I. Listening

Listen to a recording about strange driving rules around the world. For questions 1 to 6, choose the correct option A, B or C.

1. When is running out of fuel on a German motorway allowed?
   A. Never.
   B. Only when it's an emergency.
   C. Only when you can prevent traffic congestion or an accident.

2. What must you do before using your car in Denmark?
   A. Check that the children are sitting safely.
   B. Check that your children are using their seats.
   C. Check that there are no children near your car.

3. What is true in Spain?
   A. You can't wear sandals unless you are coming from the beach.
   B. You must always wear safe footwear.
   C. You can wear comfortable shoes or no shoes at all.

4. What is said about the law in Alaska?
   A. You cannot carry a pet unless it is tied.
   B. You can't let your dog climb onto the roof of your car.
   C. You mustn't carry your pet on the roof of your car.

5. When can you drive in Manila?
   A. It depends on the number on your number plate.
   B. If you can drive on Monday, you cannot drive on Tuesday.
   C. It depends on the colour of your number plate.

6. In Thailand, you mustn't drive without a shirt...
   A. because it's not decent.
   B. unless it's very hot.
   C. unless your air conditioning is not working.

II. Reading

Read the following text about Harry Parnell. For questions 7 to 12, choose the correct answer.

Harry Parnell: Photographer of the Stars

I've always been interested in photography. When I was a child, I used to borrow my parents' camera. This annoyed them, so, when I was about ten years old, they bought me my own camera. After that, I spent my free time going around taking pictures. I enjoyed taking pictures of flowers, trees and animals, but most of all, I liked taking pictures of people. I still have my childhood photo albums. Most pictures weren't that great, but I like looking at them. They remind me of what I first felt when I started taking pictures.

When I finished school, I did a photography course and then I got a job working for my local paper. I liked the people I worked with, but I found it quite boring after a while. I used to have to take dull pictures of local buildings and new types of cars; that kind of thing. After a couple of years, I trained in digital photography and portraits with another photographer. Then, I moved to a national newspaper and that was more interesting, but I finally decided to work for myself, taking pictures of famous people. I like exploring how settings and people interact. Many famous people got to know me and liked my artistic talent. I have been working as a portrait photographer for many years now.

When I tell people what I do for a living, they imagine that I'm an unpleasant person who follows famous people, takes embarrassing pictures of them and makes a lot of money. Actually, I don't do that. Usually the people I photograph want me to photograph them. We create an atmosphere in their own garden or outdoors where they can feel comfortable. The only thing that can happen is that sometimes they suddenly decide they don't want to be photographed. That can be annoying, especially if they've asked you there in the first place. But that doesn't happen very often.

I find my job exciting and challenging. It has a creative side and also a technical side. I have to imagine and shoot the best photo and I also have to use different accessories to get different effects.

7. What does the writer say about his childhood?

A. He liked taking pictures of his parents.
B. He discovered he enjoyed taking pictures of people best.
C. He disliked taking photos of nature.
D. He never had his own camera.

8. What did the writer do in his first job?

A. He took pictures of ordinary people.
B. He photographed uninteresting things.
C. Worked as a digital photography trainer.
D. He stayed in the office most of the time.

9. What does the writer think people believe about him?

A. He doesn't earn much money.
B. He has an embarrassing job.
C. He will probably be famous one day.
D. He isn't a nice person.

10. When talking about the people he photographs now, the writer says

A. they are usually happy to be photographed.
B. they're often unpleasant.
C. nobody ever upsets him.
D. they sometimes forget to pay him.

11. The writer finds it irritating when

A. people change their minds.
B. people are indecisive.
C. people are not comfortable.
D. people are annoying.

12. Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

A. The talented photographer who has worked in different places but has always enjoyed his career.
B. The photographer who prefers taking pictures of people and enjoys embarrassing the rich and famous.
C. The photographer who likes working for himself and enjoys his work most of the time.
D. The photographer who has taken pictures for many years and has always wanted to be famous.

III. Grammar and Vocabulary

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

Marilyn Monroe **13.** _____ in 1926 in Los Angeles. Her real name was Norma Jeane Mortenson. When she was seven years old, her mother **14.** _____ move into hospital because she was suffering from mental illness. After that, Norma lived in several foster homes. After her sixteenth birthday, Norma married James Dougherty, but their marriage didn't last long. **15.** _____ Norma's difficult childhood made her strong, it also made her very insecure.

During World War Two, Marilyn worked in a factory. There, she **16.** _____ the photographer David Conover and he asked her **17.** _____ in his photographs. Their photos were very successful. By 1945 she had appeared **18.** _____ 33 magazine covers! But Marilyn's dream **19.** _____ to be an actress. Because of her modelling success, she **20.** _____ some film roles, and by 1953, she was one of **21.** _____ popular Hollywood stars.

However, she was never lucky in love. In 1954, she married the baseball star Joe DiMaggio. They **22.** _____ up just nine months later. At the time, DiMaggio's baseball career **23.** _____ . He felt jealous of Marilyn, **24.** _____ had become famous and **25.** _____ by many people. He spent most of his time **26.** _____ television, which Marilyn found boring.

In 1956, Marilyn married the writer Arthur Miller. At first, they were happy together, but later, while the two of them **27.** _____ together on a film, they fell out and separated. Marilyn died from a drug overdose when she was 36 years old.

13.

A. born | B. is born | C. was born | D. has been born

14.

A. had to | B. should | C. must | D. can

15.

A. Because | B. Although | C. However | D. When

16.

A. has been met | B. was met | C. has met | D. met

17.

A. pose | B. posing | C. to pose | D. posed

18.

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

19.

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

20.

A. had given B. gave C. was given D. was giving

21.

A. most B. the most C. the more D. the less

22.

A. split B. splitted C. have split D. were splitting

23.

A. was ending B. had ended C. was ended D. has ended

24.

A. which B. where C. she D. who

25.

A. was admiring B. has been admired C. was admired D. has admired

26.

A. watch B. watched C. to watch D. watching

27.

A. have worked B. were working C. had worked D. working

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

28. Sam _____ he was feeling tired.

A. said
B. told
C. suggested
D. requested

29. The man _____ me that he was going to visit his sister.

A. said
B. spoke
C. talked
D. told

30. Oliver is bad _____ maths.

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

31. I am tired _____ studying.

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

32. Can you help me _____ a new dress for the party?

A. try
B. choose
C. look
D. decide

33. Aren't you going to _____ me to your friend?

A. joke with
B. demonstrate
C. introduce
D. receive

34. They didn't stay for supper. They weren't _____.

A. sleepy
B. thirsty
C. hungry
D. poor

35. There were three _____ helping the two doctors in the operating theatre.

A. butchers
B. greengrocers
C. plumbers
D. nurses

36. The winner of the competition is going to receive a _____ of 20 000 $.

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

37. “I can’t stand cabaret shows.” “_____.”

A. Neither I can.
B. Neither can I.
C. So I can.
D. So can I.

38. Have you got any idea where _____?

A. it is
B. is it
C. it have
D. is

39. There's no need to hurry, _____?

A. do there
B. don't there
C. isn't there
D. is there

40. If Mary _____ sick, I will invite her to my party.

A. isn't
B. weren't
C. won't
D. be

41. Where _____ born?

A. did you
B. had you
C. were you
D. have you been

42. As soon as he _____ in London, he'll give us a call.

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

43. When I _____ my sister's secret diary, she suddenly came home.

A. have read
B. was reading
C. did read
D. am reading

44. My parents _____ married for 20 years now.

A. were
B. are
C. have been
D. are being

45. _____ a good time? I think this party is great.

A. Have you
B. Do you have
C. Having you
D. Are you having