

DIRECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION

- You have got 80 minutes to answer 80 questions.
- Each question has only one correct answer.
- For each right answer you will get one point.
- For each wrong answer 0.25 points will be cut from your total score.
- There is no punishment for unanswered questions.
- Once the test starts you are not allowed to leave the test in the first 30 minutes.
- Telephones are not allowed during the test.

Part A: Reading comprehension

Read the following passage to answer the following questions:

The town's whistle blows; there's no school and Emmett's yard is covered with almost a foot of fresh, white snow. Emmett's rushes outside and picks up a handful of snow to make a snowball. With all of this snow why should he settle for one tiny snowball? He decides to find out just how big a snowball he can make! Emmett begins by rolling the snowball around his yard until he runs out of snow. Soon his friend Sarah and others join in to make it the biggest snowball ever!

1. What time of year is it?
 - A) Summer
 - B) Winter
 - C) Fall
 - D) The beginning of the Spring
2. Why did Emmett get out of the bed immediately when he woke up?
 - A) He was waiting to hear the whistle blow so he would know if school was closed.
 - B) He was waiting to hear the whistle blow so he would know if school was opened.
 - C) He was waiting to hear the whistle blow so he would know if school was closed because of too much snow.
 - D) He was waiting to hear the whistle blow so he would know if his parents were at home.
3. What did Emmett do when he heard the whistle?
 - A) He jumped out of bed and got dressed.
 - B) He jumped out of bed, had breakfast and run outside to play.
 - C) He got dressed and run outside to play.
 - D) He jumped out of bed, got dressed and run outside to play.
4. How deep was the snow?
 - A) Almost a foot deep.
 - B) A meter
 - C) As deep as the school was all covered
 - D) None of them
5. Who is Sarah?
 - A) She is Emmett's best friend
 - B) She is Emmett's best friend and next-door neighbor.
 - C) She is Emmett's cousin
 - D) She is just a beautiful girl
6. Emmet made the _____ snowball on record.
 - A) big
 - B) bigger
 - C) biggest
 - D) the biggest
7. The snowball started to roll very _____.
 - A) faster
 - B) fastest
 - C) fast
 - D) slowest
8. The snowball rolled _____ than they could run.
 - A) fast
 - B) fastest
 - C) slow
 - D) faster
9. Sara helped him make it even _____.
 - A) bigger
 - B) biggest
 - C) big
 - D) smaller
10. After it snowed all night, the town was the _____ it had ever been.
 - A) white
 - B) whitest
 - C) whiter
 - D) darkest

Read the following passage and decide which statements are True, False or Not Stated.

Lotta's Christmas Surprise

Lotta begins the day feeling very good about herself. She has learned how to whistle and is being a big help to her mother and her neighbor. She feels that she "can do anything!" Then her father tells the family that there are no Christmas trees in town and it is only three days until Christmas! Of course, the family is upset and disappointed. There must be a tree for Christmas! As Lotta is running an errand for her neighbor, Mrs. Berg, a truck loaded with Christmas trees stops right in front of her. She is very excited but the excitement is short-lived because the man refuses to sell her one. Then something unusual happens, and Lotta is able to give her family a surprise they will always remember.

11. Lotta was pleased because she could do many things, even whistle.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated
12. Lotta "couldn't do anything" because she was not able to bring the Christmas tree at home.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated
13. A truck loaded with Christmas trees pulled into the gas station.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated
14. "Errand" means a short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something, often on someone else's behalf.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated
15. As the driver was speeding around the corner, one of the trees fell off the truck. That was something unusual that happened.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

PART B: Filling in the gaps

Read the following passage and choose the best choice to fill in the gaps.

"The Lost Hammer"

One day a man ___16___ to get his hammer, but he couldn't ___17___ it. He began to think his neighbor's son had ___18___ it. So when he saw that boy, he thought that his way of ___19___ was just like the walking of a hammer stealer. And when he looked at the ___20___ that man saw the face of hammer stealer. When the boy was talking with him, the man ___21___ the voice of hammer stealer. The boy's voice, face, actions-everything made that man think of a hammer stealer. After a few days the man ___22___ to his fields on the side of the mountain, and as he was hoeing his crops he ___23___ his hammer. On his way home, he ___24___ his neighbor's son. He watched the boy's face and actions while the boy was ___25___ him, but nothing, not even the boy's voice, was like a hammer stealer.

16.
 - A) went
 - B) gone
 - C) is going
 - D) go
17.
 - A) found
 - B) find
 - C) find it
 - D) found it
18.
 - A) steal
 - B) stole
 - C) stolen
 - D) had stole
19.
 - A) walking
 - B) walk
 - C) the walking
 - D) walks
20.
 - A) boys face
 - B) boys' face
 - C) boy face
 - D) boy's face
21.
 - A) hear
 - B) hair
 - C) heart
 - D) heard

- 22.
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| A) have gone | B) has gone |
| C) went | D) was going |
- 23.
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| A) finds | B) find |
| C) founds | D) found |
- 24.
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| A) was meeting | B) meet |
| C) met | D) was met |
- 25.
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| A) greeting | B) greets |
| C) greet | D) greating |

Part C : Grammar

26. These boots should _____ your foot warm and dry.
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| A) catch | B) give |
| C) keep | D) gave |
27. When I meet people on holiday I always promise to _____ in touch, but I never do.
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| A) be | B) keep |
| C) try | D) give |
28. I don't _____ the point of spending a lot of money on children's clothes because they only last for a few months and then they are too small.
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| A) see | B) keep |
| C) give | D) get |
29. We can have the red ones or the green ones but we must _____ a decision before 6 p.m.
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| A) have | B) do |
| C) keep | D) make |
30. She _____ lots of photos.
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| A) took | B) made |
| C) did | D) had |

"Making arrangements with Paul"

A few days ago Paul phoned me and __31__ whether I __32__ looking after his dog when he __33__ way. I __34__ that I didn't really like dogs, but he said that he __35__ all his other friends, and that I __36__ his only hope. He invited me round to his house __37__ to meet the dog, and he told me that he __38__ dinner for me. An hour later he phoned again and said that he __39__ after all, so I __40__ meeting the following day for lunch. The next morning he cancelled this appointment and, after he __41__, said that he __42__ the dog to my house at 6.00. I didn't know exactly __43__, he said. Could you tell me how __44__ there? I quickly said I __45__ out and put the phone down. Luckily I haven't heard from him since.

- 31.
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| A) told | B) said me |
| C) asked me | D) spoke |
- 32.
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| A) would mind | B) want |
| C) like | D) will help |
- 33.
- | | |
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| A) gone | B) went |
| C) would go | D) will go |
- 34.
- | | |
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| A) told him | B) said him |
| C) asked him | D) replied him |
- 35.
- | | |
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| A) asks | B) would ask |
| C) will ask | D) had already asked |
- 36.
- | | |
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| A) am | B) will be |
| C) had been | D) was |
- 37.
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| A) this evening | B) that evening |
| C) the evening | D) in evening |
- 38.
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| A) is cooking | B) will cook |
| C) would cook | D) cook |
- 39.
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| A) had to go out | B) went out |
| C) goes out | D) has to go out |

40. A) had suggested B) would suggested
C) suggested D) suggest
41. A) has done B) told me sorry
C) asked D) had apologized
42. A) would bring B) had brought
C) brought D) brings
43. A) where is it B) if it is
C) where it is D) how was it?
44. A) do I get B) I get
C) I will get D) I am getting
45. A) went B) go
C) will go D) was going
46. An old man, _____ was carrying a suitcase, knocked at the door.
A) which B) who
C) whose D) whom
47. The last person _____ pen I borrowed didn't get it back!
A) whose B) which
C) who D) that
48. The waiter by _____ we were served expected a large tip.
A) which B) who
C) whom D) whose
49. Maria felt ill, _____ she went to school anyway.
A) still B) anyway
C) but D) and
50. You _____ play with matches! It's very dangerous!
A) mustn't B) don't have to
C) didn't have to D) must
51. Tom had _____ homework that he had to stay up until midnight.
A) to many B) so much
C) so many D) much
52. There were _____ customers that the shop closed down.
A) so few B) so many
C) to much D) too much
53. The room wasn't large _____ for so many guests.
A) as enough B) enough
C) as enough as D) so much
54. I couldn't take any more clothes as there wasn't _____ space in my suitcase.
A) much B) too much
C) any D) to many
55. We had _____ money that we couldn't even buy a sandwich.
A) so much B) not enough
C) not many D) so little
56. _____ it was raining, the school picnic was postponed.
A) Since B) Although
C) Even though D) So
57. By 11.00 I felt so _____ that I went to bed.
A) tiring B) bored
C) tired D) disappointed
58. Julie was so _____ that her whole face turned red.
A) frightened B) confused
C) disappointed D) embarrassed
59. On _____ days, we spend a lot of time indoors watching television.
A) rain B) the rain
C) rainy D) the rainy
60. After two years of _____, Kate got to know David really well.
A) friends hood B) friendless
C) friendship D) best friend

Part D : Vocabulary

61. The roads were crowded and I was stuck in a _____ for hours.

- A) pollution B) traffic jam
C) train D) car park

62. The word is on the tip of my _____, but I just can't remember it.

- A) face B) hand
C) mouth D) tongue

63. Part of an item of clothing for covering the arm is:

- A) Suit B) Sock
C) Wear D) Sleeve

64. The hand has four fingers and a _____.

- A) palm B) thumb
C) toe D) nail

65. Gina twisted her _____ and she can't walk very easily.

- A) elbow B) eyebrows
C) ankle D) uncle

66. When you are worried, lines appear on your _____.

- A) uniform B) shoulder
C) forehead D) stomach

67. It would be nice to meet again. I'll get _____ touch with you next week.

- A) in B) on
C) at D) by

68. Children are not allowed to see this film. It's for _____ only.

- A) teens B) adult
C) old D) youth

69. When her bicycle was stolen, Jane became extremely _____.

- A) nervous B) angry
C) upset D) damaged

70. Will you be _____ later this evening?

- A) at house B) at apartment
C) at flat D) at home

Circle the correct sentence:

71.

- A) Would you mind telling me where we are? Tina asked.
B) Would you mind telling me where we are, Tina asked.
C) Would you mind telling me where are we? Tina asked.
D) Would you mind telling me, where are we? Tina asked.

72.

- A) Turn the lights off when you leave the school
B) Turn the light off, when you leave the school
C) Turn off the lights when you leave the school
D) When you leave the school, turn off the light's.

73.

- A) Naomi is friend of my sister.
B) Naomi is my sister's friend.
C) Naomi is my sisters' friend.
D) Naomi's my sister's friend's.

74.

- A) This book is the mine. B) This is mine book
C) This book is mine. D) This is my books.

75.

- A) When the cat's away the mice will play
B) When the cats' away the mice will play.
C) When the cats's away the mice will play
D) When a cat away the mice will play.

76.

- A) They seem to be talking at cross-purposes.
B) They seems to be talking at cross-purposes.
C) They seems to talk at cross-purpose.
D) They seem to talking cross-purposes.

77. Butterflies _____.

- A) skip B) flutter
C) fly D) jump

78. Dogs _____.

- A) crow B) hoot
C) bark D) roar

79. Strong coffee can be _____.

- A) sweet B) spicy
C) sour D) bitter

80. Trees have got: _____.

- A) Branch, Roots, Trunk and Bat
B) Branch, Roots, Trunk and Leaves
C) Branch, Roots, Trunk and Seagull.
D) Roots, Branch, Seal and Leaves.