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A. Partea I: CIII
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Choose the right answer a), b), c), d).

1 Canada

The roots of Canadian English can be found in the events which followed the American Revolution of 1776. Those who had supported Britain found themselves unable to stay in the new United States, and most went into exile in the Ontario region of Canada. From there they spread to all parts of the country. They were soon followed by many thousands who were attracted by the cheapness of land. Within fifty years, the population of Upper Canada (above Montreal) had reached 100,000 - mainly people from the United States.

In Quebec, the use of French language and culture remains from the first period of exploration, with the majority of people using French as a mother-tongue: here, English and French coexist uneasily. Because of its origins, Canadian English has a great deal in common with the rest of the English spoken in North America - and it is often difficult to distinguish for people who live outside the region. To British people, Canadians may sound American; to Americans, they may sound British. Canadians themselves insist on not being identified with either, and certainly there is a great deal of evidence in support of this view.

1) Why did some English people have to escape to Canada immediately after the American Revolution?

- a) Because they liked Canada.
- b) Because they went into exile.
- c) Because they had no other place to go.
- d) Because they had supported Britain.

2) Why did people choose to go to Canada from the U.S.?

- a) They thought of a better future
- b) They were attracted by the cheapness of land.
- c) They followed their families
- d) They had to go into exile.

3) What language is mostly spoken in Quebec?

- a) English.
- b) Canadian.
- c) French.
- d) Canadian English.

4) What kind of English does the Canadian English sound like to Americans?

- a) It sounds like American English.
- b) It sounds like English from Upper Canada.
- c) It sounds like French.
- d) It sounds like British English.

5) How many people lived in Upper Canada after the first wave of immigrants?

- a) 1776.
- b) 100,000.
- c) 100,000.

d) More than 1776.

2 Black English

During the early years of American settlement, a highly distinctive form of English was beginning to develop in the islands of the West Indies and the southern part of the mainland, spoken by the incoming black population. At the beginning of the seventeenth century ships from Europe travelled to the West African coast, where they exchanged cheap goods for black slaves.

The policy of the slave-traders was to bring people of different language backgrounds together in the ships in order to make it difficult for them to rebel. The result was the growth of several pidgin forms of communication, and in particular a pidgin between the slaves and the sailors, many of whom spoke English. Once arrived in the Caribbean, this Pidgin English continued to act as a major means of communication between the black population and the new landowners, and among the blacks themselves. Then, when children came to be born, the pidgin became their mother tongue, thus producing the first black Creole speech in the region. This Creole English rapidly came to be used throughout the cotton plantations, and in the coastal towns and islands.

6) When did the slave trade begin?

- a) During the early years of West Indies settlement.
- b) At the beginning of the seventeenth century.
- c) During the early years of American settlement.

✓ d) At the beginning of the seventeenth century.

7) What was the policy of the slave-traders?

- a) To bring people of different language backgrounds together in the ships in order to be sold as goods.
- b) To bring different people together in the ships.

✓ c) To bring people speaking different languages together in the ships in order to make it difficult for them to rebel.

d) To bring people of different language backgrounds together in the ships to rebel.

8) Why did the pidgin form of communication emerge?

- a) The slaves had to survive and communicate with the sailors.
- b) Because they were forbidden to communicate among them.
- c) Because the sailors didn't know proper English.

✓ d) The slaves wanted to communicate with the sailors onboard ships.



9) Where did the European ships travel to?

- a) North America.
- b) Creole.
- ✓ c) The Caribbean.

d) The West Indies.

10) How did Pidgin English become mother language for some people?

- a) When children came to be born onboard ships.
- b) When the food supplies went out.

✓ c) It became mother language for children born from slave parents.

d) When children came to the plantations.

3) Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park became America's first state park in 1864. Compared to other protected areas, Yosemite Valley is quite small, about seven miles long and a mile wide. Among its most famous peaks are El Capitan, the largest piece of exposed granite in the world, and Half Dome. Some of the most spectacular waterfalls, such as the Bridal Veil Falls, are only a short hike from the Yosemite Valley floor. The view of the Valley floor is considered by many to be the most impressive of all. When you are not feeling "stoned" by the sheer cliffs that circle the valley, be aware of the black bears that no longer appear to fear humans and are known to brazenly walk into campsites and raid food.

There are 196 miles of paved roads within the park and 840 miles of trails. Since it also has 8 miles of paved bike path, one can rent a bike and explore the relatively flat valley floor. To prevent congestion and overcrowding, there have been proposals to ban automobiles in Yosemite, especially during the very busy and crowded holiday weekends such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

11) The first paragraph from the text is about:

✓ a) Natural beauties of Yosemite National Park.

- b)The two peaks of Yosemite National Park.
- c)Dangers you could face in Yosemite National Park.
- d)Yosemite National Park as a protected area.

12) Yosemite Valley is

- a)America's first state park.
- b)the largest piece of exposed granite in the world.
- c)circled by sheer cliffs and waterfalls.
- d)a protected area.

13) Why is Yosemite Valley considered very impressive?

- a)Because there are black bears wandering around.
- b)Because of El Capitan.
- c)Because of its picturesque view.
- d)Because it is quite small.

14) Renting a bike in Yosemite National Park offers people the opportunity

- a)to prevent pollution of the Park.
- b)to admire the bears in the valley.
- c)to use eight miles of paved bike path.
- d)to explore the valley floor.

15) Why do some people want to ban cars from the Park?

- a)To prevent pollution of the Park.
- b)To avoid heavy traffic during holidays.
- c)To encourage bike riding.
- d)To preserve the natural beauties of Yosemite National Park.



B. Partea a II-a: Elemente de VOCABULAR ȘI GRAMATICĂ

Choose the right answer a), b), c), d).

16) 'I'm sorry, could you _____ that again, please?'

- a) say
- b) talk
- c) tell
- d) shout

17) The Internet is an amazing _____.

- a) invent
- b) inventor
- c) invention
- d) inventive

18) He is always very quiet when he meets new people. He is ____.

- a) nervous
- b) cold
- c) sensitive
- d) shy

19) _____ is good for you.

- a) To walk
- b) Walk
- c) Walking
- d) Walked

20) By about 30,000 years ago, modern humans had spread to almost all parts of the world. They were almost exactly the same as people of today, _____ a little shorter.

- a) so
- b) with
- c) although
- d) since

21) These people lived mainly by hunting. They caught antelopes, rabbits, pigs, elephants, birds and _____ animals.

- a) other
- b) another
- c) some
- d) all



22) People started to make paintings on the walls of caves. Most of the paintings show animals and hunting scenes. They also made carved _____ out of bone and stone.

- a) object
- b) objects
- c) objections
- d) objectives

23) It's a welcoming town; people are extremely _____.

- a) greedy
- b) lazy
- c) hospitable
- d) important

24) Lord of the Rings is a long film but the special _____ are fantastic.

- a) affects
- b) effects
- c) scenes
- d) tricks

25) "I always like to see foreign films with _____ so I can hear the voices of the actors, even if I don't understand them".

- a) subtitles
- b) headlines
- c) titles

d) credits

26) She will tell you _____ to the party.

- a) what to bring
- b) what will bring
- c) what bring
- d) to bring

27) I don't have _____ money.

- a) no
- b) none
- c) some
- d) any

28) "Are you taller than Peter?" "No. But I'm _____."

- a) almost as tall
- b) almost tallest
- c) taller
- d) as taller



29) The plane flew _____ the castle.

- a) south
- b) under
- c) beneath
- d) over

30) I waited for him _____ eight o'clock.

- a) at
- b) for
- c) until
- d) by

31) Where will you _____ the bus?

- a) get up
- b) get off
- c) get to
- d) get over

32) I went to the department store _____ buy a new sweater.

- a) for
- b) in order to
- c) because
- d) get to

33) She _____ her gloves and put them on.

- a) picked up
- b) came up
- c) found up
- d) chose up

34) I _____ early tomorrow.

- a) left
- b) will left
- c) leaving
- d) will leave

35) She went to school _____ three months.

- a) since
- b) ago
- c) for
- d) about



C. Partea a III-a: SCRIS

Choose the right answer a), b), c), d).

36) Which is the best way to arrange the following words, in order to obtain a task for writing a letter?
letter/ think/ a /books/ details/ TV programmes/ of/ newspapers/ might/ useful/ be/ write/ giving/ any/ you/

- a) Write a letter giving details of any newspapers, books, TV programmes, you think might be useful.
- b) Write any newspapers, books, TV programmes giving details of a letter you think might be useful.
- c) You write a letter giving details of any newspapers, books, TV programmes, think might be useful.
- d) Think a letter giving details of any newspapers, books, TV programmes, you write might be useful.

37) The signature in an informal letter could be:

- a) the full name written clearly and followed by the signature.
- b) the nickname followed by the signature.
- c) title and full name
- d) family name.

38) What could be the proper ending for an informal letter?

- a) I sincerely hope that you will be able to help me in this matter.
- b) Sincerely yours.
- c) Looking forward to receiving news about your sister's wedding.
- d) See you soon.

39) Arrange the following lines in order to obtain an ending of a letter:

- (4) Linda and the kids were very happy.
(5) Thank you again for your support.
(2) I wish you a nice holiday.
(3) Hope to see you soon.
(1) Yours, George.

- a) 4, 5, 1, 3, 2.
b) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1.
 c) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1.
d) 4, 3, 2, 5, 1.

40) The best sentence that fits correctly in the following text is:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We regret to inform you that, owing to circumstances beyond our control, building work at the Ocean Hotel will not be completed in time for your holiday. _____ will only be available in the second week, and then on a limited basis. Meals will be provided at a nearby restaurant.

We apologize for these changes and hope you will still enjoy your staying here.

With best wishes,
Brian McConnell

- a) Food and drinks
b) Smoking areas
c) The shortest flight
 d) Sports and entertainment facilities



41) The word that best fits in the sentence is:

The girl _____ was injured in the accident is now in hospital.

- a) who
b) which
c) when
d) where

42) The best way to complete the following sentence is:

I recently went back to the town _____.

- a) there I was born.
b) who I was born.
 c) where I was born.
d) which I was born.

43) What is the correct way to edit this sentence?

Even so, LA's smog problem has not been solved.

- a) Even so LA's smog problem has not been solved.
b) Even so, La's smog problem has not been solved.
c) Even so, LAs smog problem has not been solved.
 d) The sentence is correct as written.

44) Arrange the following lines in order to obtain a paragraph:

- (4) He and his wife are serious swimmers, but their children are very young and can't swim yet.
- (5) I seem to remember you had a few problems.
- (2) Did you have a good time when you went to Merle Park?
- (3) By the way, my brother is thinking of taking his family on a swimming course this summer.
- (1) Therefore, they're looking for somewhere with plenty of variety.

a) 3, 5, 1, 3, 2.

b) 3, 4, 1, 2, 5.

c) 3, 5, 2, 3, 1.

d) 3, 4, 2, 5, 1.

45) Which is the correct way to punctuate the following sentence?

Margaret Drabble who has written several successful novels says that I never think of my reader when I write .

a) Margaret Drabble, who has written several successful novels, says that: "I never think of my reader when I write."

b) Margaret Drabble who has written several successful novels says that "I never think of my reader when I write."

c) Margaret Drabble, who has written several successful novels, says that: I never think of my reader when I write.

d) Margaret Drabble who has written several successful novels says that: "I never think of my reader when I write."

