The tax for salt is paid in a place called_____.

A. Hut B. Berahile C. Hamed Ela D. lake A sele

18. An example of the Afars' pride and being dictatorial is that they:
A. make everybody pay salt taxes
B. monopolize all the salt mining activities
C. serve tea and studiously look after their guests and visitors
D. make everybody feel that they are subjected to their commands

19. what does **'here'** in paragraph 1 refers to?
A. Hamed Ela C. salt mines and
B. Lake Asele D. lowest parts of Africa

20. One of the following may not be true about Berahile.
A. It is a market place C. It is as hot as the desert
B. It is one an escarpment D. it is an administrative center

21. Who is Ali Hassan Bore?
A. He is the owner of the salt trade
B. He is the ruler of the northern Afar region
C. He is a police officer armed to protect the trade
D. He is the sultan who presides over the market in Berahile

22. Who were the visitors saw Ali Hassan Bore?
A. Three Ethiopian salt merchants
B. Two Europeans and an Ethiopian
C. Several of his retainers on the verandah
D. The Muslim Afars and Christian Tigrayans

23. What do the Afar men and women consider beautiful?
A. A crocodile style of walking
B. Chipped pointed front teeth
C. A cosmetic embellishment on body and hair
D. A short dagger discretely tucked into a leather belt

24. How were the visitors received by Ali Hassan Bore and his assistants?
A. With indifference and boredom
B. With a welcomin gesture and happy faces
C. With enthusiasm and readiness to help them
D. With suspicion and attention to what they said

25. What were the two assignments of Edris?
A. Look after and feeds the guests
B. Protect the visitors and check what they did
C. Translate and help the visitors get to the salt mines
D. Guide the visitors and help them do what they planned to do

26. What does their ……..in their desert refers to?
   A. The Afars C. the argonauts of old
   B. The Tigrayans D. Ethiopian's mountains
27. What does **'that '**in paragraph 2 refers to?
   A. The Afars are dictators
   B. All traders have to pay taxes
   C. The Afars guard their treasured salt land
   D. Every body is subjected to Afar commands
28. What does their in ……..their rules refer to?
   A. The Afars
   B. The visiting groups
   C. Ali and his Assistants
   D. Edris and the visiting groups
29. We would have to a bide by their rules. **'A bide by '**means_____.
   A. Know B. obey C. protect D. defy

III. <u>Grammar and usage (29---60)</u>

30. Listen to this great piece of music you_____it.
   A. Enjoy C. are enjoying it
   B. Will enjoy D. are going to enjoy
31. She _____if that happened to her again.
   A. Cries B. will cry C. would cry D. would have cried
32. The building collapsed _____there five fighters.
   A. Kill B. Kills C. killed D. Killing
33. _____if I come late one more time, my teacher _____not let me in.
   A. Can B. will C. Does D. must
34. _____it rained heavily, we had to cancel out trip. the road was too muddy.
   A. Since B. As a result, C. However
   D. Because of
35. I have been trying to give up smoking for years now. I wish I_____in the first place.
   A. Never started C. have never started
   B. Had never started D. was never started
36. _____receiving his B.A., he went to graduate school for two years.
   A. Since B. After C. when D. While
37. Not all the seats in the exam hall _____taken yet.
   A. Has B. are C. were D. have
38. I think she likes _____ behind Sara.
   A. Sits B. sitting C. sat D. was sitting

39. Not that mom is gone, I don't have any one _____ about future plan.
A. Talk B. took C. to talk to D. talking to

40. In my opinion, he has _____ come in contact with her. Listen! He couldn't have raped her.
A. Just B. ever C. never D. Barley

41. _____in the country can you find people free of such bias. Better take it as a norm and live with it.
A. Nowhere B. somewhere C. Anywhere D. Everywhere

42. It has come to my attention that none of them_____died in the accident.
A. Has B. have C. is D. are

43. Neither my relatives nor you _____allowed to leave at the moment. Things should clear up.
A. Is B. are C. be D. have

44. I hope we _____our tenth round by June. we have already done seven now .
A. Have completed C. will complete
B. should completed D. will have completed

45. Has the plane landed? _____People are waiting outside to welcome him.
A. Now B. Still C. Yet D. till now

46. I haven't seen it, but I could imagine that the Renaissance Dam is_____than other dams we have in the country.
A. Very bigger B. absolutely bigger C. much bigger D. more bigger

47. The telephone _____ can you answer it, please?
A. Can ring B.is ringing C. rang D. has rang

48. If I_____ time, I will do some shopping
A. Had B. have C. will have D. am having

49. Rosa dropped _____ to collect her book. She was so cooperative.
A. By B. on C. about D. around

50. I think my brother _____ in this college since 2006.
A. Teaches B. Thought C. Is teaching D. has thought

51. We had _____money but not enough.
A. Any B. few C. some D. little

52. Everybody except _____came to the rehearsal last night.
A. His B. he C. him D. their

53. Pardon_____ so frank with you

A. My being B. me being C. I am D. I was

54. _____ by all, professor Degene will be missed when he retires
A. Loved B. He is loved C. Loving D. To love

55. I_____ him only one letter up to now
A. Sent B. have sent C. send D. was sending

56. Yoseph _____ asleep while he was driving
A. Fell B. falls C. has fallen D. was falling

57. The cost of all these articles_____risen.
A. Have B. is C. has D. were

58. The rich _____ good health and education
A. Need B. are needing C. needs D. has needing

59. Everybody dis likes_____taxes.
A. Paying B. pay C. to paying D. to pay

60. My wife is _____ yours.
A. So economical as
B. Much less economical that
C. Less economical that
D. Much economical than

61. I would have brought the text book if i_____.
A. Have bought B. had bought C. has bought D. bought

IV. Vocabulary (61---71)

62. Hanna **called on** me last week
A. Visited B. denied C. ignored D. canceled

63. My sister going to **tidy up** the house tomorrow
A. Paint B. Clean C. renew D. changed

64. If you always keep those shoes on you, you will soon **wear them out**
A. Usable B. use less C. very important D. all

65. He **got in** in the train and went to CMC
A. Exited B. entered C. took off D. landed

66. We all joined in the game.
A. Excluded B. included C. participated D. liked

67. **Write up** the results of your experiment
A. Report B. take note C. exclude D. make note

68. She came a little **early** for the appointment

A. On time B.in time C. late D. exactly

69. You know this is **illiterate** society.
A. In formed B. intelligent C. Skilled D. ignorant

70. DDT has been **banned** in many parts of the world, but It is still in use in Africa.
A. Banished B. Dis established C. prohibited D. destroyed

71. I will send you the documents to **review** them as quickly as you can. They expect our comments early next week.
A. Go over B. go into C. get over D. get into

72. Helen **takes after** her mother.
A. Looks like B. resemble C. looks after D. look up

V. Communicative Activities (72--90)

73. Tamiru :I think we have met before .Haven't we?
Girma:_____
A. Glad melting you. off course, at Ayele's.
B. At Ayele's party? You're right
C. Have we? Alright, nice to meet you.
D. yes, we have. How do you do these days

74. Son: _____
Father: Nice to meet you,Mr.Alemu.
A. Dad. This is my teacher, Mr.Alemu.
B. This is my Dad, Mr. Alemu.
C. Dad. Mr.Alemu is my teacher .
D. Dad. That is my teacher,Mr.alemu

75. Sosina: Do you like that hair style?
Hirut:_____
A. I see .so many girls wearing it
B. Mom always makes fun of such a style
C. Gosh! It is so weird to me
D. It is all over now! what fashion is that?

76. Alemu: the report is not comprehensive
Ujilu: _____
A. Sure. the language is. really terrible
B. I know, it is not easy to understand
C. That is true. It has no focus at all
D. Certainly. send it back

77. Ayantu: I want to buy that skirt.
Giblilu:_____

A. Is it made of cotton or wool?
B. Why not? Get the jumper as well.
C. Skirts are less expensive than trousers.
D. Are skirts are more comfortable than trousers

78. Yared: How long does it take to Dire Dawa?
Yadeta:_____
A. It depends on your driving .
B. Dire Dawa is very far.
C. Not more than fifty birr.
D. It is around 500 kilo meters.

79. Rahel: I received my computer back
Cheru:_____
A. Computers are very useful
B. You want it for the assignment
C. She has also taken my computer
D. No! you know she wants it.

80. Boss: when will you be able to get back to work?
Employee: _____
A. Of course, I will
B. In a week or two
C. I am going to abroad
D. Yeah, I will be back

81. Teacher: _____

82. Sara: As often as I can.
A. Do you go to the cinema?
B. Can you go to the cinema?
C. When did you go to the cinema?
D. How often do you go to the cinema?

83. Guest: time for a quick smoke. _____
You: No thanks
A. Do you want any? C. How you have any
B. Do you want one D. Do you want some

84. Ali: _____
Almaz: sound reasonable
A. Shall we go for coffee?
B. Did she buy a new purse?
C. Is Helen doing her homework?
D. Isn’t Abera coming this evening?

85. Teacher: what time do you go to bed?
Students: _____
A. Very late C. After dinner
B. Very early D. At ten O’clock

86. Your mom: whose are all these glasses?
You: _____
A. They are us C. They are theirs
B. They are there D. They are my

87. Hiwot: it has been wet all day we just couldn't go out.
Helen: _____
A. Wet days can be freezing
B. It was so boring, wasn't it?
C. I know. This is your holiday
D. Did you want to go to work?

88. Alemu: she has had headache she always suffers.
Densamo: _____
A. I Rate head ache
B. Shall we give her pain killer?
C. Has she been working for long?
D. Headaches are sometimes so bad.

89. Mother: I am sick and tired of winter.
Daughter: _____
A. Good idea C. Do you want to eat out this evening?
B. don't worry! it will be spring soon D. do you also going to cinema

90. Akalu: what was the party like ?
Lullu:_____
A. It think it was ok C. do you think people liked it?
B. It started early didn't it? D. about thousand people were invited

91. You: Hello. where do you like?
Stranger: _____
A. I am from Adama C. I live with my sister
B. Around Arat killo D. I come by bus

92. "Her leg is as thin as grass ……" This is taken from a piece of writing that is likely:
A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative

93. "Take care and thanks again." This is most likely taken from_____
A. The ending of formal letter. C. The ending a letter to a friend
B. The beginning formal letter D. The beginning of a letter to a friend

94. Which one of the following is correctly spelt?
A. Surveyor B. likelihood C. occurrence D. unfortuynaly

95. The most appropriate closing for a letter to you old classmate is_____

A. Sincerely B. By for now C. Truly yours D. faithfully yours

96. Which one of the following sentences has a correct punctuation?

A. Solomon said, ” Abera,take it away!”
B. Solomon said, ”Abera take it away !”
C. Solomon, said, Abera ,”Take it away!”
D. Solomon said, “Abera ,Take it away!”

97. “The car was speeding down the deserted high way when the accident happened. The driver fell asleep at the wheel and drove straight in to a tree …….” This is taken from a/an_____piece of writing.

A. Argumentative B. Narrative C. Expository D. Descriptive

98. Dear Madam is as your sincerely Hi Kebede is as _____

A. Faith fully yours C. Truly yours
B. Sincerely D. you best

99. Which one of the following words is correctly spelt?

A. Accommodation B. Occurrence C. Occupations D. preference

100. How would Lili most likely begin her letter to an intimate friend, Mimi?

A. Hello, Mimi B. Hi, there C. My beloved Mimi D. My dear sir