

全国 2020 年 10 月高等教育自学考试

英语国家概况试题

课程代码:00522

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2. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。

选择题部分

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I. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 1 point each)

1. Birmingham dominates the extensive built-up area of the _____ metropolitan area in the UK.
A. Greater Glasgow
B. Greater Manchester
C. West Midlands
D. West Yorkshire
2. Among the contemporary Celtic languages, _____ is the strongest.
A. Welsh
B. Irish
C. Cornish
D. Scottish Gaelic
3. The name Tuesday derives from Tiu, which originally referred to _____ in Teutonic religion.
A. the king of heaven
B. the god of war
C. the god of storms
D. the goddess of peace
4. The feudal system in England was completely established under the rule of _____.
A. Henry I
B. James II
C. William the Conqueror
D. Alfred the Great



5. _____ broke out between the House of Lancaster and the House of York in the 15th century in England.
A. The Hundred Years' War
B. The Wars of the Roses
C. The Peasant Uprising
D. The Civil Wars
6. After the Seven Years' War between Britain and France, French rights in Canada were guaranteed by _____.
A. the 1763 Treaty of Paris
B. the Quebec Act of 1774
C. the Canada Act of 1791
D. the British North America Act of 1867
7. In 1911, _____ was passed, severely limiting the powers of the Lords and establishing the Commons as the supreme legislative body of Britain.
A. the Test Act
B. the Militia Bill
C. a Home Rule Bill
D. the Parliament Act
8. _____ were Britain's two political parties originating with the Glorious Revolution (1688).
A. Whigs and Tories
B. Protestants and Catholics
C. Separatists and Congregationalists
D. Cavaliers and Roundheads
9. It is generally accepted that the modern game of football (soccer) originated in _____.
A. England
B. Scotland
C. Wales
D. Ireland
10. As the last of the original 13 English colonies established in America, _____ was settled in 1733.
A. Maryland
B. Massachusetts
C. Virginia
D. Georgia
11. In 1774, the First Continental Congress was held in _____ which encouraged Americans to boycott British goods.
A. Trenton
B. Boston
C. Concord
D. Philadelphia
12. In _____, Native Americans were granted US citizenship by Congress.
A. 1830
B. 1890
C. 1924
D. 1960



13. In the US, all the states except _____ have a bicameral legislature.
A. New York B. Nebraska
C. New Mexico D. Rhode Island
14. *The Great Gatsby*, an American novel written by _____, captures fundamental aspects of the national experience and character.
A. F. Scott Fitzgerald B. Herman Melville
C. William Faulkner D. John Steinbeck
15. In 1903, _____ made the first successful flight in an airplane.
A. the Wright brothers B. John D. Rockefeller
C. Henry Ford D. the Duryea brothers
16. The Soviet Union and the US were at the edge of a nuclear conflict during _____ in 1962.
A. the Star Wars
B. the Korean War
C. the Suez Canal Crisis
D. the Cuban missile crisis
17. The compromise over slavery in 1850 allowed _____ to enter the Union as a free state.
A. California B. Maryland
C. Kansas D. Maine
18. The Great Society initiatives were first announced by President _____.
A. John F. Kennedy B. Herbert Hoover
C. Lyndon B. Johnson D. Franklin D. Roosevelt
19. Which of the following languages has official status in the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the state of New Mexico?
A. Italian. B. Spanish.
C. French. D. Portuguese.
20. In a wide belt between the Canadian Shield and the western mountains, stretching from the border with the US to the shores of the Arctic Ocean, is the region known as _____.
A. the Cordilleran Region B. the Appalachian Region
C. the Great Lakes D. the Interior Plains
21. Which is the largest city in Canada?
A. Vancouver. B. Montreal.
C. Toronto. D. Ottawa.



22. To tackle the problem of overfishing, Canada placed a moratorium in 1992 on _____ fishing in the Atlantic Provinces to allow the stocks to replenish.
A. cod
B. salmon
C. haddock
D. tuna
23. The central region of Australia is called _____.
A. the Outback
B. the Central Lowlands
C. the Great Barrier Reef
D. the Great Dividing Range
24. _____ is celebrated on January 26 to commemorate the arrival of the British First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788.
A. Harmony Day
B. Australia Day
C. Foundation Day
D. Proclamation Day
25. The novel *Schindler's List* was written by the Australian writer _____.
A. Henry Lawson
B. Joseph Furphy
C. Miles Franklin
D. Thomas Keneally
26. With the ratification of _____ in 1947, New Zealand became fully independent within the Commonwealth.
A. the Canberra Pact
B. the Colombo Plan
C. the Land for Settlements Act
D. the Statute of Westminster
27. The first female prime minister of New Zealand, Jennifer Shipley, took office in _____.
A. 1997
B. 1999
C. 2004
D. 2008
28. The _____ sector accounts for about two thirds of the labor force and the national income in New Zealand.
A. forestry
B. manufacturing
C. service
D. mining
29. The central plain area of Ireland is characterized by many lakes, low ridges and _____.
A. rivers
B. bogs
C. heaths
D. glaciers
30. English was first introduced to Ireland during _____.
A. the Norman invasion
B. the Tudor Conquest
C. the Cromwellian conquest
D. the Roman invasion



非选择题部分

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II. BLANK FILLING

Choose 10 answers from the box and write the correct letter in the blanks 31–40 on the ANSWER SHEET. (20 points, 2 points each)

- 31. Britain supported military action to overthrow the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein, which was alleged to possess _____.
- 32. Modern English is derived primarily from _____ spoken by the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes and heavily influenced by the language of the Vikings.
- 33. _____, located in northwestern Arizona and carved by the Colorado River, is one of nature’s most impressive sights.
- 34. The period of political, social, and economic changes in the South after the American Civil War is known as _____.
- 35. Canadian culture, in its broadest sense, is a mixture of British, _____, and American influences.
- 36. _____ is the most important seaport in eastern Canada.
- 37. As two major parties in Australia, _____ and the Liberal Party have tended to dominate federal elections for more than a century.
- 38. In New Zealand, the British monarch is the formal head of state and is represented by _____.
- 39. The novelist _____ is the first Australian to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- 40. The life of the Irish writer _____ is celebrated annually on June 16 in Dublin as “Bloomsday”.

- A. French
- B. Reconstruction
- C. Booderee
- D. The Grand Canyon
- E. a Governor-General
- F. James Joyce
- G. the Germanic dialects
- H. Montreal
- I. Little Rock
- J. Patrick White
- K. the Australian Labor Party (ALP)
- L. weapons of mass destruction (WMD)



III. TERM EXPLANATION

Define the following terms in English. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET in around 40 words. (10 points, 5 points each)

- 41. The Open University
- 42. Waitangi Day

IV. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Give a brief answer to each of the following questions. You are required to use complete sentences. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (30 points, 3 points each)

- 43. What aspects of the Norman legacy were to contribute to domestic unrest in England in the 12th and 13th centuries?
- 44. From which parts of England did Parliament derive its strongest support in the First Civil War?
- 45. What religious sect did Mary Tudor attempt to reconvert England to after her ascent to the throne?
- 46. Why is the English Civil War regarded as the beginning of modern world history?
- 47. What is the most important farm activity in New England?
- 48. What does “checks and balances” mean in the system of the US government?
- 49. Why did the Canadian government work out a series of treaties with Indians during the 19th century?
- 50. What may lead to a constitutional crisis in Australia?
- 51. How did Ireland’s membership of the European Communities impact on the country?
- 52. What were the reasons for the population decline of Ireland from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

Write 100–120 words on the following topic on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

- 53. What impact did the 1812 war between the United States and Britain have on the development of the United States?

