

绝密 ★ 考试结束前

2025 年 4 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

注意事项:

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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. Which of the following is the smallest division of the UK?
A. England. B. Scotland.
C. Wales. D. Northern Ireland.
2. _____ has long been popularly regarded as the foundation of English liberties.
A. The Great Charter B. The Provisions of Oxford
C. The 1832 Great Reform Act D. The Constitutions of Clarendon
3. When did the First English Civil War end?
A. In 1642. B. In 1644.
C. In 1646. D. In 1648.
4. A breakthrough was made in speeding industrialization when _____ succeeded in smelting iron with coke instead of charcoal in 1709.
A. Abraham Darby B. Edmund Cartwright
C. Richard Arkwright D. Samuel Crompton



5. Which of the following events was included for the first time at the 2012 London Olympic Games?
 - A. Women's triathlon.
 - B. Women's boxing.
 - C. Women's sport climbing.
 - D. Women's open water swimming.
6. _____ in 1381 dealt a telling blow to villeinage, and a whole new class of yeomen emerged, paving the way for the development of capitalism.
 - A. The Peasant Uprising
 - B. The English Reformation
 - C. The Chartist Movement
 - D. The Battle of Argencourt
7. In the UK, _____ has complete control of money bills—all tax policy and expenditures.
 - A. the cabinet
 - B. the House of Lords
 - C. the Crown
 - D. the House of Commons
8. Which of the following is the UK's biggest-selling newspaper?
 - A. *The Sun*.
 - B. *The Guardian*.
 - C. *The Daily Telegraph*.
 - D. *The Times*.
9. _____ was responsible for the religious reform of the Church and took the title Supreme Head of the Church of England in 1535.
 - A. Edward V
 - B. Edward VI
 - C. Henry VII
 - D. Henry VIII
10. In Greater London, _____ form the lowest tier of local government and are responsible for most local government functions.
 - A. parishes
 - B. communities
 - C. boroughs
 - D. counties
11. _____ flows 2,330 kilometers and empties into the Gulf of California.
 - A. The Ohio River
 - B. The Hudson River
 - C. The Colorado River
 - D. The Rio Grande River
12. Which of the following states is located in the American West?
 - A. Maryland.
 - B. Utah.
 - C. Virginia.
 - D. Illinois.
13. In the US, _____ is the largest industrial and commercial center of the Midwest.
 - A. Pittsburgh
 - B. Detroit
 - C. Chicago
 - D. Cleveland



14. In 1932, in the depth of the Great Depression, the American people chose _____ as their next president who promised a “new deal” to get America out of the depression.
A. Woodrow Wilson
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
C. John F. Kennedy
D. Herbert Hoover
15. The most dangerous part of the civil rights movement was the campaign to win _____ rights for black Americans.
A. voting
B. education
C. transportation
D. housing
16. In the US, amendments to the Constitution must have the approval of _____ of the states before they enter into force.
A. one-third
B. two-thirds
C. three-fourths
D. four-fifths
17. The first half of the 20th century is famous for _____, introduced by African-Americans in the south.
A. country music
B. jazz
C. rock and roll
D. hip-hop
18. Which sport is referred to as “the national sport” in the US?
A. Football.
B. Baseball.
C. Basketball.
D. Ice hockey.
19. Washington’s Birthday is observed on the _____ Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first President of the US.
A. first
B. second
C. third
D. fourth
20. In a wide belt between the Canadian Shield and the western mountains is the region known as _____.
A. the Cordilleran Region
B. the Interior Plains
C. the Appalachian Region
D. the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands
21. The first novel set in Canada was _____, published in 1769.
A. *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*
B. *Wild Animals I Have Known*
C. *Fruits of the Earth*
D. *The History of Emily Montague*
22. Which city is Canada’s dominant financial center?
A. Ottawa.
B. Montreal.
C. Vancouver.
D. Toronto.



23. The Australian film industry began in 1896, when two Frenchmen filmed the running of _____, Australia's most prestigious horse race.
A. the Melbourne Cup
B. the Australian Open
C. the Super Bowl
D. the Davis Cup
24. Under the Australian Constitution, _____ exercises the executive power of the Commonwealth of Australia.
A. the Senate
B. the Governor-General
C. the prime minister
D. the House of Representatives
25. The first highly organized British settlement in New Zealand, under the auspices of the New Zealand Company, began in _____.
A. 1840
B. 1845
C. 1852
D. 1856
26. _____ gained prominence when her novel, *The Bone People*, won the Booker Prize.
A. Patricia Grace
B. Margaret Mahy
C. Keri Hulme
D. Katherine Mansfield
27. In New Zealand's North Island, the central plateau is dominated by three volcanic mountains, among which _____ is dormant.
A. Mount Cook
B. Mount Ngauruhoe
C. Mount Ruapehu
D. Mount Tongariro
28. _____ is the most Irish of US states with 23.8% of the population claiming Irish ancestry.
A. Pennsylvania
B. New Jersey
C. Massachusetts
D. Rhode Island
29. Struggles between England and Ireland over control of Northern Ireland continued until _____, when Ireland acknowledged British rule in the north.
A. 1973
B. 1976
C. 1981
D. 1984
30. Ireland's president is elected directly by the public for a term of _____ years.
A. four
B. five
C. six
D. seven



非选择题部分

注意事项:

用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔将答案写在答题纸上,不能答在试题卷上。

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. Oliver Cromwell and _____—members of the Long Parliament who had voted for Charles's execution—declared England a Commonwealth.
32. In Britain, _____ was passed in 1911, severely limiting the powers of the Lords and establishing the Commons as the supreme legislative body.
33. Three _____ tribes—Jutes, Saxons and Angles—came to Britain in the mid-5th century.
34. Pushed by _____, Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson contributed to the government regulation of economic development and initiated changes from the 19th century tradition of laissez faire.
35. The Indians, often collectively called _____, are the largest of the aboriginal groups in Canada.
36. In 1971 the Canadian federal government adopted an official policy of _____ encouraging ethnic communities to keep alive their languages and cultural traditions.
37. In Australia, the Constitution can be changed only by _____, a vote in which all the people in a country or an area are asked to give their opinion about or decide an important political question.
38. In New Zealand, there is much interest in traditional Maori dance forms such as _____, which is a combination of chant and posture-dance.
39. In Ireland, _____, a traditional musical gathering, is an enduring expression of Irish social life that has counterparts in other Celtic cultures.
40. The Irish literary renaissance of the late 19th and early 20th centuries resulted from the _____ revival.

- A. the Progressive Movement
- B. referendum
- C. suffrage
- D. the ceili
- E. the haka
- F. Teutonic
- G. Gaelic
- H. the Parliament Act
- I. multiculturalism
- J. the "Rump"
- K. the waiata-a-ringa
- L. the First Nations



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 Accident Compensation Act of 1972
- 42. Thatcherism

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. Why did the Romans have limited impact upon the Britons?
- 44. What did the Enclosure Acts enable wealthier landowners to do in England?
- 45. What are the main sources of government revenues in the UK?
- 46. What was the root cause of the conflicts between the US and the Soviet Union during WWII?
- 47. What were the serious weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
- 48. What was unlawful according to the Smith Act?
- 49. What role does the city of Vancouver play in Canada's international trade?
- 50. Why are Australia's Aboriginal art, music and dance intimately linked with spiritual life and the land?
- 51. What are Australia's economic advantages?
- 52. What do Ireland's agricultural activities mainly consist of?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

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

- 53. What are the main similarities and differences between the Democrats and the Republicans in the US?

