Grammar (60 Points)

Choose the correct answer by circling a, b, or c.

1. Peter ___ that movie very much. He thought it was boring.
   a. did like
   b. didn't like
   c. liked

2. ___ some nice apartments in your neighborhood.
   a. There are
   b. There's
   c. There

3. We had a terrible time. It ___ awful.
   a. wasn't
   b. were
   c. was

4. A: ___ does Robert go?
   B: To clubs and restaurants.
   a. Who
   b. What
   c. Where

5. I ___ the house last night.
   a. clean
   b. didn't clean
   c. not cleaned

6. A: Does your brother watch cartoons after school?
   B: Yes, he ___ watches cartoons after school.
   a. always
   b. never
   c. hardly ever

7. A: Are you Ms. Garcia?
   B: Yes, ___.
   a. I am
   b. I'm
   c. I'm not
8. My friend and I ___ TV shows in English.
   a. always watch
   b. watch always
   c. always watches

9. Do your classmates ___ English on the weekends?
   a. study
   b. studies
   c. don't study

10. He ___ the newspaper.
    a. don't read
    b. doesn't read
    c. read

11. Cindy ___ watches soap operas.
    a. hardly
    b. never
    c. ever

12. A: Is Carl studying a lot?
    B: Yes, ___.
    a. he's
    b. he is
    c. is studying

13. A: Does your sister eat a lot of snacks?
    B: Yes, she ___.
    a. do
    b. does
    c. eats

14. A: ___ my coat?
    B: It's in the closet.
    a. Where's
    b. Where are
    c. What's

15. A: Are these your pens?
    B: Yes, ___ are.
    a. these
    b. they
    c. this

16. My brother will ___ retire this year.
    a. might
    b. probably
    c. may
17. ____ to the gym once in a while. Come and join us next time we go.
   a. We're going
   b. We go
   c. We went

18. My birthday's ____ May.
   a. on
   b. in
   c. at

19. ____ tall are you?
   a. What
   b. How
   c. Who

    B: I do too.
   a. don't like
   b. do like
   c. like

21. A: Are you eating a lot of fast food these days?
    B: Yes, ___. I really don't have time to cook.
   a. I'm
   b. I am
   c. I do

22. Meeting in person is ____ than having a video conference.
   a. personal for
   b. more personal
   c. personal

23. E-cards are ____ than regular cards.
   a. more fun
   b. some fun
   c. not fun

    B: No, they're not ____ earrings. They're Alicia's.
   a. her
   b. hers
   c. theirs
25. A: I think you need to clean your apartment.  
B: Tell my roommates to clean it! That's all ____ stuff.  
a. their  
b. theirs  
c. hers

26. Did you hurt ____ leg when you fell?  
a. you  
b. your  
c. yourself

27. ____ go into law. I want to be a lawyer.  
a. I'll  
b. I  
c. I'm going to

28. I burned ____ when I was cooking dinner.  
a. me  
b. myself  
c. by myself

29. ____ your boss prefer to exercise in the morning?  
a. Does  
b. Can  
c. Is

30. What do you do ____ you get a headache?  
a. before  
b. if  
c. because

31. The ____ tallest trees are in California.  
a. in the world  
b. world's  
c. world

32. What kind of food ____ you use to have at the holidays?  
a. did  
b. do  
c. would

33. I haven't seen you in ages. What ____ lately?  
a. have you done  
b. did you do  
c. have you been doing
34. Her grandmother would always ___ cookies for the family.
   a. bake
   b. baking
   c. baked

35. ___ for you at the café for an hour. When are you going to get here? Call me back.
   a. I've been waiting
   b. I've waited
   c. I was waiting

36. Which restaurant in the neighborhood has ___?
   a. most tables
   b. the most tables
   c. best tables

37. My younger brother decided to go ___ to college.
   a. away
   b. out
   c. along

38. I have no idea why ___.
   a. do I receive so much spam
   b. receive so much spam
   c. I receive so much spam

39. What ___ news! Our school is going to close next year.
   a. shocking
   b. shocked
   c. shock

40. A: Would you lend money to a friend who asked to borrow some?
    B: No, I ___.
    a. wouldn't
    b. didn't
    c. haven't

41. It's possible ___ the new professor.
   a. he can't be
   b. he must be
   c. he's

42. Which city in Europe is the ___ crowded?
   a. least
   b. less
   c. worse
43. I play tennis ___, but I enjoy playing it.
   a. bad
   b. worse
   c. badly

44. I feel very tired today. ____ go to bed early tonight.
   a. I'd rather not
   b. I ought to
   c. I'd better not

45. Which city in your country has the ___ traffic?
   a. worse
   b. worst
   c. bad

46. It's ___ bargain in stores in the United States. You should pay the price that is marked.
   a. not customary
   b. not customary for
   c. not customary to

47. Eric was upset because he ___ his cell phone at home on the day he was expecting an important call.
   a. had left
   b. has left
   c. was leaving

48. "Would you like to apply for a loan?" the banker asked me. The banker asked me ___ I'd like to apply for a loan.
   a. if
   b. when
   c. why

49. I ___ about the superstition about throwing salt until I read it on the Internet.
   a. hadn't heard
   b. haven't heard
   c. heard

50. A: ____ last night?
    B: My friend and I went to an outdoor concert in the park.
   a. What did you do
   b. Were you going out
   c. Have you been out

51. My cell phone isn't working. It needs ___.
   a. be recharged
   b. recharging
   c. recharged
52. This jacket isn't ___ that one, and I think it's cuter.
   a. as expensive as
   b. as expensive
   c. less expensive

53. Brad said, "I have a huge collection of antiques." Brad said he ___ a huge collection of antiques.
   a. has had
   b. had
   c. had had

54. A: That will be $21.00.
   B: Really? ___ the jacket on sale today?
   a. Aren't
   b. Isn't
   c. Don't

55. The thief got caught ___ a house.
   a. broken into
   b. breaking into
   c. break into

56. You can offend people by ___ in line. You need to go to the end of the line and wait your turn.
   a. cut
   b. cutting
   c. to cut

57. I didn't want to tell Aiko what I was really thinking. We ___ a fight.
   a. couldn't have had
   b. must have had
   c. might have had

58. I think you should talk to a career counselor. ___ is that he or she can give you information about a lot of different jobs.
   a. What I'd do first
   b. One thing you can do
   c. The good thing about that

59. I happened ___ on the bus one day, and I ran into an old friend who told me about the job opening.
   a. be
   b. to be
   c. being

60. Yesterday I got a call from an old friend. ___ with her in years. We talked for two hours.
   a. I didn't talk
   b. I'm not talking
   c. I hadn't talked
Reading Comprehension (40 Points)

Read the following passages. Choose the correct answer by circling a, b, c, or d.

Seattle's Capitol Hill Neighborhood

The neighborhood of Capitol Hill in Seattle, Washington, is a great place to visit. Talk with your friends or take a walk in one of the parks. They are great places to relax in the evenings and on weekends.

Do you like good food? Do you like to go out with your friends? Capitol Hill has some wonderful restaurants. There are expensive restaurants and cheap ones, too. And there are a lot of clubs in Capitol Hill. The War Room, Garage, and Barca are great. There are a couple of beautiful movie theaters, too. The Harvard Exit and the Egyptian Theater are very nice.

Capitol Hill is a very busy neighborhood. Sometimes there's no parking, so walk or take the bus. There are usually buses from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are no buses late at night, though.

Come and relax and enjoy Capitol Hill soon!

1. Capitol Hill is a ____ in Seattle.
   a. neighborhood
   b. club
   c. theater
   d. restaurant

2. The War Room is the name of a ____.
   a. restaurant
   b. club
   c. theater
   d. park

3. Sometimes there's no ____.
   a. park
   b. restaurant
   c. parking
   d. club

4. There are usually no buses at ____.
   a. 6:00 a.m.
   b. noon
   c. 10:00 p.m.
   d. midnight
The First Day of School

Mike: Good morning.
Mr. Jones: Hello. How are you?
Mike: (1) __________ How are you?
Mr. Jones: Fine, thanks. What’s your (2) __________?
Mike: It’s Mike.
Mr. Jones: Thanks. What’s your e-mail address?
Mike: It’s mikegarret7@cup.org.
Mr. Jones: OK. What’s your phone number?
Mike: It’s (3) __________.
Mr. Jones: Thank you. What’s your (4) _______?
Mike: It’s 9993.

5. Choose the answer to complete number (1) in the conversation.
   a. I'm fine.
   b. Hello.
   c. Thank you.
   d. Yes.

6. Choose the answer to complete number (2) in the conversation.
   a. first name
   b. middle initial
   c. last name
   d. ID

7. Choose the answer to complete number (3) in the conversation.
   a. mike78@cup.org
   b. B-725
   c. 993-555-1492
   d. my telephone number

8. Choose the answer to complete number (4) in the conversation.
   a. e-mail address
   b. ID number
   c. passport
   d. nickname
New University Sports Center
The new university sports center is open today, and students are exercising and having a lot of fun! What are students doing at the sports center?

Well, some students are doing aerobics and weight training. Other students are running. Students are not bowling at the new sports center, though. Students at the university are not interested in bowling these days, but they are very interested in karate. Karate classes are on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Classes are cheap – $6.00 a week.

This is the first week of school, so the university basketball, football, and volleyball teams are playing at the center. Come in this week and watch them! And start exercising, too!

9. Which sport are students not interested in?
   a. basketball
   b. aerobics
   c. bowling
   d. karate

10. Which classes does the new sports center have?
   a. basketball classes
   b. volleyball classes
   c. karate classes
   d. running classes
Walk with us in Washington, D.C.!

What’s the best way to enjoy Washington, D.C.? Take a walking history tour of the National Mall with our history club. It’s not a shopping mall; it’s a large park in the center of the city with beautiful buildings. But don’t take our word for it — read what one tourist, Miki, wrote:

We started our tour at the Lincoln Memorial. Wow! It’s a huge building, and there’s an awesome statue of Abraham Lincoln in it. He was the 16th president of the United States.

Next, we made a right on Constitution Avenue and — oh, wow — there was the Washington Monument — it’s 169.3 meters tall. It’s really tall!

Across 14th Street from the Washington Monument is a part of the National Mall with fabulous museums — the world-famous Smithsonian Museums with the Freer Gallery and its excellent collection of Asian art, and the National Gallery of Art, to name just a few of the museums.

You need one week to see everything in the National Mall area, but you can see a lot in one day. It was really fun! But I was so tired from walking all day — I needed a nap before dinner!

There’s so much to see in Washington, D.C. Try our tour soon!

11. Where’s this advertisement from?
   a. a history club
   b. a museum
   c. a health club
   d. a tourist company

12. Who was Abraham Lincoln?
   a. He built the Lincoln Memorial.
   b. He started the tour.
   c. He was the 16th president of the United States.
   d. He bought an awesome statue.

13. Can you see everything in the National Mall area in one day?
   a. Yes, you can. You can see a lot.
   b. No, you can’t. But you can see a lot.
   c. No, you can’t. You can’t see anything.
   d. Yes, you can. You can see everything.

14. Why did Miki need a nap?
   a. The sun was hot.
   b. She was hungry.
   c. The walking tour was one week.
   d. She walked a lot.
Meeting Your New Neighbors

Are you new in the neighborhood? Are you afraid to talk to your neighbors but want to meet people? It's not really difficult, but you have to try!

First, say "Hello" to people. People are usually happy to talk. Start with topics that are OK to talk about. For example, stores, parking, or restaurants are good topics to talk about the first time you meet a neighbor. Don't start with personal questions about money or health problems. And don't talk with your neighbors for too long the first time you meet them.

Another great way to meet people in your neighborhood is to have a neighborhood party at your house or apartment. Weekends are a great time for parties. Buy a lot of food and drinks, and have a lot of party activities ready. Start the party early in the evening and finish early, too! You're sure to meet a lot of neighbors and make new friends.

Finally, just spend time in your neighborhood. Places like banks aren't good places to meet people. Grocery stores aren't either. But, health clubs, dog parks, and coffee shops are great places to meet people. People make new friends every day in places like these — and you can, too!

15. What's this reading about?
   a. how to have a neighborhood party
   b. why neighbors don't talk
   c. how to meet your neighbors
   d. places to find friends

16. Which topic is not good for a first conversation with a neighbor?
   a. restaurants
   b. stores
   c. parking
   d. money

17. When is a great time for a neighborhood party?
   a. in the early evening on a weekday
   b. in the early evening on a Saturday
   c. on Sunday morning
   d. late Saturday night

18. Which place is not a great place to meet people?
   a. a health club
   b. a dog park
   c. a bank
   d. a coffee shop
Poor Mark!
My best friend, Mark, is a great guy, but he's always embarrassing himself. Yesterday, Mark and I were studying with a friend in the library when we saw a girl sitting at a desk near us. We could only see her from the back, but Mark thought she looked just like his friend Sarah. He walked over to her and touched her on the shoulder. Well, she turned around and . . . it wasn't Sarah. He said he was sorry, and she was really nice, but he was very embarrassed. When he was talking to her, his face was very red! We laughed about it later.

After we finished studying at the library, we went to the grocery store. We were shopping when we heard a girl near Mark say, "Do you want to go to a party tonight?" Mark looked at her and said, "OK!"
Well, she looked at him, and she didn't look happy. Then we understood. She was talking to her friend on her "no hands" cell phone. She wasn't talking to Mark at all! Mark wanted to leave the store right away. We went out the door, and we looked at each other. We started to laugh, and we couldn't stop laughing for about five minutes! Poor Mark!

19. Who tells us this story?
   a. Sarah
   b. Mark
   c. Mark's friend
   d. Sarah's friend

20. Who did Mark see in the library?
   a. a girl who looked like Sarah
   b. his friend Sarah
   c. his best friend
   d. a guy with a red face
Tech Support Help
Q: I hooked up my computer today. I pressed the "ON" button, but the computer doesn't turn on! Do you know how to turn on my computer?
A: Have you made sure the computer is plugged in? Only laptops with batteries will start without electricity — and the battery has to be charged.

Q: My laptop keeps freezing up when I download music files off the Internet. I have no idea why it's doing that. Do you know why it's doing that?
A: You might have that virus that's going around. First you should delete all your temporary Internet files, then delete any music files you downloaded, and then run your antivirus software. Do you know which Web site you were on? You could e-mail the tech support on that site. Some sites let you talk to tech support live online — it's kind of like talking to someone face-to-face.

Q: I can't figure out how to download photos from my cell phone to my computer. I hooked my cell phone up to my computer, but nothing happened. I looked up "Technical Problems" in the instruction manual for my computer, but there's no information about cell phones. Do you have any idea what I should do?
A: You have to have special software to download files from a cell phone to your computer. Call the nearest electronics store — they probably have the software you need.

21. If a computer does not turn on, what might the problem be?
   a. Special software may be needed.
   b. There may be no instruction manual.
   c. There might not be an "ON" button.
   d. The computer might not be plugged in.

22. A computer might freeze up when downloading music files from the Internet because ___.
   a. it might have a virus
   b. the tech support person is not online
   c. you need special antivirus software
   d. there is no electricity

23. What do some sites let you do if you need tech support?
   a. buy a special instruction manual
   b. meet face-to-face with a tech support person
   c. speak live with a tech support person online
   d. download special software

24. You are having problems downloading photos from a cell phone to a computer. What should you do?
   a. e-mail the nearest electronics store
   b. look up "Antivirus Software" in the instruction manual
   c. buy special software
   d. delete any music files on your computer
Catching Up With Matt Damon

At Movie Magazine, we hadn't spoken with Matt Damon for ages. But, last week, we were finally able to sit down with him for a few hours. So, what has Matt been up to since we last spoke with him? Here's what we found out.

Matt has definitely been busy! He's been acting in two movies. One is the thriller Ocean's Thirteen, which takes place in Las Vegas. The other movie is another thriller — The Bourne Ultimatum. No one has seen these movies yet because they're still being finished, but we certainly plan to see them when they are done!

Although Matt has been busy acting in two movies lately, that's not all he's been doing! He's been making a new documentary — Running the Sahara — for the past few months. In this movie, three men try to run across the Sahara Desert. Matt wouldn't tell us the ending of the movie because he said he didn't want to spoil it for us! But this movie will be very different than other films he has made, such as the horror movie, Feast.

Finally, Matt’s movie The Good Shepherd is still doing incredibly well in theaters. In it, he plays a spy who works for the United States. Many people have been saying that it's a true story. We've seen it already, and we think it's just a great thriller. If you haven't seen it yet — go see it today!

25. When did Movie Magazine sit down with Matt Damon?
   a. ages ago
   b. last year
   c. a few hours ago
   d. last week

26. What has Matt been up to recently?
   a. He's been running across the Sahara Desert.
   b. He's been writing a horror movie.
   c. He's been working as a spy.
   d. He's been busy acting in movies.

27. What kind of movie is Running the Sahara?
   a. a thriller
   b. a horror movie
   c. a documentary
   d. an animated film

28. What is The Good Shepherd about?
   a. a spy who works for the United States
   b. three men who try to run across a desert
   c. a spy who works in Las Vegas
   d. three men who make movies in the desert
The Jewel of Central America

Costa Rica — the "Jewel of Central America" — is a fairly small country. (It's 51,100 square kilometers, or 19,929 square miles.) It may be a small country, but it's one of the most popular countries in the world with tourists because it has something for everyone. Tourists can swim in the warm water near the incredible white, black, and pink beaches. They can also go hiking in one of the three mountain ranges. They can go to the top of the highest mountain, Cerro Chirripó. (It's 3,819 meters, or 12,530 feet high.) And there are also active volcanoes, wildlife, and the most amazing rain forests!

The rain forests of Costa Rica are some of the most beautiful rain forests in the world. The green of Costa Rica's rain forests is really green — there is no other color green like it in the world! And there are so many birds in these rain forests! Many visitors say they have seen hundreds of birds in these forests on just one trip!

So, when is a good time for a trip? Well, the average temperature is 31.7 degrees Celsius (89 degrees Fahrenheit) near the ocean and 16.7 degrees Celsius (62 degrees Fahrenheit) in other parts of the country. There are two seasons — a rainy season, from May to December, and a dry season the rest of the year. Probably the "worst" time to visit Costa Rica is during the rainy season — but any time is really a great time for a trip to Costa Rica!

29. How large is Costa Rica?
   a. It's about 3,819 meters.
   b. It's about 12,530 feet.
   c. It's about 19,929 square miles.
   d. It's about 51,100 square miles.

30. According to the Web site, Costa Rica has some of ___ rain forests in the world.
   a. the most amazing and beautiful
   b. the highest and most active
   c. the most popular and smallest
   d. the most active and driest
Learning to Live Abroad

Hi Grace!

How are you? I really enjoyed your e-mail. So good to hear from you!

Things here in Kyoto are fine, but I really feel homesick! I'm sure things will become easier as I live in Japan longer — but it's very different from Kansas, let me tell you!

There are many customs to learn here, but they're explained to me by my Japanese friends. I learn something new every day. To be honest, what's considered polite or not is not easy for me to remember. Let me give you some examples:

- Sugar or cream should never be added to green tea.
- Rice isn't eaten with soy sauce on it.
- When having dinner at someone's house, don't help yourself to food. The food is served by your host.
- It's customary to hold a bowl of food close to your mouth when eating.
- Noodles are eaten hot or cold, and when they're eaten, it's fine to make noise.
- Eating quickly isn't done. It's considered impolite.
- It's rude to be late for anything.
- In public, people keep their voices down.
- Pointing at someone is very bad manners.
- It's inappropriate to wear lots of jewelry or bright colors to work.

To tell you the truth, the most difficult thing is that I'm not told by people right away — even my friends — when I've done something inappropriate. They wait for a while, and then they talk to me about it. Or they may not talk to me about it. This is because it's bad manners to tell someone they've done something wrong. But sometimes it makes learning the customs more difficult. The people are really great, though.

What do I miss about home? You! I definitely miss seeing you!

Your friend,

Peter

31. When drinking green tea, what's considered inappropriate in Japan?
   a. holding the cup close to your mouth
   b. drinking it slowly
   c. putting cream or sugar in it
   d. having your host serve it to you

32. What should you not do when having dinner at someone's house?
   a. keep your voice down
   b. wait to be served by your host
   c. hold a bowl of food close to your mouth
   d. help yourself to food

33. What's considered impolite to do in public?
   a. to point at someone
   b. to be early for anything
   c. to not wear jewelry
   d. to keep your voice down

34. What does Peter definitely miss about home?
   a. wearing jewelry
   b. putting sugar in his tea
   c. pointing at people
   d. seeing Grace
Strange, but true?
David, a doctor from Salt Lake City, Utah, believes in UFOs (unidentified flying objects). So do I. Do you believe in them, too?

David told me the story of when he was eight years old and was living in Troy, Montana. He had woken up in the night and had gone to the kitchen to get a glass of water. He was looking out the kitchen window when, suddenly, this huge thing appeared out of nowhere! It was big and round, with bright lights.

David ran to get his parents, but by the time they had gotten to the kitchen, the UFO was gone. "Maybe you just had a bad dream," his father told him. And they all went back to bed.

After David had been in bed for an hour, he heard a weird noise. He ran to the kitchen and saw the UFO again. A strange door opened on the side of the UFO, and David could see two bright green eyes in the doorway. The alien walked toward the house. David remembers that the alien was not really scary — it seemed friendly. Just before it got to the kitchen door, David's dog ran outside. The alien talked to the dog in a soft voice. The dog seemed happy. Then the alien turned to David and said, "Do not be afraid. I will not hurt you." Had the alien read David's mind? Before David could respond, the alien turned around and left.

The next day, David's mother found a strange and beautiful new flower growing next to the kitchen door. Had the alien left it there? David doesn't think it was a coincidence. Neither do I. Do you?

35. Why was David in his kitchen when he saw the UFO the first time?
   a. He had had a nightmare.
   b. He had heard a voice.
   c. He had woken up and was thirsty.
   d. He had seen bright lights.

36. What did David's father say about the UFO?
   a. "Maybe it was just a coincidence."
   b. "Maybe you just had a bad dream."
   c. "Maybe the alien read your mind."
   d. "Maybe the UFO appeared out of nowhere."

37. When did David hear a weird noise?
   a. after he had been in bed for an hour
   b. before his parents had woken up
   c. after his dog had run outside
   d. before he had gone to the kitchen for a glass of water

38. What did David's mother find the next day?
   a. a scary UFO
   b. a friendly alien
   c. a strange flower
   d. a new dog
Legal Behavior

In every country, people have ideas about what is acceptable behavior in public and what is unacceptable. In Singapore there are not just ideas, but also laws about inappropriate behavior. The country of Singapore, located at the southern end of the Malay Peninsula, is really one big city. With four million people living on an island just 3.5 times the size of Washington, D.C., law and order are very important.

In Singapore, rude or inappropriate actions in public are considered minor offenses. The penalty for most of these offenses is a fine and, sometimes, community service. If you get caught jaywalking in Singapore, for example, you could be fined $500. If you smoke in many public places, you'll get fined up to $1,000. People are not allowed to eat or drink in the train stations or when riding the trains. And it's against the law to use a cell phone when driving — people get fined $1,000 and, possibly, get sentenced up to six months in jail.

Because of all the laws in Singapore, it has one of the lowest crime rates of any city in the world. It's a very clean and safe place to live. Some people think that the United States could learn something from Singapore. They say that existing laws in the United States should be enforced more strictly and that new laws should be passed. Some say that the penalties for minor offenses have to be increased. Should certain behavior be banned in the United States? It's a complex issue, but one that ought to be considered by everyone.

39. What do you see a lot of in Singapore?
   a. inappropriate behavior
   b. inappropriate actions
   c. rude behavior
   d. law and order

40. For what offense could you get a $500 fine in Singapore?
   a. smoking at home
   b. talking on a cell phone
   c. jaywalking
   d. riding a train