

Use of English (60p)

Grammar:

- 1 _____ at school yesterday.
 - a Was you
 - b Were you
 - c Did you
 - d Is you
- 2 Is your family large? _____
 - a Yes, it is.
 - b Yes, they are.
 - c No, it not.
 - d No, they isn't.
- 3 What _____ he want?
 - a does
 - b do
 - c have
 - d was
- 4 _____ do you have dinner?
 - a When time
 - b What time
 - c What kind of
 - d What for
- 5 He _____ to go home.
 - a want
 - b did
 - c didn't want
 - d didn't wanted
- 6 Where _____ to school?
 - a did you go
 - b went you
 - c did you went
 - d did go
- 7 Latin _____ compulsory in Irish schools.
 - a used to be
 - b would be
 - c has
 - d has been
- 8 The boy _____ cake when his mother came into the room.
 - a was eat
 - b eats
 - c was eating
 - d has eating
- 9 There _____ milk for my breakfast.
 - a isn't some
 - b isn't any
 - c any
- 10 _____ people from Poland went to Scotland in the 20th century.
 - a Many of
 - b Many
 - c Some of
 - d —
- 11 There are _____ French speakers in Montreal.
 - a too much
 - b a lot of
 - c a little
 - d not much
- 12 She _____ with her friends on Facebook™ everyday
 - a is communicating
 - b communicates
 - c will communicating
 - d —
- 13 More and more people _____ divorced every year.
 - a are wanting
 - b wanting
 - c getting
 - d are getting
- 14 Many, but not all, people _____ get married in a church. .
 - a want to
 - b are wanting to
 - c wanting to
 - d used to want
- 15 Would you like _____ to the theatre tonight?
 - a go
 - b to go
 - c going
 - d to going
- 16 I _____ to Peru on holiday next month.
 - a am flying
 - b flying
 - c am go flying
 - d will flying
- 17 Oh! It _____. I'll take an umbrella with me.
 - a raining
 - b will raining
 - c rains
 - d 's raining
- 18 Do you have any plans for tonight? Yes, we _____ to the cinema.
 - a will go
 - b going
 - c go

- 19 I plan to ____ two weeks by the beach.
- a bring
 - b spend
 - c spending
 - d making
- 20 The fast food restaurant was ____ dirty. We didn't eat there.
- a extreme
 - b extremely
 - c bit
 - d very much
- 21 This restaurant is ____ the one over there.
- a traditional
 - b traditionaler
 - c more traditional than
 - d traditionaler than
- 22 My coffee was ____ yours. I almost burned by mouth.
- a hotter than
 - b more hot than
 - c hotter as
 - d as hot
- 23 The ____ coffee in the world comes from indonesia.
- a expensive
 - b expensivest
 - c more expensive
 - d most expensive
- 24 I ____ sushi.
- a eaten
 - b have eat
 - c have ever eaten
 - d have never eaten
- 25 She has ____ finished this week's report.
- a yet
 - b already
 - c ever
 - d never
- 26 I don't think you ____ them.
- a should to email
 - b should email
 - c should emailing
 - d —
- 27 In the future there ____ cures to the world's worst diseases.
- a might be
 - b is going to being
 - c will being
 - d might have
- 28 The space tourists ____ certainly need to be very fit.
- a won't
 - b will
 - c —
 - d going to
- 29 If my new company is successful, I ____ employ people to help me.
- a will
 - b be able to
 - c will be able to
 - d will able to
- 30 The first reality TV show ____ in Sweden in 1997.
- a showed
 - b shown
 - c is shown
 - d was shown
- 31 The film Avatar was directed ____ James Cameron.
- a by
 - b from
 - c for
 - d with
- 32 I've had my cat ____ 4 years.
- a since
 - b for
 - c with
 - d it
- 33 Her horse is lovely. She ____ it since she was a teenager.
- a had
 - b has had
 - c had
 - d is had
- 34 I've received 33 emails ____ .
- a on Friday
 - b yesterday
 - c two days ago
 - d this week
- 35 How often have you been to the doctor _____
- a one year ago?
 - b in the last twelve months?
 - c yesterday?
 - d last week?
- 36 I was saving up ____ a new computer.
- a for buying
 - b to buy
 - c to buying
 - d —

- 37 You ____ wear a suit to work, but you can if you want.
 a must
 b mustn't
 c could
 d don't have to
- 38 I had to ____ a uniform to school when I was younger.
 a have
 b wearing
 c wear
 d having
- 39 Cecilia knows someone ____ went to the carnival in Rio de Janeiro.
 a who
 b which
 c she
 d where
- 40 Oxfam is a charity ____ tries to find lasting solutions to poverty.
 a who
 b which
 c it
 d —

Vocabulary

- 41 A lot of ____ came to Ireland in the 1990s.
 a immigrants
 b emigrants
 c invaders
 d colonies
- 42 There was a nice meal and a band at the wedding ____
 a ceremony
 b reception
 c speech
 d group
- 43 I mostly ____ my friends via email.
 a get on well with
 b have in commn
 c keep in touch with
 d see each other
- 44 Bob has had a very interesting ____ . He has had jobs in many countries and industries.
 a carrier
 b job
 c career
 d work
- 45 She's very successful. Her ____ has risen a lot in the past few years.
 a money
 b salary
 c job
 d earnings

- 46 I am very ____ in old cars.
 a keen
 b interesting
 c interested
 d fond
- 47 He ____ his exam because he didn't study.
 a failed
 b passed
 c missed
 d fell
- 48 The house will look cleaner when you have finished the ____.
 a home
 b housewife
 c housework
 d homework
- 49 Stress is not an illness, but it can ____ to many illnesses.
 a get
 b celebrate
 c contribute
 d affect
- 50 He ____ off his holiday until after the winter.
 a took
 b put
 c called
 d logged

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write one word for each gap.

Carnival

Rio de Janeiro's Carnival is the biggest festival on the planet and I **(1)** been enjoying it with millions of people from around **(2)** world. There are street parties all over the city organised by local community groups called 'blocos'.

They write the songs, organise the dances **(3)** provide the musicians.

The main event takes **(4)** in a special stadium called the Sambadrome. The audience sees samba schools from different parts of Rio present their samba, which is performed **(5)** musicians and

dancers and includes beautifully decorated floats. All these schools compete (6) other schools (7) see which school can be judged the best. Schools prepare these performances (8) many months and the result is wonderful.

If you're planning to visit Carnival you should think about it well (9) advance as hotels and tickets (10) sold out very quickly.

Write a word in brackets in its correct form (10p)

Mr Greaves had always been an (1) (excite) man who should never have had a (2) (manage) position. His bad temper was only just (3) (bear) and there was often a (4) (tempt) to tell him to sit down and relax. His office was chaotic with papers everywhere and had (5) (absolute) no order to it. Once he went to a (6) (confer) in Paris and on his (7) (arrive) at the hotel he (8) (complete) forgot who he worked for when the (9) (receive) asked him. When he tried to help he was a hindrance although his (10) (intend) were always good.

Reading: (10p)

Steve Cummins talks about starting his own business

I'd worked for the company for almost ten years. They were good employers and the money wasn't that bad. They trusted in my ability and always left me to get on with my work. And I shared an office and met some lovely people, so I certainly wasn't unhappy there. But I just couldn't stop wondering how better my life would be if I had my own business and could make my own decisions. And so one year ago this week I left my job.

We don't have a spare room at home, so the kitchen table has been my office. It was difficult to begin with, but I soon got used to working in this way. I started by visiting small businesses in the area to see if I could interest them in my services. My proudest moment was making my first sale, a website for a local cake shop. Soon after, I started getting calls from other people asking for help with websites of their own and I found myself getting quite busy.

Of course, there have been challenges. I'm not earning quite as much as before but it's enough. I don't have to pay for transport to work anymore so that means I'm not spending quite so much. My biggest problem has been managing my time. There's no boss to tell me what to do and I'm sometimes a little lazy. I have this rule that work stops on a Friday afternoon so I can spend time with the family at weekends, so I need to pay more attention to this.

So, I wouldn't say it's been easy, but I don't regret my decision at all. I've enjoyed being my own boss and I'm quite hopeful about the future. During the next 12 months I plan to rent some office space as I'd like to be able to separate work from my home life. I'm going to need to earn more money to pay for it but I think it will help me to focus on my work.

- 1 Why did Steve leave his job?
 A He didn't like attending meetings.
 B He wanted more control of his work.
 C He had a great idea for a product.
 D He wanted to earn more money.

- 2 Steve 's greatest pleasure so far has been
 A getting his first customer.
 B not having to drive to work.
 C having his own office.
 D not having to answer the telephone.

- 3 What does Steve say is the most difficult about working for himself?
 A working hard enough
 B not having a regular salary
 C feeling lonely
 D working at the weekend

- 4 In the next year, Steve thinks
 A he will get an office job.

- B** he will earn less money.
- C** he might not need to work in his kitchen.
- D** there will be much more competition.

5 What would be a good introduction to this article?

A In this article, Steve Cummins explains the problems of starting your own business and dealing with difficult customers.

B Steve Cummins made a big decision last year to leave his job. Read on to find out about the ups and downs of being your own boss.

C Thinking of starting your own business? Steve Cummins did just that and now wishes he had done it sooner.

D Steve Cummins explains below how he dealt with not enjoying his job by leaving his employer and starting his own business.

Writing: (20p)

Write a letter of motivation (a particular topic will be indicated in the test).

(Word limit 150-180 words)