I. Listening

Listen to a recording about famous cheating scandals in sports. For questions 1 to 6, choose the correct option A, B or C.

1. American runner Fred Lorz...
   A. drove his own car instead of running.
   B. was helped to cheat in the marathon.
   C. drank poison and brandy.

2. The Chicago White Sox team...
   A. was earlier called the Black Sox.
   B. paid money to win games.
   C. had players who had to retire from the sport.

3. Maradona...
   A. gave the famous name to his illegal goal.
   B. scored another illegal goal during the same World Cup.
   C. never totally admitted what he did.

4. Nancy Kerrigan...
   A. cheated to be at the Winter Olympics.
   B. got hit in her knee while skating.
   C. reached success after a difficult situation.

5. What is true about Spain's Paralympic basketball team?
   A. A person lied to them to expose the truth.
   B. One of its players told the truth.
   C. None of the players had disabilities.

6. Lance Armstrong...
   A. used drugs to compete in 1999, 2005 and 2012.
   B. lost most of his Tour the France titles.
   C. told the truth in front of the cameras.

II. Reading

Read the following text about Mark Charles. For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer.

Mark Charles: Extreme Weather Photographer

Mark Charles is a storm chaser and a weather photographer. During his career, he's taken photos of all kinds of amazing weather, including tornadoes, thunderstorms and hurricanes. His photos have appeared in many scientific magazines.

Mark has also successfully appeared in documentaries on American TV to discuss severe weather, storm chasing and global warming. He's an energetic and keen speaker. He's written fascinating articles about our changing weather and is the author of a very popular blog about extreme weather and several books. So how did Mark begin his career?

Mark grew up in Wisconsin in the USA, where ice storms, blizzards, floods and tornadoes are common. When he was six years old, he saw his first hurricane at close hand and he never forgot the experience. A few years later, his mother bought him a camera. Mark was more interested in recording the sound effects of weather than taking photographs. He used to spend hours recording sound outdoors. He did it as a hobby when he was a little boy, but he soon became very interested in extreme weather. He has journals with notes and some pictures that he collected. He discovered how some weather factors interacted and when you could expect to have a thunderstorm or ice storms. He was just an observer but that was enough to teach him quite a lot about the world around him. When he was a teenager, he used to read about all sorts of extreme weather events in the newspaper and he sometimes went to the library to look for scientific magazines on specific topics. He even joined an after school club that organized trips to observe weather patterns.

Mark studied journalism, not photography, at university and began his career as a writer working on local newspapers. He was good at his job and he never regretted that he'd become a journalist, but he kept his childhood interest in storms and when, in his late twenties, he saw an advert for a storm-chasing holiday in Tornado Alley, he joined the group and took his camera with him. Eventually, Mark's photography took over from journalism and he became the artist he is today.

7. What does the writer say about Mark's photos?

A. They show a lot of incredible weather conditions.
B. They have been published in many important books.
C. They have been the subject of several popular documentaries.
D. They have changed a surprising amount over time.

8. What does the writer say about Mark?

A. He can't share his knowledge about extreme weather on the Internet.
B. He's good at talking about weather.
C. He dislikes writing about extreme weather events.
D. He isn't keen on appearing in the media.

9. What do we learn about Mark's childhood?

A. He enjoyed taking photographs of hurricanes.
B. He became interested in extreme weather.
C. He was afraid of severe storms.
D. He hurt his hand during a hurricane.

10. When Mark was a child...

A. he recorded some music.
B. he recorded special sound effects in a studio.
C. organized an after school club.
D. he learnt a lot from watching the weather.

11. What does the writer say about Mark's early career?

A. He wished he had studied photography at university.
B. He was good at writing about the news.
C. He took excellent photographs of local events.
D. He was better at art than at journalism.

12. What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?

A. to give advice on becoming a photographer
B. to encourage people to study journalism
C. to describe the career of one photographer
D. to explain how to take photos of extreme weather

III. Grammar and Vocabulary

Read the text and choose the correct answer for each gap.

Last year, the Lee family went **13.** _____ a trip to the Great Barrier Reef. It **14.** _____ their first time seeing such a beautiful underwater world. They had planned this trip **15**. _____ over a year and were excited **16.** _____ snorkelling and explore the coral reefs.

Before they left, they **17.** _____ get all the necessary equipment. Mrs. Lee said she **18.** _____ buy sunscreen and some snorkelling gear. She also bought a waterproof camera **19.** _____ they could use to take pictures of all the colourful fish and corals. After many swimming lessons, the children, who **20.** _____ afraid of water, were now very excited about the trip.

"**21.** _____ you packed everything?" Mrs Lee asked her husband and her two children before leaving for the airport. Her **22.** _____ son answered, "I haven't finished **23.** _____ ." Mrs Lee went into his room and saw that he **24.** _____ to put all his toys into his suitcase. "What **25.** _____ doing?" asked Mrs Lee, laughing. "I'm taking some of my friends with me!" he exclaimed. Mrs Lee smiled and helped him choose just a **26.** _____ favourites. "The real sea friends are waiting for us in the ocean," she reminded him gently.

Finally, everything **27.** _____ and ready. The family drove to the airport, filled with anticipation. The flight was long, but when they arrived at the Great Barrier Reef, the sight of the clear blue water took their breath away.

13.

A. on	B. to	C. in	D. up

14.

A. had been	B. has been	C. was	D. be

15.

A. from	B. for	C. in	D. on

16.

A. going	B. go	C. to go	D. should go

17.

A. might	B. must	C. had to	D. need

18.

A. must B. will C. can D. would

19.

A. who B. which C. what D. whose

20.

A. use to be B. used to be C. used to being D. used be

21.

A. Did B. Do C. Have D. Were

22.

A. youngerer B. more young C. younger D. the younger

23.

A. ever B. already C. just D. yet

24.

A. was trying B. tried C. tries D. is trying

25.

A. you are B. are you C. you D. do you

26.

A. few B. some C. little D. much

27.

A. was pack B. packed C. was packed D. were packed

In the following sentences, choose the BEST option for each gap.

28. I raised my hand to _____ the teacher's question.

A. asked
B. answer
C. reply
D. tell

29. Aki's mother is from Japan, so he can _____ Japanese very well.

A. talk
B. tell
C. speak
D. yell

30. We are very interested _____ modern art.

A. in
B. on
C. at
D. to

31. Are you listening ____ me?

A. on
B. to
C. at
D. -

32. If you don't know how to _____ a word, look it up in your dictionary.

A. spell
B. understand
C. mean
D. learn

33. It's getting quite _____. I think it's going to rain soon.

A. windy
B. foggy
C. cold
D. cloudy

34. It's a very _____ picture. I laugh at it all the time.

A. laughing
B. smiling
C. joking
D. funny

35. "How much is the _____?" she asked the bus conductor.

A. ticket
B. price
C. cost
D. prize

36. My lemonade is a bit _____. Can you give me some sugar, please?

A. sour
B. sweet
C. spicy
D. salty

37. “I don’t like English food.” “_____.”

A. So I don’t.
B. So don’t I.
C. Neither I do.
D. Neither do I.

38. I don’t know where _____.

A. Sue is
B. is Sue
C. can be Sue
D. Sue can

39. Peter didn't understand anything, _____?

A. didn't he
B. he didn't
C. he did
D. did he

40. If I have time, I _____ watch the film..

A. will
B. didn't
C. would
D. could

41. My briefcase _____ stolen yesterday.

A. is
B. was
C. has
D. has

42. As soon as she _____ in Paris, she will contact the embassy.

A. is
B. was
C. will be
D. would be

43. When I _____ it to him, he fell asleep.

A. have explained
B. was explaining
C. did explain
D. am explaining

44. Mrs Jackson ____ a teacher for 25 now.

A. has been
B. was
C. is
D. will be

45. _____ TV or can I switch it off?

A. Do you watching
B. Do you watch
C. Are you watch
D. Are you watching