

2025 年 10 月高等教育自学考试
英语国家概况试题
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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. _____ is the largest lake in the UK.
A. Lough Neagh
B. Loch Lomond
C. Lake Winnipeg
D. Lake Windermere
2. When _____ was in office, several cases of privatization took place in Britain, including British Telecom and British Gas.
A. Tony Blair
B. Margaret Thatcher
C. John Major
D. Gordon Brown
3. _____ was the first country to industrialize.
A. Australia
B. The United States
C. Britain
D. Canada
4. At the general election of _____, the Whigs under Lord Grey were returned to power and turned their minds to the problem of parliamentary reform.
A. 1918
B. 1848
C. 1830
D. 1784



5. Mechanization of wool textiles created the West Yorkshire metropolitan area, with _____ and Bradford as its twin centers.
A. Liverpool
B. Birmingham
C. Glasgow
D. Leeds
6. The UK is a _____ in which official power is given to one organization which deals with all matters in a local area.
A. federal state
B. unitary state
C. joint monarchy
D. republic
7. In the UK, registration of voters is compulsory and carried out _____.
A. every four years
B. every three years
C. every two years
D. every year
8. The majority of members of the House of Commons in the UK are from _____.
A. England
B. Northern Ireland
C. Scotland
D. Wales
9. _____ assists other police forces and handles the British responsibilities of the International Criminal Police Organization.
A. The MI5 government agency
B. The Guardians of the Peace
C. Scotland Yard
D. The MI6 government agency
10. The current system of cash benefits in the UK, though substantially modified since its introduction in 1946, is based on _____.
A. the Beveridge Report
B. the Banking Act
C. the Financial Services Act
D. the Domesday Book
11. _____ was the first person since 1888 to be elected president of the US despite losing the popular vote.
A. Barack Obama
B. Bill Clinton
C. Ronald Reagan
D. George W. Bush
12. In the US, _____ has been called “father of waters” or “old man river”.
A. the Missouri
B. the Mississippi
C. the Ohio
D. the Colorado
13. _____ contains most of the American textile industry and is also the headquarters of a large segment of the rocket and missile industry.
A. The South
B. New England
C. The Midwest
D. The Pacific Coast

14. Which of the following is regarded as the best explanation of the American Constitution as well as one of the most important works on political theory?
- A. The “Great Compromise”. B. The Articles of Confederation.
C. The Federalist Papers. D. The Bill of Rights.
15. The United States declared independence from Britain in _____.
A. 1776 B. 1783
C. 1804 D. 1812
16. The containment policy proposed by _____ in 1946 was the official policy of the US towards the Soviet Union until 1991.
A. Franklin Roosevelt B. George Kennan
C. Harry Truman D. George Marshall
17. _____ was the first black person to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
A. Elizabeth Eckford B. Oliver Brown
C. James Meredith D. Rosa Parks
18. Which of the following American companies manufactures airplanes?
A. General Dynamics. B. Sears Holdings.
C. General Electric. D. Berkshire Hathaway.
19. Canada is the world’s _____ largest country in area.
A. second B. third
C. fourth D. fifth
20. The novel *The English Patient* was written by _____, who mixed history with rich character portrayals.
A. Cynthia Ozick B. Michael Ondaatje
C. Alice Munro D. Robertson Davies
21. In Canada, _____ formally summons and dissolves Parliament, gives royal assent to bills passed by Parliament, and performs other executive functions.
A. the Cabinet B. the prime minister
C. the monarch D. the Governor-General
22. _____ are thought of as a symbol of Australia.
A. Kangaroos B. Koalas
C. Wombats D. Wallabies



23. The western part of Australia is a vast _____, which makes up more than half of the country.
- A. lowland
B. basin
C. plateau
D. plain
24. New Zealand and Australia are separated by _____.
- A. Cook Strait
B. the Tasman Sea
C. Bass Strait
D. the Antarctic Ocean
25. The film *Whale Rider* is based on a novel by _____ and deals with issues of family, gender, and cultural survival.
- A. Peter Jackson
B. Lee Tamahori
C. Kerry Fox
D. Witi Ihimaera
26. The largest river in Ireland is _____.
- A. the Boyne
B. the Blackwater
C. the Barrow
D. the River Shannon
27. Most species in Ireland arrived overland from _____ Europe.
- A. eastern
B. southern
C. western
D. northern
28. English was first introduced to Ireland in _____.
- A. the Tudor Conquest
B. the Norman invasion
C. the Cromwellian Conquest
D. the Roman invasion
29. Which of the following is an Irish dramatist?
- A. Walt Whitman.
B. Oscar Wilde.
C. Henry James.
D. Patrick White.
30. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is named for the Gaelic phrase dubh linn, which means "_____".
- A. wild lion
B. brave tiger
C. precious pearl
D. black pool



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. In the UK, _____ is the real legislative branch.
32. In 2000, _____ was established; it consists of a directly elected mayor and a 25-member assembly elected by proportional representation.
33. The _____ is one of the outstanding features of British politics and generally has produced firm and decisive government.
34. New Englanders were originally known as _____, which came to stand for all Americans.
35. It was _____ who made the first successful gasoline-driven automobile in the United States.
36. Ottawa borders Gatineau, Quebec, and together they form _____.
37. During the Progressive Movement, the _____, a group of reform-minded journalists, made investigations and exposed various dark sides of the seemingly prosperous American society.
38. George Miller's _____ is among Australian films that scored worldwide box-office successes.
39. The volcanic eruption in _____ in 200 AD was probably the largest volcanic eruption in the world in the last 5,000 years.
40. In the 5th century AD, _____ greatly helped the spread of Christianity in Ireland.

- A. the Duryea brothers
- B. Lake Taupo
- C. the House of Commons
- D. Muckrakers
- E. St. Patrick
- F. the Greater London Authority
- G. the Wright brothers



- H. the National Capital Region
- I. Mad Max series
- J. Yankees
- K. two-party system
- L. Lake Eyre

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. nonstatus Indians

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 is the English Civil War also called the Puritan Revolution?
- 44. What is the major difference between the Whigs and the Tories in political views?
- 45. What are the three main elements of the British government?
- 46. Why did the Pilgrims leave England for America in the 17th century?
- 47. What was the significance of President Nixon's visit to China in 1972?
- 48. Why is Australia Day celebrated on January 26?
- 49. Apart from childbearing, what is the main reason for Australia's continuously large "white" population?
- 50. Why are New Zealanders nicknamed "Kiwis"?
- 51. Why does New Zealand often have earthquakes?
- 52. What impact did the Irish Potato Famine and subsequent emigration have on the Irish language?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

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

- 53. What were the origins of the Cold War?

