ENGLISH TEST - STATE FINALS

General Directions

Please read the following instructions carefully. This is a timed test; any instructions from the test supervisor should be followed promptly.

The test supervisor will give instructions for filling in any necessary information on the answer sheet. Some Academic Challenge test sites are using answer sheets that require you to fill in the letter of the answer you choose on the blank line after each question number. Others may ask you to indicate your answer to each question by marking an oval that corresponds to the correct answer for that question. Only one oval should be marked to answer each question. Multiple ovals will automatically be graded as an incorrect answer.

Be sure ovals are marked as ⭕. Not as ☐ , □ , 〇 .

Test Question - 1. What is the name of the robotic helicopter used for surveillance by the U. S. Army?
   a. Eye in the Sky
   b. ROBOT I
   c. Surveyor I
   d. CYPHER
   e. Robospierre

Answer Sheet-- 1.  A  B  C  ⭕  E

If you wish to change an answer, erase your first mark completely before marking your new choice.

You are advised to use your time effectively and to work as rapidly as you can without losing accuracy. Do not waste your time on questions that are too difficult for you. Go on to the other questions and come back to the difficult ones later if you can.

*** TIME: 40 MINUTES ***

DO NOT OPEN TEST BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO!
For items 1-15, choose the standard spelling from the three choices.

1. a. annihilate  
b. anihillate  
c. annialate

2. a. manuverability  
b. maneuverability  
c. manueveribility

3. a. manequin  
b. mannekin  
c. mannequin

4. a. chrysanthemum  
b. crysanthemum  
c. crisanthemum

5. a. chandelier  
b. chandaleer  
c. chandeleer

6. a. corroborrate  
b. corroborate  
c. corobborate

7. a. isosalese  
b. isosceles  
c. isoselese

8. a. rododenron  
b. rhododendron  
c. rhododendrun

9. a. limosine  
b. limousine  
c. limasine

10. a. llama  
b. llamma  
c. lamma

11. a. prestadigitation  
b. prestidigitation  
c. prestadigatation

12. a. onomatopoeia  
b. onamatopoeia  
c. onomatapaeia

13. a. vacillate  
b. vascillate  
c. vaccilate

14. a. exigesis  
b. exegesis  
c. exegesus

15. a. entrepreneur  
b. entrepeneur  
c. entreprenur
Read the passage below, then respond to items 16 – 27, which are based upon it, selecting the best available answer in each case.

Not until it was twilight did Gregor awake out of a deep sleep, more like a swoon than a sleep. He would certainly soon have awakened on his own because he was sufficiently rested and slept out, but it seemed to him that a fleeting step and a careful closing of the door that led into the hall had shaken him into wakefulness.

The lights in the street shone palely here and there on the ceiling and on the surfaces of the furniture, but below, where he lay, it was pitch black. Slowly, tentatively trying out his feelers, which he was learning slowly to appreciate, he pushed through the door to see what was going on behind it. His left side felt like a long, miserable scar. He actually had to limp on the two rows of legs he now had. To make it worse, one leg had been damaged badly during the morning’s events. It was miraculous that only one leg had been injured. Now it trailed behind him useless.

He got to the door before he knew what had drawn him to it: the aroma of food. A dish stood there filled with milk and small pieces of white bread. He wanted to laugh for joy. He was hungrier than he had been in the morning, and he plunged his head into the milk until his eyes disappeared. Soon, however, he had to pull back because of the pain from his left side. Milk had been his favorite drink, but something had happened to him; he no longer liked milk. It was almost with repulsion that he turned away from the dish and crawled back to the middle of the room.

From “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka, 1915

16. This passage is essentially told in the
   a. first person singular
   b. first person plural
   c. third person singular
   d. third person plural

17. The point of view of this story seems to be of
   a. an author writing autobiographically
   b. a child who has been punished
   c. a parent speaking about a child
   d. a person turned into something subhuman
18. When did Gregor waken?
   a. around sunrise
   b. late at night
   c. at high noon
   d. in the evening around twilight

19. What woke Gregor?
   a. the smell of food
   b. a footfall or the shutting of a door
   c. his sister
   d. the pain of his scar

20. Gregor went to the door because he
   a. smelled food behind it
   b. hoped his sister was behind it
   c. heard a noise behind it
   d. the passage does not say

21. The fact that Gregor has feelers suggests that
   a. he is referring to his hands
   b. the word refers to his senses
   c. he is an insect
   d. he has died

22. Gregor could not drink the milk because he
   a. was allergic to it
   b. could not get through the door
   c. thought it had turned sour
   d. had a tender left side

23. Why did Gregor’s eyes disappear?
   a. the lights went out
   b. he closed them
   c. he submerged his head in the bowl of milk
   d. he was bewitched

24. The fact that Gregor has two rows of legs suggests that he is
   a. crippled
   b. an insect
   c. a twin, possibly Siamese
   d. dead

25. The lights of the street
   a. frightened Gregor
   b. shone on the ceiling
   c. made Gregor feel secure
   d. went out

26. Gregor injured his leg
   a. in the war
   b. when his horse threw him
   c. in the morning’s events
   d. in a battle with spies

27. Gregor felt like laughing happily when he
   a. discovered the bowl of milk
   b. woke up fully rested
   c. stretched his legs
   d. saw the shadows on the ceiling
Revise each of the following sentences, 28 – 37, according to the directions given. It is important that you make only the change you need in order to follow the directions. Choose the one response for each question that contains a phrase from your revised sentence. If you revise a sentence and none of the responses is contained in your revision, think your answer through and revise it until one of the responses provided fits your revision.

Example: Coming in before she was expected, Jenny had no place to stay.

Directions: Begin with Jenny had no place to stay

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Your revised sentence is probably something like "Jenny had no place to stay because she came in before she was expected." Your correct response, therefore, is c.

28. Happy to do a favor for her best friend, Lana drove Heather to the airport.

Begin with Because

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29. To understand the nature of altruism was Lane's reason for being a volunteer.

Make the subject of this sentence a gerund.

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30. Sully hid in the dark closet because he believed the burglar was dangerous.

Begin with Because he believed the burglar was dangerous,

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31. That the jury would laugh at his speech he did not expect.

Begin with He was surprised by

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<td>c.</td>
<td>the jury's laughing at his speech.</td>
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<td>d.</td>
<td>laughing by the jury at his speech.</td>
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32. Nina said my complaint was ridiculous and pitiful.

Quote Nina directly

a. Nina said, "I am ridiculous and pitiful."

b. Nina said, "my complaint is ridiculous and pitiful."

c. Nina said, "Your complaint is ridiculous and pitiful."

d. Nina said, "Your complaint is ridiculous and pitiful."

33. The professor told her students that their papers would not earn superior scores unless the papers were *thoughtful and organized*.

Quote only the italicized phrase.

a. The professor told her students that their papers would not earn superior scores unless the papers were "thoughtful and organized".

b. The professor told her students that their papers would not earn superior scores unless the papers were "thoughtful and organized."

c. The professor told her students that their papers would not earn superior scores unless the papers were "thoughtful and organized."

d. The professor told her students, that their papers would not earn superior scores unless the papers were "thoughtful and organized."

34. Having lost at the game of love, Herb tried his hand at poker.

Begin with **Herb tried his hand at poker**

a. to lose at love

b. having before lost his hand at poker

c. after losing at the game of love

d. losing at the game of love

35. Courtney lost Edward's love letter and ring.

If you change the sentence to passive voice, the first words will be

a. Losing Edward's love letter and ring

b. Having lost Edward's love letter and ring

c. Being lost was Courtney's love letter

d. Edward's love letter and ring were lost

36. The emcee told the crowd he was honored to be among such pillars of success.

Begin with **The emcee announced,**

a. I am honored to be among such pillars of success.

b. "I am honored to be among such pillars of success".

c. "I am honored to be among such pillars of success."

d. "I am honored to be among such pillars of success.'
37. That the future was bright was believed by Rufus, so he headed west.

Begin with **Rufus headed west**

    a. so he headed to the bright west
    b. despite believing the future was bright
    c. because he believed the future was bright
    d. having believed the west was the bright future

Select the best option from those provided to serve as the underlined portion for each item, 38-60.

38. If you or any member of your family **have ever visited** Seattle, Washington, please contact the mayor of Seattle immediately.

    a. has ever visited
    b. have ever visit
    c. have ever visited

39. An entire shelf full of very expensive antique **books was missing** after the robbery.

    a. books were missing
    b. book's were missing
    c. books was missing

40. We looked for the lost puppy in the garage, **the basement**, and by the pool.

    a. the Basement
    b. in the basement
    c. the basement

41. The critics thought Bill's performance was **just as good, if not better than**, Roger's.

    a. just as good as, if not better than
    b. just as good as, if not better then
    c. just as good, if not better than

42. Justin's friends (and perhaps even Justin himself) **are convinced** that the party is not until tomorrow night.

    a. is convinced
    b. are convinced,
    c. are convinced

43. In the big sweepstakes give-away, the first **prize are** two luxury cars.

    a. prize is,
    b. prize is
    c. prize are
44. It was my father's dying wish that my younger \textbf{brother attend} Harvard.
   
   a. brother attends  
   b. brother attended  
   c. brother attend

45. I sometimes like to \textbf{stay up late}. \textbf{Which} is a bad habit for a student to have.
   
   a. stay up late, which  
   b. stay up late; which  
   c. stay up late. Which

46. George helped our team win the state \textbf{finals he scored} over 100 points all by himself.
   
   a. the state finals, he scored  
   b. the state finals; he scored  
   c. the state finals he scored

47. Only one thing was on Brenda's mind when she came home from a hard day's \textbf{work, eating dinner}.
   
   a. work: eating dinner.  
   b. work eating dinner.  
   c. work, eating dinner.

48. 8 \textbf{years ago}, I won a dream vacation trip to Europe.
   
   a. Eight-years ago,  
   b. Eight years ago,  
   c. 8 years ago,

49. Your secret criteria for \textbf{success seem} to be working.
   
   a. success seems  
   b. success, seem  
   c. success seem

50. The contestant tried, but neither of his \textbf{two guesses were} correct.
   
   a. two guesses was  
   b. two guess's were  
   c. two guesses were

51. I never really liked subtitled films, the \textbf{reason being} that I have a reading disability.
   
   a. films. The reason being  
   b. films; the reason being  
   c. films, the reason being

52. My sister's GPA is a lot \textbf{higher than her brother}.
   
   a. higher than that of her brother.  
   b. higher than those of her brother.  
   c. higher than her brother.

53. Every shopper likes to look in the \textbf{newspaper} and find a \textbf{money saving offer}.
   
   a. money-saving-offer.  
   b. money-saving offer  
   c. money saving offer.
54. As I am the president of the company, I have the biggest and fanciest office.
   a. Because I am the president
   b. As I am the President
   c. As I am the president

55. Looking high up into the sky, the tall building seemed like a mountain to the little girl.
   a. the little girl thought the tall building seemed like a mountain.
   b. the tall building appeared as tall as a mountain to the little girl.
   c. the tall building seemed like a mountain to the little girl.

56. When the phone rang, I had already arose from my afternoon nap.
   a. had already rose
   b. had already arisen
   c. had already arose

57. The detective said that the recent crime wave would require farther investigation.
   a. require further
   b. require, farther
   c. require farther

58. A TV station claims that it offers less commercials than any other station.
   a. fewer commercials
   b. less commercial's
   c. less commercials

59. This new luxury automobile offers more comfort features than any car.
   a. then any car.
   b. than any other car.
   c. than any car.

60. Whenever Frank bought an appliance, he always tried to get the top of the line model.
   a. "top of the line"
   b. top-of-the-line model
   c. top of the line model
Read the following poem and respond to items 61-70 that follow it.

Surprised by joy--impatient as the wind
I turned to share the transport--Oh! with whom
But Thee, deep buried in the silent tomb,
That spot which no vicissitude can find?

Love, faithful love, recalled thee to my mind--
But how could I forget thee? Through what power,
Even for the least division of an hour,
Have I been so beguiled as to be blind
To my most grievous loss?--That thought’s return

Was the worst pang that sorrow ever bore,
Save one, one only, when I stood forlorn,
Knowing my heart’s best treasure was no more;
That neither present time, nor years unborn
Could to my sight that heavenly face restore.

William Wordsworth’s “Surprised by Joy--Impatient as the Wind,” 1802

61. The poem is essentially written in the
   a. first person singular
   b.   second person singular
   c. third person singular
   d. first and third person singular

62. In line 2, “transport” means
   a. conveying
   b. carrying from one place to a distant place
   c. strong emotion
   d. sending to a penal colony

63. The meter of this poem is
   a. iambic tetrameter
   b. iambic pentameter
   c. dactylic tetrameter
   d. trochaic pentameter

64. The poem is about
   a. the joys of nature
   b. marrying the person the author loves
   c. the author’s anticipation of death
   d. the death of a loved one

65. The poem is best described as a(n)
   a. sonnet
   b. ballad
   c. sestet
   d. example of sprung verse

66. The words “years unborn” (line 13) mean
   a. the years in which the writer’s children will be born
   b. years that have not yet arrived
   c. yesteryear
   d. the years before the author’s birth
67. The best interpretation if “vicissitude” as it is used here is
   a. sadness
   b. appreciation
   c. change
   d. great unhappiness

68. Line 1 contains an example of
   a. simile
   b. alliteration
   c. personification
   d. metaphor

69. The poem makes it clear that the person being addressed is
   a. dead
   b. well educated
   c. cantankerous
   d. jealous

70. The rhyme scheme of the first two stanzas is
   a. abab acac
   b. abba cddc
   c. abba acca
   d. abbc cdde
Read the following passage and respond to items 71-85 that follow it, selecting the best option for those provided for each underlined portion.

James Garfield, twentieth President of the United States, having served for less than four months when Charles Guiteau, a disappointed job seeker, shot him in the back; early in July, 1881. Garfield lingered in critical condition until September, succumbing to his wounds.

Garfield’s vice president, Chester A. Arthur, did not seek celebrity, he had it thrust upon him, by Garfields death. Arthur, a political protégé of New York’s powerful senator, Roscoe Conkling, had never ran for public office until he was nominated to balance the Republican ticket in the 1880 election. After Garfield was wounded it become evident that Arthur had little public support. An electorate skeptical of the vice president they prayed for Garfield’s recovery and feared that Arthur ascending to the highest office in the land would give Conkling unbridled power.

When Garfield finally died and Arthur was inaugurated, the new president set to work renovating the White House, getting rid of many of its furnishings and not moving in for a year after his election. Once the renovations being completed, he gained renown for hosting memorable dinner partys there.

Far from allowing Conkling to control him when he became president, Arthur supported the Pendelton Act of 1883 under which applicants for many classifications of government jobs took civil service examinations to qualify for appointment. For the first time in United States History, jobs in the governmental bureaucracy were protected during changes in political administrations: thereby weakening severely the system of political patronage that had been a mainstay of Senator Conkling’s method of controlling people and enhancing his power. Although he was a one-term president, Chester Arthur contributed a great deal to making government more honest than it had previously been.
71. a. States had  
   b. States, had  
   c. States having  
   d. no error  

72. a. back early  
   b. back. Early  
   c. back, it being early  
   d. no error  

73. a. September he succumbed  
   b. September, when he succumbed  
   c. September; when he succumbed  
   d. no error  

74. a. celebrity he  
   b. celebrity--he  
   c. celebrity; having  
   d. no error  

75. a. him by Garfields  
   b. him by Garfields’  
   c. him by Garfield’s  
   d. no error  

76. a. Conkling, had never run  
   b. Conkling had never run  
   c. Conkling, he had never run  
   d. no error  

77. a. wounded, it become  
   b. wounded it became  
   c. wounded, it became  
   d. no error  

78. a. president  
   b. president,  
   c. president, they  
   d. no error  

79. a. feared, that Arthur ascending  
   b. feared that Arthur’s ascending  
   c. feared Arthur ascending  
   d. no error  

80. a. the land, it will  
   b. the land it would  
   c. the land; would  
   d. no error  

81. a. of its furnishing;  
   b. of it’s furnishing,  
   c. of it’s furnishings  
   d. no error  

82. a. renovations were completed,  
   b. renovations they were completed  
   c. renovations, being completed,  
   d. no error  

83. a. dinner party’s there  
   b. dinner parties there  
   c. dinner parties’ their  
   d. no error  

84. a. him, when  
   b. him; when  
   c. him. When  
   d. no error  

85. a. administrations, thereby  
   b. administrations. Thereby  
   c. administrations thereby  
   d. no error
For items 86-100, select the definition below each term that most precisely and accurately matches the meaning of the underlined word in the selection.

86. The audience was disappointed by the speaker’s desultory remarks.
   a. halfhearted
   b. random
   c. unconventional

87. The honor student was afraid that a long summer vacation would rob her of her perspicacity.
   a. self-discipline
   b. pale-looking skin tone
   c. keenness of mind

88. When John admitted that he knew nothing of computers and did not care to know anything about them, his friends called him a troglodyte.
   a. an intellectual snob
   b. a primitive cave-dweller
   c. someone who resents modern progress

89. My uncle prided himself on being an excellent raconteur when he came to America during the 1930s.
   a. one who reveals rackets and criminal activity
   b. teller of stories and tales
   c. an expert or specialist in a certain era of history

90. Prof. Bothwell is often consulted because he is a connoisseur of European literature.
   a. subscriber to magazines
   b. expert in
   c. major critic of

91. The local film festival resulted in a melange of moviemakers.
   a. a mixture of different types
   b. an angry conflict
   c. a temporary committee

92. The skies became caliginous immediately before the storm.
   a. calm and windless
   b. dark, misty
   c. turbulent

93. My college English professor urges his students not to be sesquipedalian.
   a. lazy and uninspired in writing style
   b. having a tendency to plagiarize
   c. prone to use big words

94. When I was five years old, I discovered my talent for the terpsichorean arts.
   a. whistling
   b. dancing
   c. flute playing
95. At the end of the play, the whole cast gathered at the proscenium.
   a. stage door
   b. back of the theater behind the seats
   c. portion of the stage in front of the curtain

96. Sharon was sad because she had been hired as an ancillary teacher.
   a. temporary
   b. subordinate
   c. without tenure-track

97. Before his miraculous transformation, Scrooge was noted for his parsimony.
   a. spirit of meanness toward employees
   b. sense of business propriety
   c. stinginess with money

98. Most soup kitchens are eleemosynary.
   a. supported by charity
   b. church-sponsored
   c. elementary and unnecessary

99. The baron had a period of largesse shortly before his death.
   a. enlarging of a particular body organ
   b. a fit of generous giving and charity
   c. feeling of regret for past sins

100. The woman's pique was obvious when she did not receive any compliments on her new hat.
     a. resentment
     b. extreme shame and embarrassment
     c. disappointment