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## 前 言

本书是根据国家教委 1991 年制定的硕士学位研究生入学考试《英语考试大纲》的精神、内容和要求以及 91 年、92 年两次全国统测的试题的题型、数量和难度编写的模拟试题集。

本书旨在提高考生综合运用语言的能力和应试能力。根据《英语考试大纲》的要求本人将多年来在教学中积累的资料汇总、加工、整理,编写成了这本书。本书包括:词汇与语法结构、阅读理解、完型填空、辨错与改错、英译汉和短文写作六个单项模拟试题,每项有十二个练习,另有二套综合模拟试题及 91 年、92 年和 93 年攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试英语试题,读者可以按本书编排的顺序复习,也可以从六个单项中各抽出一个练习作为一整套试题进行自测。

我希望本书会成为广大立志攻读硕士学位考生的良师益友。本书也可供大学公共英语教学参考、使用,对参加大学英语四、六级考试的同学、托福考生、科技人员和高等教育自学者也颇有助益。

限于本人学识和编写时间,书中恐有疏误之处,望读者不吝指正。

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## 一、词汇与语法结构

本部分测试考生对词汇、短语及语法知识的掌握情况。每个练习共30题，每小题0.5分，共15分，时间为25分钟。

**Directions:** In each sentence, decide which of the four choices given will most suitably complete the sentence if inserted at the place marked. Put your choices in the ANSWER SHEET.

### Exercise 1

1. A hinge joint is what permits the forward and backward movement of a door.

A. that B. it C. what D. which

2. It is difficult for the casual observer to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ artificial and natural lakes.

A. to B. from C. in D. between

3. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of having asked such a silly question.

A. sorry B. ashamed C. guilty D. miserable

4. Why shouldn't Helen eat the cake? \_\_\_\_\_, she baked it.

A. After all. ~~B.~~ At all C. In all D. For all

5. She once again went through her composition carefully to \_\_\_\_\_ all spelling mistakes from it.

A. withdraw B. abandon C. diminish D. eliminate

6. My cat would not have bitten the toy fish \_\_\_\_\_ it was made of rubber.

A. If she has known

B. If she knew

C. Had she known

D. she should have known

7. You needn't hurry her. She \_\_\_\_\_ it by the time you are ready.

A. will have finished

B. will finish

C. will be finishing

D. has finished

8. What he described as a \_\_\_\_\_ detail I thought was the most important part of the plan.

A. common B. mere C. just D. plain

9. The boy could not \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation of the piece of chocolate and revealed the secret.  
A. consist B. persist C. insist ☒ D. resist
10. We had a party last month, and it was a lot of fun, so let's have \_\_\_\_\_ one this month.  
A. other B. the other ☒ C. another D. more
11. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ for the job, but I forget the exact amount.  
A. to be paid ☒ B. being paid  
C. to pay D. get paid
12. In addition to being inexpensive, affordable houses are \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ A. to be cheap to live in ☒ B. cheap to live  
C. to be cheap to live D. to live cheap in
13. The train should have arrived an hour ago. I wonder what could have caused the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. incident B. accident ☒ C. delay D. reason
14. Lung cancer has now exceeded breast cancer as a \_\_\_\_\_ killer of American women.  
A. preliminary ☒ B. primary C. potential D. physical
15. People change when they find a new way of doing things that they believe will \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
☒ A. benefit B. advance C. elevate D. encourage
16. But for the rain, we \_\_\_\_\_ our destination yesterday.  
A. reached B. should reach  
C. had reached ☒ D. would have reached.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ for your help, we'd never have been able to get over the difficulties.  
A. Had it not B. If it were not  
☒ C. Had it not been D. If we had not been
18. \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes when I began to imagine the most fantastic shape.  
☒ A. Hardly had I closed B. No sooner had I closed  
C. Not until I closed D. Scarcely did I close
19. \_\_\_\_\_ one of the leading poets in America today, Sonia Sanchez has also written a number of books and plays.  
A. considering ☒ B. considered  
C. having considered D. to consider

20. John always tries to help people, but recently he has been \_\_\_\_\_ kind and generous.  
 A. fundamentally B. principally  
 C. chiefly D. especially
21. The microscope can \_\_\_\_\_ the object 100 times in diameter.  
 A. increase B. develop  
 C. magnify *放大 - 8x in the photo* D. multiple
22. The book must be here, \_\_\_\_\_ you've lost it.  
 A. on the contrary B. or rather  
 C. in no way D. or else *不然 / 要不然*
23. Despite their good service, most inns are less costly than hotels of \_\_\_\_\_ standards.  
 A. uniform B. equivalent C. alike D. likely
24. The new washing machines are \_\_\_\_\_ at the rate of fifty a day.  
 A. turned up B. turned out  
 C. turned down D. turned in *take sb in 招摇撞骗*
25. He take on so much work that he couldn't really do it efficiently.  
 A. took on *承担* B. brought on  
 C. turned on *打开* D. put on
26. All flights \_\_\_\_\_ because of the storm, they decided to take the train.  
 A. having canceled B. were canceled  
 C. having been canceled D. have been canceled
27. Stress in the Earth (acts in) all directions and varies differently in \_\_\_\_\_, in general.  
 A. each B. all C. every D. everything
28. British Aerospace is to \_\_\_\_\_ with a \$ 4 billion project to develop a space plane which will put satellites into orbit.  
 A. go ahead *前进* B. go after  
 C. go down D. go up
29. The dictator relied on abuse of his opponents \_\_\_\_\_ on sound reasoning.  
 A. more than B. rather than C. other than D. better than
30. The students expected there to be another opportunity to do the experiment.



A. being B. be C. have been D. to be

## Exercise 2

1. Although \_\_\_\_\_ happened in that developed country sounds like science fiction, it could occur elsewhere in the world.  
A. which B. what C. it D. that
2. That's a beautiful leather wallet, but I can't afford to pay \_\_\_\_\_ much.  
A. enough B. more C. such D. that
3. We usually turn to Professor Wang \_\_\_\_\_ advice when we get into trouble in our study.  
A. from B. about C. for D. in
4. The man who was enjoying a lonely walk in the hill fell \_\_\_\_\_ a party of climbers.  
A. in with B. out of C. off D. through
5. The chairman of that company made a request that the problem \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting.  
A. would be discussed B. will be discussed  
C. be discussed D. was discussed
6. He has read all the reference books on the self \_\_\_\_\_ this one.  
A. besides B. without C. beside D. but
7. \_\_\_\_\_, if he doesn't learn, he knows nothing.  
A. A man is ever so clever  
B. Be a man ever so clever  
C. So clever a man is  
D. No matter how clever be
8. A programmed computer begins to show on its screen the figures you need \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. when switched on B. switched on  
C. to be switched on D. being switched on
9. \_\_\_\_\_, they dared to take up the difficult task.  
A. As they were young and inexperienced  
B. Young and inexperienced though they were  
C. Though young and inexperienced they were  
D. Young and inexperienced as they were

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B D C A C D <sup>BA</sup> D C D B

10. His tastes and habits \_\_\_\_\_ with those of his wife.  
A. combine B. coincide C. compete D. compromise
11. I left the office earlier than usual this morning \_\_\_\_\_ traffic jam.  
A. in line with B. for the sake of  
C. in case of D. at the risk of
12. The shop-assisstant was straight with his customers.  
If an article was of \_\_\_\_\_ quality he'd tell them so.  
A. humble B. minor C. inferior D. awkward
13. \_\_\_\_\_ economically, one gallon of oil will last for at least two month.  
A. To be used B. Using C. Having used D. Used
14. The potential of the South Pole as an astronomical site was first officially \_\_\_\_\_ in 1970 in a report by the American National Academy of Sciences.  
A. appreciated B. identified C. recollected D. recognized
15. The survey found that Hungary \_\_\_\_\_ as the most environment-conscious country of East Europe.  
A. broke out B. held out C. run out D. stood out
16. He hopes that his books will contiune to be useful to the students as well as to the \_\_\_\_\_ reader.  
A. usual B. ordinary C. general D. common
17. According to some press reports, the animals at London Zoo are living \_\_\_\_\_ a death sentence.  
A. in B. on C. under D. with
18. Something strange seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ me since I've been taking this drug.  
A. running into B. coming across  
C. happening to D. falling on
19. Some people either \_\_\_\_\_ avoid question of right and wrong or remain neutral about them.  
A. deliberately B. violently C. sincerely D. enthusiastically
20. It has been a privilege \_\_\_\_\_ so much in your country.  
A. to travel B. to have travelled  
C. travelled D. being travelled
21. The captain announced, "The ship is due to arrive at 10 a. m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ the sea remains calm. ”

A. until B. unless C. provided D. because

22. With all its advantages, the computer is by no means without its \_\_\_\_\_.

A. boundaries B. limitation C. restraints D. confinements

23. Eat \_\_\_\_\_ one you like and leave the others for whoever comes in late.

A. whichever B. what C. as D. how

24. The magician picked several persons \_\_\_\_\_ from the audience and asked them to help with the performance.

A. by accident B. at random C. on occasion D. on average

25. When there is doubt the examiner's decision is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. right B. final C. definite D. certain

26. \_\_\_\_\_, we would still be leading a hard life.

A. Had China not been liberated

B. Has China not been liberated

C. If China is not liberated

D. If China had not liberated

27. Soldiers act in \_\_\_\_\_ to the orders of their officers.

A. obligation B. objection C. obedience D. offence

28. To understand the situation completely requires more thought than \_\_\_\_\_ thus far.

A. has been given

B. have been given

C. being given

D. to be given

29. Although the national government has introduced some new laws on this subject, it is the state governments which are \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for pollution control.

A. precisely B. progressively C. primarily D. preliminarily

30. \_\_\_\_\_, the students placed their books on the desks and left the classroom.

A. Being finished the test

B. All the test now being over

C. Before the bell's ringing

D. Having completed the test

A  
C B A B B 1 A C D C D

### Exercise 3

1. \_\_\_\_\_ after the Second World War that test pilots first attempted to break the "sound barrier".  
A. It was shortly                      B. Shortly was it  
C. Until shortly                      D. Shortly
2. Part of the cost of many articles is taken as tax by the government \_\_\_\_\_ the community.  
A. in place of                      B. in terms of  
C. on account of                      D. on behalf of
3. Since they betrayed us, they have no hope of convincing us \_\_\_\_\_ their sincerity.  
A. with    B. for    C. in    D. of
4. The oil shortage \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of chemical fertilizers on the world market.  
A. drove on    B. drove up    C. drove in    D. drove off
5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ that late movie last night, you wouldn't be sleepy now:  
A. haven't watched                      B. didn't watch  
C. hadn't watched                      D. wouldn't have watched
6. The chances of seeing a helicopter in my hometown are one \_\_\_\_\_ a million.  
A. for    B. to    C. in    D. against
7. I would have invited her to the party, but I \_\_\_\_\_ her well.  
A. don't know                      B. didn't know  
C. haven't known                      D. hadn't known
8. \_\_\_\_\_ but he also proved himself a good athlete.  
A. He showed himself not only a good student  
B. He showed not only himself a good student  
C. Not only did he show himself a good student  
D. Not only showed himself a good student
9. Do employers in your country \_\_\_\_\_ workers for injuries suffered at their work?  
A. conform    B. compel    C. conflict    D. compensate
10. We regret to inform you that the materials you ordered are

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. out of work

B. out of stock

C. out of reach

D. out of practice

11. There are 4 periods in an animal's life when it is capable of learning a great deal in a very short time.

A. critical B. urgent C. serious D. violent

12. Superconductors lose electrical resistance only \_\_\_\_\_ subjected to intense cold.

A. through B. as C. when D. by

13. He was sorry that he had lied to her and asked her to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

A. forgive B. excuse C. understand D. pardon

14. No light having been visible in the house for the past two evenings, one of the neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ and found the old lady dead in her chair.

A. broke on B. broke in C. broke through D. broke up

15. He hopes that his books will continue to be useful to the students as well as to the \_\_\_\_\_ reader.

A. general B. usual C. ordinary D. common

16. When the bomb exploded, everyone tried to get as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.

A. far out B. far away C. far from D. far off

17. The teacher said that if we believed something was true and good we should \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

A. hold up B. keep on C. hold on D. keep up

18. The government is determined \_\_\_\_\_ prohibiting the possession of hand-guns or other weapons by civilians.

A. with regards to

B. as regards

C. as regard with

D. in regard with

19. To fetch water before breakfast seemed to them a rule never \_\_\_\_\_.

A. to break B. to be broken C. breaking D. being broken

20. \_\_\_\_\_ the copper wire looks quite motionless to your ordinary eye, there is a great deal of activity going on inside it.

A. Even though

B. Just because

C. Now that

D. As though

21. I asked the tailor to make a small \_\_\_\_\_ to my trousers because they were too long.  
A. change B. variation C. revision D. alteration
22. \_\_\_\_\_ its weight is the Earth's gravitational attraction for the particular mass.  
A. When it gives matter B. What gives matter  
C. Matter has given D. How it is given matter
23. X-rays are able to pass through objects and thus make \_\_\_\_\_ details that are otherwise impossible to observe.  
A. visible B. it visible C. visibly D. them visible
24. Author Edith Wharton thoroughly understood the society \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. she had grown up B. which had she grown up in  
C. in which she had grown up D. she had grown up in it
25. When I got home with the cassette recorder, it wouldn't work. I tried to find the \_\_\_\_\_ myself.  
A. error B. mistake C. fault D. wrong
26. Today it is \_\_\_\_\_ that the first year of a children's life are very important.  
A. beyond question B. out of the question  
C. out question D. beyond the question
27. Before anyone could photograph the strange-looking bird, it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. was flying away B. has flown away  
C. flew away D. had been flying away
28. \_\_\_\_\_ about one of the most rapidly changing countries in a ceaselessly changing world is not at all easy.  
A. Being informed B. Having informed  
C. To be informing D. Informed
29. Your usual teacher has lost his voice and \_\_\_\_\_ I am taking his place today.  
A. nevertheless B. moreover C. accordingly D. furthermore
30. When he awoke, he found himself \_\_\_\_\_ by an old woman.  
A. looked after B. being looked after  
C. be looked after D. be looking after

## Exercise 4

1. I really appreciate \_\_\_\_\_ to help me, but I am sure that I will be able to manage by myself.  
A. you to offer                      B. your offering  
C. that you offer                    D. that you are offering
2. Nowhere in Latin America has greater progress been made \_\_\_\_\_ free trade than in Brazil and Argentina.  
A. forward   B. toward   C. downward   D. upward
3. The students listened to the teacher and didn't take their eyes \_\_\_\_\_ him even for an instant.  
A. of   B. on   C. off   D. at
4. The doctor took X-rays to \_\_\_\_\_ the chance of broken bones.  
A. hand out   B. run out   C. drop out   D. rule out
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday if you were really serious about your work.  
A. ought to come                      B. ought to be coming  
C. ought to have come                D. ought have come
6. It was ordered that \_\_\_\_\_ put in order.  
A. the classroom is                    B. the classroom be  
C. the classroom was                  D. the classroom will be
7. When heated, the metal expands and if \_\_\_\_\_ to cool it will contract.  
A. allowing   B. being allowed   C. having allowed   D. allowed
8. "Shall I tell Ann how to improve her painting?"  
"Yes, but \_\_\_\_\_ of suggestions may discourage her."  
A. a list too long                      B. a too long list  
C. too long a list                      D. a list of too long
9. \_\_\_\_\_ of a newspaper nor the number of pages in an edition has ever been standardized.  
A. The page size is neither            B. Neither is the page size  
C. The page size, neither              D. Neither the page size
10. Sam wanted to redesign the \_\_\_\_\_ line because the work floor, was irregular.  
A. equipment   B. assembly   C. machine   D. machinery

11. Young children soon \_\_\_\_\_ words they hear their elders use.  
 A. put forward                      B. look forward to  
 C. turn up                            D. pick up
12. When we finally \_\_\_\_\_ to get home after the tiring long journey, we could hardly move a step further.  
 A. tried    B. succeeded    C. managed    D. endeavoured
13. My sole object was to get shelter \_\_\_\_\_ the snow, to get myself covered and warm.  
 A. from    B. for    C. off    D. over
14. The man to whom we handed the forms pointed out that they had not been \_\_\_\_\_ filled in.  
 A. consequently                      B. regularly  
 C. comprehensively                    D. properly
15. I shall have a companion in the house after all these \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
 A. single    B. sole    C. alone    D. lonely
16. The match was cancelled because most of the members \_\_\_\_\_ a match without a standard court.  
 A. objected to having                      B. objected to have  
 C. were objected to have                    D. were objected to having
17. The speaker, \_\_\_\_\_ for her splendid speeches, was warmly received by the audience.  
 A. having known                            B. knowing  
 C. being known                              D. known
18. American women were \_\_\_\_\_ the right to vote until 1920 after many years of hard struggle.  
 A. ignored    B. denied    C. neglected    D. refused
19. Important people don't often have much free time as their work \_\_\_\_\_ all their time.  
 A. takes away                            B. takes up  
 C. takes in                                D. takes over
20. \_\_\_\_\_ the advances of science, the discomforts of old age will no doubt always be with us.  
 A. As for    B. Despite    C. Except    D. Besides
21. How close parents are to their children \_\_\_\_\_ a strong influence on the character of the children.



- A. has B. have C. having D. to have
22. Evidence came up \_\_\_\_\_ specific speech sounds are recognized by babies as young as 6 months old.  
A. what B. that C. whose D. which
23. Will all those \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal raise their hands?  
A. in relation to B. in contrast to  
C. in favor of D. in excess of
24. The children had never been subject to any discipline and so were completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. out of hand B. out of place  
C. out of reason D. out of action
25. San Francisco is usually cool in the summer, but Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. is rarely B. hardly is C. is scarcely D. rarely is
26. He moved away from his parents, and missed them \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy the exciting life in New York.  
A. enough to B. too much to  
C. very much to D. much so as to
27. Jack is good, kind, hard-working and intelligent. \_\_\_\_\_, I can't speak too highly.  
A. As a result B. By the way  
C. In a word D. On the contrary
28. I should like to rent a house, modern, comfortable and \_\_\_\_\_ in a quiet neighbourhood.  
A. all in all B. above all  
C. after all D. over all
29. They did not find \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare for the worst conditions they might meet.  
A. worth their while B. it worthwhile  
C. it worth D. it worthy
30. It's almost \_\_\_\_\_ that the President will lose the next election.  
A. sure B. right C. certain D. exact

### Exercise 5

1. The man who had sent flowers was \_\_\_\_\_ the man she had