PART I: Cloze

Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

John was born on a little farm back East. He was happy even though he ___1___ a harsh life cultivating his field. One day, he ___2___ by a heavy storm. When the storm let up, he ___3___ that his plantation ___4___ . He felt despondent and ___5___ that he could no longer live on the farm. He ___6___ to move somewhere else. He ___7___ the farm and ___8___ to the city. The hustle and bustle of the city frightened John a lot, but he didn’t want to go back to his farm. John’s life in the city was very difficult. The only person he ___9___ was Tom, a distant relative, who was a very patient and ___10___ person and who ___11___ to help John to get used to ___12___ in the city.

1. A. live B. living C. lived D. to live
2. A. wake up B. waking up C. was woken up D. has woken up
3. A. sees B. saw C. seeing D. seen
4. A. had been destroyed B. have been destroyed C. destroying D. destroy
5. A. decide B. decided C. has decided D. deciding
6. A. have B. had C. having D. has
7. A. leave B. leaves C. left D. leaving
8. A. come B. came C. coming D. has come
9. A. can count B. counting on C. could count on D. count
10. A. understand B. understanding C. understood D. understands
11. A. try B. tried C. tries D. to try
12. A. live B. lived C. living D. to live
PART II: Fill-in-the-Blank Questions

Choose the correct answer.

13. This is ____ easy question.
   A. a  B. an  C. the  D. X

14. David is ____ best student in our class.
   A. a  B. an  C. the  D. X

15. Do you think this is something ____ can be learned?
   A. who  B. that  C. when  D. X

16. Make sure you close all the windows ____ it starts to rain.
   A. after  B. before  C. for  D. then

17. I think I know ____ he left the job.
   A. why  B. after  C. where  D. before

18. ____ I had known how much I would disappoint him, I wouldn’t have done it.
   A. Whether  B. When  C. If  D. That

19. ____ you see me, get in the car.
   A. As soon as  B. While  C. Whether  D. X

20. My friend John, ____ lives in California, has a car with a New York license.
   A. whose  B. who  C. that  D. which

21. It’s usually quite simple to cross the border between the USA and Canada ____ these two countries have friendly relations.
   A. yet  B. and  C. because  D. but

22. She’s ____ a snobbish person ____ nobody likes to be with her.
   A. such...that  B. such...as  C. so...that  D. so...as

23. Karen is rich; ____ her cousin Kate is poor.
   A. therefore  B. however  C. otherwise  D. so

24. You’d better take a taxi. ____ , you’ll arrive late.
   A. Consequently  B. Furthermore  C. However  D. Otherwise

25. I enjoy reading this new magazine. ____ , it has good articles.
   A. Moreover  B. Nevertheless  C. Therefore  D. However
26. The kids didn’t study. _____ they failed the course.
   A. Nonetheless  B. Therefore  C. Otherwise  D. After

27. The weather was terrible, _____ we decided to delay our trip.
   A. for  B. so  C. nor  D. but

28. There are many _____ in the big cities.
   A. thieves  B. thief  C. thieves  D. thief

29. We should throw away these old _____.
   A. teeth brush  B. tooth brush  C. teeth brushes  D. tooth brushes

30. My friends are waiting _____ me _____ the mall.
   A. up...at  B. for...at  C. for...on  D. up...on

31. Cathy lives _____ her parents _____ a small house.
   A. on...at  B. on...in  C. with...in  D. with...at

32. Steven is talking _____ his girlfriend _____ the phone.
   A. to...on  B. on...to  C. X...X  D. with...to

33. We went _____ Boston _____ vacation.
   A. on...to  B. X...to  C. for...to  D. to...on

34. Despite her parents’ complaints, she decided to live by _____ in New York City.
   A. her  B. she  C. herself  D. hers

35. If you happen to see your parents this weekend, give _____ my best regards.
   A. him  B. her  C. them  D. themselves

PART III: Choose A Correct Sentence
For each question, there are four choices, of which ONLY ONE is grammatically correct. Choose the CORRECT answer.

36. A. We drove to the new neighborhood, it was raining.
    B. We drove to the new neighborhood it was raining.
    C. We drove to the new neighborhood, but it was raining.
    D. When we drove to the new neighborhood, it was raining.
37.  
A. Before the sun rises. It is dark.  
B. Before the sun rises, it is dark.  
C. The sun rises it is dark.  
D. The sun rises, it is dark.  

38.  
A. The people giving Tom a graduation party.  
B. The people were giving Tom a graduation party.  
C. The people giving Tom a graduation party excited.  
D. The people were giving Tom a graduation party were excited.  

39.  
A. Writing carefully, the essay finished in time.  
B. Writing carefully, the students finished the essays in time.  
C. Writing carefully the essay was finished by the students.  
D. The students wrote carefully, the essay was finished in time.  

40.  
A. Seeing a monster movie, I felt creepy.  
B. Seeing a monster movie, I felt creepy.  
C. After seeing a monster movie, I felt creepy.  
D. To see a monster movie; I felt creepy.  

41.  
A. Tell me where you were, what you were doing, and why you were doing it.  
B. Tell me where you were, what you were doing it, and why you were doing.  
C. Tell me where you were, what to do, and why you were doing it.  
D. Tell me where to live, what to do, and why you were doing.  

42.  
A. Clark's daily exercises include running, swimming, and to lifting weights.  
B. Clark's daily exercises include to run, to swim, and lifting weights.  
C. Clark's daily exercises include running, swimming, and lifting weights.  
D. Clark's daily exercises include run, swim, and lift weights.  

PART II: Error Identification  
Each of the following sentences has one mistake. Choose the INCORRECT part of each sentence.  

43. During early rehearsals, an actor may forget their lines.  
A. B C D  

44. The Washington team was opportunistic; they took advantage of every break.  
A. B C D  

45. A person needs to see their dentist twice a year.  
A. B C D
46. As soon as she saw the smoke, Laura run into the house to save her dog.

47. Jenny threw out the food that had been sitting in the refrigerator for week.

48. Bertrand was very happy because he put the children into daycare, registered for classes, and spent a semester at the local community college.

49. Unfortunately, I spent all my cash on silly things, and then my credit card was stealing.

50. The child rode his bicycle dangerously through the streets filling with traffic.
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