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英语国家概况试题

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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. Blacken the letter of the answer you have chosen on the ANSWER SHEET.

(30 points, 1 point each)

1. The UK lies between latitude 50° to 60° north and has a _____ climate.
 - A. Mediterranean
 - B. continental
 - C. subtropical
 - D. maritime
2. Modern English is derived mainly from _____ and heavily influenced by the language of the Danes.
 - A. the Celtic language
 - B. the Germanic dialects
 - C. the Scottish Gaelic
 - D. the Brythonic dialects
3. _____ imposed a tax on his people to pay the Viking invaders to stay away.
 - A. Edward the Confessor
 - B. Alfred the Great
 - C. Ethelred the Unready
 - D. William Rufus
4. William the Conqueror replaced the council of the Anglo-Saxon Kings with _____ of his new tenants-in-chief.
 - A. the Grand Council
 - B. the Great Council
 - C. the Privy Council
 - D. Parliament



5. Among the dramas with Becket's martyrdom as the subject, the most noteworthy one is _____.
- A. *The Merchants of Venice* B. *Constitutions of Clarendon*
C. *The Canterbury Tales* D. *Murder in the Cathedral*
6. Henry VIII placed local government in the hands of _____.
- A. the barons B. the clergy
C. the Pope D. the gentry
7. Elizabeth I, as the last of the five _____ monarchies ruling England, witnessed great achievements in literature and other arts, in exploration and in battle.
- A. Stuart B. Commonwealth
C. Tudor D. Plantagenet
8. The battles between the great House of Lancaster and that of York are referred to as _____.
- A. the War of Independence B. the Wars of the Roses
C. the Hundred Years' War D. the Civil Wars
9. _____ lies almost entirely within the area of the rolling Interior Plains in the US.
- A. The Midwest B. The South
C. The American West D. New England
10. In September, 1783, _____ was signed, and Britain recognized the independence of the United States.
- A. the Articles of Confederation B. the Treaty of Paris
C. the Declaration of Independence D. the Emancipation Proclamation
11. After the American Civil War, the new state governments in the South had to accept _____ which provided citizenship to all the former slaves.
- A. the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution
B. Kansa-Nebraska Act
C. Missouri Compromise
D. the Bill of Rights
12. At the beginning of the World War I, the United States declared neutrality, but in fact it pursued a policy of _____.
- A. isolationism B. pro-Central partiality
C. containment D. pro-Ally partiality



13. Which brought about the worst economic recession in the US?
A. The 1973 oil crisis. B. The 1990–1991 downturn.
C. The 2008 financial crisis. D. The 2001 recession.
14. Canada's vast territory extends almost from the North Pole to the _____ parallel.
A. 45th B. 35th
C. 30th D. 20th
15. Regarded as one of the greatest Canadian writers of fiction, _____ is awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize for literature.
A. Alice Munro B. Margaret Laurence
C. Margaret Atwood D. Jacques Godbout
16. As the second largest band of tree growth in the world, Canada's _____ accounts for four fifths of the nation's forested area.
A. coniferous forest B. deciduous forest
C. broad-leaved forest D. boreal forest
17. The final province, _____, joined Canada in 1949.
A. Quebec B. Ontario
C. Manitoba D. Newfoundland
18. The three basic geographical regions in Australia are the Western Plateau, _____ and the Central Lowlands.
A. the Eastern Highlands B. the Outback
C. the Interior Lowland Basins D. South Australia
19. Australia Day is celebrated on _____ to commemorate the arrival of the British First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788.
A. January 26 B. February 6
C. July 1 D. July 4
20. In Australia the Queen is represented by _____.
A. the Governor-General B. the Senate
C. the House of Representatives D. the Prime Minister
21. What brings in the largest share of Australia's export income?
A. The manufacturing. B. Wine products.
C. The mining industry. D. Wool products.
22. _____ is a dormant volcano in the central plateau in New Zealand.
A. Ruapehu B. Tongariro
C. Ngauruhoe D. Cook



23. In 1907 New Zealand assumed dominion status within the British Empire and in _____ it became fully independent within the Commonwealth.
A. 1920
B. 1944
C. 1947
D. 1951
24. The main hurdles to New Zealand's economic development are its great distance from major world markets and its _____.
A. mountainous terrain
B. radical climate
C. limited population
D. limited resources
25. The ports of _____ and Auckland in New Zealand are the most important links for international trade.
A. Wellington
B. Picton
C. Christchurch
D. Tauranga
26. The unrivaled scenic attractions of New Zealand are shown to the world in movies such as _____ trilogy.
A. *The Lord of the Rings*
B. *The Piano*
C. *Once Were Warriors*
D. *Whale Ride*
27. In 1998, Ireland and Britain signed the Belfast Agreement, which would create _____.
A. an Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental council
B. a Northern Ireland Assembly
C. a Council of Ireland
D. a unitary state
28. The largest river running through Ireland is _____.
A. the Barrow
B. the Boyne
C. the Blackwater
D. the Shannon
29. Which language was first introduced to Ireland in the Norman invasion?
A. Latin.
B. English.
C. French.
D. Old Norse.
30. _____ is the most Irish state in the US with 23.8% of the population claiming Irish ancestry.
A. North Carolina
B. Maryland
C. Massachusetts
D. South Carolina



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. The Anglo-Saxons created _____ to advise the king, the basis of the Privy Council which still exists today.
32. King John was forced to sign _____ presented by his barons on June 19, 1215.
33. The most remarkable economic development in the UK has been the growth of _____.
34. The Paris Conference in 1919 resulted in the emergence of _____ in Europe.
35. _____ abolished the system of national-origin quotas and changed the ethnic make-up of the United States.
36. Edward VI's real religious switch to Protestant theology is called "_____".
37. The English government originally decided to start _____ in Australia.
38. The Australian Constitution can be changed only by _____.
39. On behalf of the British government, Captain William Hobson signed _____ with Maori chiefs in 1840.
40. The South Australian government was the first in the world to adopt _____ for all adult males.

- A. service industries
- B. a penal colony
- C. The Reformation
- D. the Versailles Treaty System
- E. the Treaty of Waitangi
- F. referendum
- G. the Great Charter
- H. Aotearoa
- I. the Enclosure Acts
- J. the Witan
- K. The Hart-Cellar Act
- L. suffrage



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. *Domesday Book*
- 42. Manifest Destiny

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. To whom did landowners take the oath of allegiance for the land they held under William's rule?
- 44. Why is Alfred known as "the father of the British navy"?
- 45. Why is the English Civil War generally regarded as the beginning of modern world history?
- 46. What has New Zealand done to make full use of the South's surplus hydroelectric power in its electricity grid?
- 47. What replaced plantation farming by slaves after the American Civil War?
- 48. What accounts for the disadvantaged status of African Americans as a group in the US today?
- 49. Who are called nonstatus Indians in Canada?
- 50. What does the Governor-General do if no party holds a majority in the House of Commons after a general election in Canada?
- 51. Which branch makes important policy decisions in the local government system in Ireland?
- 52. Why did the population of Ireland collapse dramatically in the second half of the 19th century?

V. ESSAY QUESTION

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

- 53. What efforts were made in the Progressive Movement in the United States?

