

General English I

Midterm Test, Winter 1399

A. Vocabulary. Read the following sentences carefully and decide which choice best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. I wish the mountain climbers had enough food and water to ----- at least for one more day.
a. quit b. survive c. expand d. contract
2. I was ----- when I heard that he had died at the age of 28 due to a heart attack as he looked quite healthy.
a. reasonable b. vicious c. cheerful d. startled
3. People who have motion sickness usually feel ----- with an inclination to vomit when they are on a bus or in a car.
a. compulsive b. satisfied c. adventurous d. queasy
4. My little daughter enjoys the ----- bag of chocolates because all the pieces are different colors.
a. heterogeneous b. homogeneous c. medial d. cyclic
5. He was first told by the team captain that he could play soccer in the World Cup. However, his name was not put in the list of players. In fact, he was ----- by the captain.
a. misapplied b. miscalculated c. misinformed d. miseducated
6. Killing birds for fun is an ----- act which must be banned in all countries.
a. immoral b. immobile c. impatient d. impassive
7. He has a firm ----- that whatever he does in this world, whether good or bad, would one day return to him or his children.
a. vocation b. conviction c. acquisition d. participation
8. Fortunately, after thinking about the problem for a long time, Ali ----- an excellent solution.
a. was indifferent to b. was fed up with c. came up with d. was bombarded with
9. The research team ----- a research which finally led to the development of an excellent new medical technique which is used today in many hospitals.
a. commuted b. conducted c. pleased d. distilled

10. He did not like to listen to others who tried to ----- him to stay at home as he felt tired sitting all day in his wheelchair.
 a. offend b. circulate c. graduate d. persuade
11. There is strong ----- that alcohol consumption increases the risk of cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx esophagus, stomach, bowel, liver and breast.
 a. evidence b. priority c. discipline d. perfection
12. I wasted my time listening to his speech. In fact, it was the most ----- seminar I had ever attended.
 a. boring b. interesting c. bored d. interested
13. When she started her work in Mashhad, she learned many new things. -----, she made friends with some nice and hardworking people.
 a. However b. Although c. Yet d. Moreover

B. Word Forms. Choose the correct form of the words.

14. My father can talk ----- about literature, culture and philosophy.
 a. knowledge b. known c. knowledgeable d. knowledgeably
15. When we attempt to use our time efficiently, our ----- increases and we may obtain better outcomes.
 a. production b. productivity c. productive d. productively
16. For ----- reasons, she decided to apply for an early retirement at the age of 50.
 a. vary b. variously c. various d. variety
17. He is happily married as he has an ----- wife who is always kind and sympathetic to him.
 a. understand b. understood c. understandable d. understanding

C. Reading Comprehension. Read the following two passages carefully and choose the best option answer.

Text 1

I read books and newspapers and I consulted several public libraries. I documented my work in short articles and this gave birth to Health Longevity Magazine. As a result of this research I came up with a rock solid conviction: we need to maintain life with life and we must support our system with natural supplements. It is an insurance policy against the deterioration of our body cells occurring daily with the effect of time. It's certainly not a guarantee of endless health and youth but it is an additional help to fight the impact of the aging process and a boost for enhanced health and longevity.

18. According to the author, all of the following can be the results of keeping life with life EXCEPT -----.
- a. unlimited good health and excellent physical condition
 - b. protection against worsening of the cells in our bodies
 - c. neutralizing the effects of the process of aging
 - d. long life together with improved health
19. Which of the following can be related to the firm sincere belief which the author reached?
- a. having a guarantee of everlasting health
 - b. needing to support our system with natural supplements
 - c. being sure of remaining young all one's life
 - d. staying happy and healthy most of our lives
20. Which two words have the same meaning?
- a. impact and insurance
 - b. support and supplement
 - c. consultation and documentation
 - d. boost and enhancement

Text 2

Education in the United States is more democratic than in many countries, but it also has serious problems. Public primary and secondary schools are free, and almost 80 percent of all Americans are high school graduates. Students themselves decide if they want collage-preparatory or vocational classes in high school; no national exam determines this. Higher education is not free, but it is available to almost anyone, and about 60 percent of all high school graduates attend college or university. Older people have the opportunity to attend college, too, because Americans believe that “you’re never too old to learn.” However, there are also problems in U.S. schools. In many secondary schools, there are problems with lack of discipline and with drugs and crime. In addition, public schools receive their money from local taxes, so schools in poor areas don’t have enough good teachers or laboratory equipment, and the buildings are often not in good condition. Clearly, U.S. education reflects both the best and the worst of the society.

21. It can be understood from the text that -----.
- a. “drugs” in line 9 means dangerous substances such as heroin, marijuana, etc.
 - b. one of the drawbacks faced in US schools is that students take a lot of medicines
 - c. in US, all schools have access to modern and sophisticated laboratory equipment
 - d. taxes for schools in poor areas in a US city are collected from all people living in that city
22. The author of the text states ----- of education in the United States.
- a. the drawbacks
 - b. the advantages
 - c. both the advantages and the disadvantages
 - d. neither the advantages nor the disadvantages
23. According to the author, -----.
- a. Americans believe that they can learn at any age
 - b. American parents have to pay for their children in public secondary schools
 - c. most Americans youths prefer to work and therefore do not finish secondary school
 - d. a majority of Americans are not interested in continuing their studies in universities
24. What does “**this**” (line 4) refer to?
- a. national exam
 - b. a student’s preparation
 - c. vocational class
 - d. a student’s decision

***This is the end of your test.
Best of Luck!***