

# Grammar Test

Time: 25 minutes

40 questions

## Part I

### Directions:

Questions 1-20 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four or five words or phrases marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

**Note: you may not choose two answers as correct. In this situation, none of these answers will be counted in.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the passage of light, many new plastics are processed using technologies rivaling those used in the manufacture of computer chips.

- (A) To better permit  
(B) Permitting better

- (C) For the better of  
(D) It is better for

2. Among all the scientists of the 1930s, \_\_\_\_\_ was so suited to carry out the Manhattan project as J. Robert Oppenheimer.

- (A) no scientists  
(B) not who was a scientist

- (C) none  
(D) a scientist never he

3. \_\_\_\_\_ they are widely perceived as gentle creatures, hippopotamuses are responsible for more human deaths in Africa than any other animal.

- (A) Despite of  
(B) Even though

- (C) In spite of  
(D) Nonetheless

4. Despite the appearance of being merely pests, ants can serve a garden by eliminating other bothersome insects and \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) they can aerate the soil  
(B) aerating the soil

- (C) to aerate the soil  
(D) that can aerate the soil

5. Virtually all doctors agree \_\_\_\_\_ a second diagnosis in the event of a potentially major disease.

- (A) that patients should seek  
(B) patients should be sought

- (C) patients they seek  
(D) patients that should seek

6. Uranium, \_\_\_\_\_, is an exceedingly rare and potentially dangerous element.

- (A) to found in trace quantities  
(B) found in trace quantities

- (C) finding in trace quantities  
(D) to be found in trace quantities

7. Daniel Webster, Thadeus Stevens, and many others \_\_\_\_\_ prominent in public life began their careers by teaching school.

- (A) they became  
(B) once they became

- (C) became  
(D) who became

8. As coal mines became deeper, the problems of draining water, bringing in fresh air, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the surface increased.

- (A) transporting ore  
(B) to transport ore

- (C) how ore is transported  
(D) ore is transporting

9. \_\_\_\_\_ because of the complexity of his writing, Henry James never became a popular writer, but his works are admired by critics and other writers.  
(A) It may be (C) Besides  
(B) Perhaps (D) Why is it
10. Piedmont glaciers are formed \_\_\_\_\_ several valley glaciers join and spread out over a plain.  
(A) by (C) from  
(B) when (D) that
11. As late as 1890, Key West, with a population of 18,000, \_\_\_\_\_ Florida's largest city.  
(A) that was (C) was  
(B) to be (D) it was
12. A mastery of calculus depends on \_\_\_\_\_ of algebra.  
(A) an understanding (C) to understand  
(B) is understood (D) understand
13. \_\_\_\_\_ he was not a musician himself, Lawrence Hammond developed an electronic keyboard instrument called the Hammond organ.  
(A) Although (C) Despite  
(B) That (D) For
14. Agnes De Mille's landmark musical play *Oklahoma!* was \_\_\_\_\_ of story, music, and dance.  
(A) successfully combined (C) to combine successfully  
(B) a successful combination (D) successful combining
15. \_\_\_\_\_ single dialect of American English has ever become dominant.  
(A) No (C) Not  
(B) Not only a (D) Nor a
16. In 1837 the University of Michigan became the first state university \_\_\_\_\_ by a board of regents elected by the voters of the state.  
(A) under the control (C) being controlled  
(B) it was controlled (D) to be controlled
17. Indoor heating systems have made \_\_\_\_\_ for people to live and work comfortably in temperate climates.  
(A) it is possible (C) it possible  
(B) possible (D) possibly
18. Certain fish eggs contain droplets of oil, \_\_\_\_\_ to float on the surface of the water.  
(A) allowing them (C) they are allowed  
(B) allows them (D) this allows them
19. Considered America's first great architect, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) many of the buildings at Harvard University were designed by Henry Hobson Richardson  
(B) Henry Hobson Richardson designed many of the buildings at Harvard University  
(C) Harvard University has many buildings that were designed by Henry Hobson Richardson  
(D) it was Henry Hobson Richardson who designed many of the buildings at Harvard University
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is caused by a virus was not known until 1911.  
(A) That measles (C) Measles  
(B) As measles (D) What if measles

## Part II

### Directions:

In questions **21-40**, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. These four underlined parts of the sentence are **(A)**, **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Identify the one word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

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21. The medicine of prehistoric peoples probably consisted of a mixture of scientific practices, superstitions, and religious believes.

A

B

C

D

22. Echoes occur when sound waves strike a smooth surface and bounces backwards.

A

B

C

D

23. It was her strong determine that helped her overcome the physical and emotional pain that followed her accident.

A

B

C

D

24. However unavoidable the Civil War may have been, it was more devastating also exhausting than any European war between 1815 and 1914.

A

B

C

D

25. In cases of minor injury to the brain, amnesia is likely to be a temporarily condition.

A

B

C

D

26. The United States census for 1970 showed that the French-speaking residents of Louisiana were one of the country's most compact regional linguistic minority.

A

B

C

D

27. Similar in climate and geography many northeastern cities is Portland, the largest city in Oregon.

A

B

C

D

28. Because of extensive research in the field of genetic engineers, scientists can now create plants that farmers can grow in harsh climates.

A

B

C

D

29. Costume jewelry is made of plastic, wood, or inexpensive metal, and they may be set with semiprecious or imitation stones.

A

B

C

D

30. Contemporary poet Allen Ginsberg prides him on his ability to create poetry which invites complete emotional and physical participation by its audience.

A

B

C

D

31. Although based it on feudal models, the colony of Pennsylvania developed a reputation for a progressive political and social outlook.

A

B

C

D

32. Hard and resistant to corrosion, bronze is traditionally used in bell casting and is the material used widely most for metal sculpture.

A

B

C

D

33. The globe artichoke was known as a delicacy at least 2,500 years ago, and records of its cultivation date from fifteenth century.

A

B

C

D

34. Many of species of milkweed are among the most dangerous of poisonous plants, while others have little, if any, toxicity.

A

B

C

D

35. Frank Lloyd Wright, by designing the low-cost "Usonian" house in the 1930s, wanting to make American architecture more "democratic" and affordable to everyone.

A

B

C

D

36. A lack in vitamin D, which comes from fortified milk or sunshine, can decrease the body's ability to absorb calcium.

A

B

C

D

37. Money donated by philanthropist H. R. Brandenberg was earmark for AIDS research in developing countries.

A

B

C

D

38. The formation of a rainbow occurs a process in which light is diffused at varying rates by the surrounding atmosphere resulting in the reflection of different wavelengths of light.

A

B

C

D

39. Though difficult, it possible for an adult learner of a new language to master the subtleties of the grammar and syntax of the new language.

A

B

C

D

40. The scientific method is a system which a problem or challenge is identified and possible solutions are created and tested, with the final results evaluated to determine the best approach to the resulting theory.

A

B

C

D