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科目名称: 英语写作与百科知识

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考生须知

全部答案一律写在答题纸上, 答在试题纸上的不计分! 答题要写清题号, 不必抄题。

PART I GENERAL CULTURAL CONCERN [60 MIN] (50 POINTS)

Instructions: Multiple-choice questions. The section is designed to check whether you are familiar with the general cultural concern over history, literature, philosophy, politics, religion, arts, and etc. Each question below is followed by four possible answers. Choose the one that best answers the question.

1. The tallest trees on Earth are _____.
A. pine trees B. cedars C. redwoods D. white birches
2. "The Road Not Taken" is a poem written by _____.
A. Emily Dickinson B. Walt Whitman
C. Ezra Pound D. Robert Frost
3. Edgar Allen Poe is a famous American _____.
A. poet B. novelist C. playwright D. essayist
4. Which of the following statements about the Naturalism is not correct?
A. It is a branch of realism.
B. Its representative writers include Stephen Crane and Theodore Dreiser.
C. It was influenced by the work of Freud and Marx.
D. It is characterized by optimism and determinism.
5. Which of the following writers does not belong to the school of modernism?
A. Mark Twain B. Ezra Pound
C. Ernest Hemingway D. T. S. Eliot
6. Most democracies in the world adopted the _____ system of governance.
A. parliamentary B. federal
C. presidential D. socialist
7. The Civil Rights Movement in the United States involved the following activities except _____.
A. petition of the government B. voter registration drives
C. court cases D. strikes

8. The United States was founded at the peak of the intellectual movement known as _____.
- A. the Romanticism
 - B. the Transcendentalism
 - C. the Enlightenment
 - D. the Renaissance
9. The most controversial British leader of the 20th century was _____.
- A. Winston Churchill
 - B. Elizabeth II
 - C. Margaret Thatcher
 - D. Tony Blair
10. The Central Powers in the First World War was formed by _____.
- A. Britain, France, and Russia
 - B. Britain, France, and the United States
 - C. Germany, Italy, and Austria-Hungary
 - D. Germany, Italy, and Bulgaria
11. The code of bushido of the Japanese samurai is most similar to _____.
- A. belief in reincarnation and karma of Hindus
 - B. practice of chivalry by European knights
 - C. teachings of Judaism
 - D. theory of natural rights of the Enlightenment writers
12. The Shakespearean sonnet consists of _____.
- A. three quatrains and a couplet
 - B. two quatrains and three couplets
 - C. six couplets
 - D. four quatrains
13. Between 1960 and 1968, Britain handed over independence to all its African holdings except _____.
- A. Southern Rhodesia
 - B. Kenya
 - C. Egypt
 - D. South Africa
14. Which of the following titles was not applied to Francis Bacon?
- A. Father of Modern Jurisprudence
 - B. Guiding Spirit in the Founding of USA
 - C. Father of Experimental Science
 - D. Father of English Fiction
15. Which of the following works was written during the Anglo-Saxon period?
- A. *Canterbury Tales*
 - B. *Beowulf*
 - C. *She Stoops to Conquer*
 - D. *The New Atlantis*

16. Which of the following events marked the beginning of today's multicultural Britain?
- A. The arrival of Asian immigrants in the 1960s.
 - B. The arrival of European migrant workers after World War II.
 - C. The arrival of Indian immigrants in the 1960s.
 - D. The arrival of West Indian workers in 1948.
17. What body of water separates the Greek peninsula from Asia Minor?
- A. Aegean Sea
 - B. Black Sea
 - C. Ionian Sea
 - D. Mediterranean Sea
18. In early Greek history, a tyrant was usually _____.
- A. a powerful military commander
 - B. a small group of men in power
 - C. an autocrat of illegally seized power
 - D. a ruler who ruled with cruel and vicious means
19. What contributed least to the prosperity of science in the Hellenistic period?
- A. The Greek habit of rational and logical thought in the sciences.
 - B. The new exposure of the Greeks to the Babylonian mathematicians and astronomers.
 - C. An urgent social demand for science to guide manufacture.
 - D. Government sponsorship and the establishment of famous institutions like Lyceum.
20. The Roman Empire period began with _____.
- A. the assassination of Caesar by the Senate
 - B. the First Triumvirate of Caesar, Crassus and Pompey
 - C. the Second Triumvirate of Octavian, Anthony and Lepidus
 - D. the victory of Octavian over Anthony
21. About the caste system in India, which of the following descriptions is NOT true?
- A. The traditional caste system in India fell into four large categories.
 - B. There were people who were denied of any of the castes.
 - C. Caste system exerts little influence in modern India.
 - D. One's caste did not stem from his or her economical status.
22. The study of human cultures through the examination of the artifacts excavated is called _____.
- A. Paleontology
 - B. Anthropology
 - C. Paleography
 - D. Archeology
23. "Paleolithic groups were essentially nomadic." The word "nomadic" indicates that _____.
- A. their life span was short
 - B. they have learned to kindle fire
 - C. they lived a mobile life
 - D. they lived in big families

24. The Fertile Crescent was a region _____.
- A. of the Near and Middle East
 - B. extending from the Nile Valley to the Tigris and Euphrates rivers
 - C. of massive migrations and bloody invasions, historically
 - D. all of the above
25. How did the geographic conditions of southwestern Asia shape the development of its earliest civilizations?
- A. The warming climate enabled the western Asians to keep the way of hunting and gathering.
 - B. The cooler and drier conditions forced the western Asians to live far away from streams and rivers.
 - C. The catastrophic events forced the western Asians to switch to planting and livestock breeding.
 - D. The changing climate led to a dramatic decline in population of the western Asians.

PART II WRITING [120 MIN] (100 POINTS)

SECTION A PRACTICAL WRITING [40 MIN] (40 POINTS)

Instructions: Write a letter to your landlord asking him or her to fix a problem in your apartment. Explain the problem you are having in detail. You should write at least 200 words.

SECTION B ANALYTICAL WRITING [80 MIN] (60 POINTS)

It is better to give than to receive.

Instructions: Write an essay with more than 600 words in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.