I. LISTENING

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer A), B) or C).

1. You hear part of a conversation in a watch repair shop. What is the man doing?

A. refusing to accept the watch for repair
B. encouraging the customer to buy a watch
C. advising the customer to have the watch mended elsewhere

2. You are on a train and you hear a woman leaving a message on an answering machine. Why is she calling?

A. to arrange a lift from the station
B. to change the time of her evening meal
C. to find out bus times from the station

3. You hear a talent show judge commenting on a performance she has just seen. What does she think of the man's performance?

A. he lacks confidence
B. he chose the wrong song
C. he has a weak singing voice

4. You hear the beginning of a talk in a community centre. What will the talk be about?

A. local history
B. transport problems
C. modern agriculture

5. You hear a man talking about saving money. What does he want to buy?

A. a motorcycle
B. a bicycle
C. a car

6. You hear a woman talking about a concert being cancelled. What does she think about this?

A. she is glad it will not take place
B. it should be re-arranged for a later date
C. she should have been told sooner

7. You hear a man and a woman talking about a flat they are considering renting. What do they both like about it?

A. the size
B. the low rent
C. the furniture

8. You hear a woman talking about her tablet computer. How does she feel about it?

A. she finds something about it annoying
B. she wants to get a more powerful model
C. she spends too much time using it

II. READING

Read a text about travelling to different European countries. For questions 9–16, choose the correct paragraph (A–E). The paragraphs may be chosen more than once.

TRAVEL AROUND EUROPE IN 5 STOPS

A. Spain

This is a very popular country because it's a great place for different kinds of trips. You can find hot and sunny beaches on the Mediterranean Sea, high mountains perfect for hiking, and cooler coasts along the Atlantic Ocean. Big cities like Barcelona and Madrid can be expensive, but areas like Andalusia in the south and Galicia in the northwest are much cheaper. The weather in Spain can be different depending on where you are, but July and August are particularly hot months in most parts of the country!

B. Italy

Italy is known internationally for its delicious food, elegant fashion, and fast cars, but its culture changes from one part of the country to another. In the north, where the Alps are, the weather is colder and people visit ski resorts for winter holidays. Big cities like Milan and Turin are busy and modern. The food often includes rich sauces, butter, and cream. The middle of the country has hills and countryside. The weather is mild, and meals include simple, fresh foods like tomatoes and olive oil. In the south and on the islands, the weather is warmer for most of the year. Life is more relaxed, and people eat a lot of fruit, vegetables, and seafood. From north to south, however, Italy is rich in art and history.

C. Germany

Germany has different kinds of landscapes in the south: from thick forests and gentle hills to high mountains–the other side of the Italian Alps. Like in nearby countries, the food here is rich and filling, perfect for cold weather. In the north, you can find flat land. The weather across Germany is generally mild with warm summers and cold winters. Backpackers love travelling around by bus and train because they work well and are usually on time. Berlin, Germany's capital city, and Munich are a must-see; they're a mix of modern art and important historical sites.

D. The Czech Republic

Officially renamed Czechia in 2016, this country is located in the center of Europe, connecting the east and the west of Europe. Life in the Czech Republic is relaxed, and the locals often enjoy spending time in the countryside. In the cities, there's a good mix of culture and modern life, especially in Prague, the capital. On one side of the Vltava River, there's Prague's Old Town with its famous clock and lively squares. On the other side, you'll find the Lesser Town, with quieter streets and beautiful historical buildings.

E. Poland

Travelling from west to east, Poland is one of the first Eastern European countries you reach. It's a very large country and it has different landscapes: from the sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains in the south. If you love history, especially events from World War II, you should definitely visit Poland. Although not as cheap as other eastern countries, Poland is much cheaper than western ones. Like Germany, its neighbouring country, Poland has a mild climate, with warm summers and cold winters.

9. In which country is the capital city divided in two?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

10. Which country has high temperatures during the summer?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

11. Which country has a good public transport system?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

12. Which country's diet is famous worldwide?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

13. Which is a good country to visit if you are interested in a specific time in history?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

14. Which country has different ways of life in different areas?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

15. Which country has a similar climate to a nearby country?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

16. Which country has a similar diet to that of other cold countries?

A. Spain
B. Italy
C. Germany
D. The Czech Republic
E. Poland

III. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Read the text below. Choose the correct word, A, B, C or D, for each space.

INVENTIONS OF THE LAST 2,000 YEARS

Recently, hundreds of scientists and philosophers were asked to name the most important invention of the last 2,000 years. You might **17.** _____ people to say the Internet, penicillin or the internal combustion engine, but in **18.** _____ nobody did. One scientist **19.** _____ for paper because, long before the Internet, paper allowed ideas to be sent around the world. **20.** _____ scientists agreed that modern medicine has helped millions of people, but said **21.** _____ inventions, such as soap and pipes for clean and dirty water, have **22.** _____ more lives. One philosopher said hay was the most important because it's winter food for horses. Without **23.** _____, horses couldn't exist in cold climates, **24.** _____ meant that there couldn't be cities in places colder than Athens and Rome. So, thanks **25.** _____ hay, Vienna, Paris, London and Berlin were built! Someone else named the mirror because in **26.** _____ at our own faces we can learn about human beings in general.

Choose the correct word (A, B, C, or D) for each blank:

17.	A. expect	B. think	C. believe	D. guess
18.	A. all	B. fact	C. particular	D. detail
19.	A. suggested	B. judged	C. answered	D. voted
20.	A. Other	B. Another	C. Others	D. Any
21.	A. clearer	B. plainer	C. simpler	D. purer
22.	A. rescued	B. delivered	C. saved	D. recovered
23.	A. them	B. it	C. these	D. many
24.	A. what	B. that	C. where	D. which
25.	A. to	B. of	C. by	D. from
26.	A. seeing	B. looking	C. watching	D. studying

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

27. Maria put the pot on the ___ to warm it up.

A. sauce B. screen C. stove D. scarf

28. It might rain today, so bring your ___ .

A. umbrella B. jewellery C. entrance D. telephone

29. They live two kilometres ___ from the train station.

A. outside B. away C. around D. along

30. You must have a ___ to drive a car.

A. licence B. video C. concert D. uniform

31. It is very ___ to shop on the Internet. All you need is a credit card.

A. polite B. enthusiastic C. convenient D. foolish

32. Diamonds are ___ , which is probably one of the reasons they are valuable.

A. broad B. talented C. flexible D. rare

33. John recently changed his ___ . He used to be an accountant, but now he's a real estate agent.

A. source B. profit C. mood D. career

34. For a company to succeed, good management is ___ .

A. tough B. broad C. essential D. affordable

35. They ___ married for 5 years now.

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

36. Let's go to ___ market by ___ bus.

A. - … - B. a … the C. - … a D. the … -

37. We ____ hurry because we had plenty of time.

A. hadn't to B. didn't must C. mustn't D. didn't have to

38. Take a break. You ___ since 8 o' clock this morning.

A. are working B. were working C. work D. have been working

39. "I don't like cold weather." "___."

A. so I don't B. Neither I do C. So don't I D. Neither do I

40. When I ___ Ben, I will tell him the news.

A. saw B. was seeing C. am seeing D. see

41. ___ book I am reading is ___ historical novel.

A. A ... the B. A ... a C. The ... the D. The ... a

42. My mum won't ___ out so late.

A. let me go B. let me going C. let me to go D. let me went

43. Have you got any idea where ___?

A. they are B. they have C. are they D. are

44. Don't ask for my help until you ____.

A. don't apologise B. apologise C. won't apologise D. will apologise

45. She told us ___ jokes and everybody laughed a lot.

A. a few B. little C. few D. a little