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前 言

从1997年开始全国统一组织专业技术人员职称英语等级考试。为了帮助专业技术人员系统地自学和备考,特编写了这套备考系列,包括“综合与人文类”、“理工类”、“财经类”、“卫生类”共四个分册,对英语词汇、语法和句型、阅读理解等通过模拟试题和题意解析,使应试者有针对性地复习,从而提高他们的英语阅读理解能力和应试能力。应试人员可根据所报专业类别选择学习。每册的内容包括“词汇、阅读理解、完成句子、概括大意、选择填空、完形填空”六大部分,其中阅读的文章增加到120篇,以帮助应试人员全面掌握词汇和阅读各类文章的技巧,在占总考分50%的“阅读理解”部分取得较好成绩。

各册题型新颖,对各类难点进行了简明扼要的阐述,对解题技巧也作了说明,可帮助应试者解决以往“错而不知所以然”的困惑。

在编写过程中,力求较全面地体现“大纲”的要求。做到针对性强,模拟度高,指导性强,以利应试人员在自学过程中更好地理解各类试题的内容,触类旁通,无师自通,既可提高应试能力,又可提高语言运用能力。

本书在编写过程中,由友人 Ms. Claire Bunday 审阅,还得到了专家、顾问的指点,如“卫生类”分册得到了专家潘铨教授的指点等。此外还得到了陶公麟、沈仁杰、黄宝华、张素珍、余仁安、吴邦仪、尤恒法、刘建华、冯炜、朱正明、陶锦荣等友人的大力协助,在此深表感谢。

由于编者水平有限,错误和疏漏之处在所难免,希望广大专家、读者批评指正。

姚 林 生

2000 年春

于复旦大学

第一部分 词汇

1. I wandered through the cool _____ of the forest trees.
A) shadow B) darkness C) freshness D) shade
2. Tom cried and cried, but his tears did not _____. His babysitter would not let him eat another ice cream cone.
A) tread B) avail C) veil D) tilt
3. "We are very lucky," wrote Professor Julian Huxley, "to live in a period of history when the earth's _____ is beautiful and interesting."
A) scenery B) view C) sightseeing D) scene
4. Some people would have been shocked and unable to work, but he took everything in his _____.
A) stride B) mortgage C) strife D) faculty
5. Last year the weather was so kind, and the harvest _____ to be so good, that he wondered whether he could sell all that he had and live with his son farther up the coast.
A) promised B) prophesied C) foresaw D) turned
6. The production of tin ore in the United States is relatively insignificant, _____ less than one hundred tons annually.
A) amounting to B) in the amount
C) amounts to it D) to the amount of
7. She does not agree _____ his proposal.
A) with B) to C) for D) upon
8. When the girl nearly drowned, we _____ her _____ by artificial respiration.
A) brought/out B) brought/down
C) brought/to D) brought/up

9. _____ the weather, the match had to be cancelled.
 A) Due to B) Since C) Owing to D) Because
10. Although the family trusted her, she _____ them down badly.
 A) put B) let C) set D) took
11. "Does Jane have brown hair?"
 "Yes. In fact, it's quite similar in shape _____ yours. "
 A) as B) with C) like D) to
12. Her mother was _____ ill yesterday and is now in hospital.
 A) caught B) taken C) laid D) become
13. Losing the legislative veto is not _____ losing legislative power.
 A) similar with B) the same as C) like to D) like as
14. The superintendent of the building made a _____ of knowing who came in and out of the building.
 A) point B) announcement C) rule D) habit
15. They finally _____ our way of thinking.
 A) came into B) came up to C) came on which D) came round to
16. The singer came into _____ through appearing on television.
 A) prominence B) position C) significance D) standing
17. The company's profits last year were worse than expected so they are certainly going to _____ more workers.
 A) put off B) lay down C) lay off D) put out
18. To make the students see the importance of speaking, the English teachers are ready to _____.
 A) go to any length B) do them good
 C) take them to task D) bring them out
19. The old man was directly sent to hospital when he _____ from heat stroke.
 A) passed away B) passed out C) passed off D) passed down
20. When I arrived in this country I had to start learning the language from _____.
 A) introduction B) ignorance C) scratch D) scrape
21. The judge criticized the lawyer because he didn't keep his remarks to the topic _____ discussion.
 A) on B) under C) with D) for
22. If the rain _____ we can set out a bit earlier.
 A) leaves off B) calms down C) breezes through D) winds to a close
23. I don't like a man who _____ his friends behind their backs.
 A) hangs on to B) runs down C) stands by D) lays off
24. It was felt that cattle raised in the tropical regions of South America could be sold to the U. S. and other nations for a _____ profit.
 A) handsome B) pretty C) beautiful D) good-looking

25. It suddenly _____ his mind that he had forgotten to tell his wife he would be late.
A) passed B) crossed C) retain D) retort
26. He was tried for forgery in a law court but was lucky enough to _____.
A) get off B) get through C) get on D) get along
27. Jim's plan _____ because he couldn't find a good assistant.
A) fell behind B) fell to C) fell through D) fell back
28. For a while George was very angry about the matter, but now he seems _____ to it.
A) forgiven B) resigned C) modified D) pardoned
29. During the war we had to _____ a good many things.
A) stand up to B) live on C) fall back on D) do without
30. Do you think he has a gift _____ languages?
A) for B) in C) to D) at
31. A single American _____ more detergents, radioactive substances and fertilizers in the rivers and oceans than are produced by a thousand people in Indonesia.
A) adjusts to B) adds up to C) accounts for D) ascribes to
32. A plan should be _____ to a specific need.
A) fitted B) geared C) complied D) accorded
33. Racial discrimination inevitably _____ the resistance of the broad masses of the black people.
A) call for B) call off C) call up D) call forth
34. Very few experts _____ with completely new answers to the world's economic problems.
A) come to B) come round C) come up D) come on
35. I am not happy about it, but I am _____ to having to repeat that course.
A) subject B) obliging C) resigned D) prescribed
36. Whenever the two are playing cards together, they are _____ have bitter quarrels.
A) used to B) tend to C) like to D) inclined to
37. _____ is the impression which he has made upon other men; it is their thought of him.
A) Popularity B) Fame C) Reputation D) Regard
38. The branches could hardly _____ the weight of the fruit.
A) retain B) sustain C) maintain D) remain
39. I think that the labour bill will pass; it's _____ that it will.
A) almost surely B) very likely C) near likely D) quite certainly
40. Hong Kong is a _____ city, and still more people are pouring in.
A) populous B) popular C) populated D) populace
41. If the hands of a clock do not move at a _____ speed, the clock will not be a reliable time-keeper.
A) constant B) same C) steady D) fixing

42. Harry is very thick-skinned. He came to dinner and stayed until three a. m. Even when we put our pyjamas on, he still didn't _____.
A) take the hint B) break the ice
C) come to the point D) take steps
43. It was very _____ of you to start your own business.
A) enterprising B) undertaking C) initiative D) initial
44. Linda will probably _____ a good sum of money when her father dies.
A) run over with B) go on for C) get in with D) come in for
45. Everyone else will be wearing school uniform. You'll _____ like a sore thumb in that red dress.
A) stand up B) stick out C) show off D) catch on
46. More students than ever before have _____ their law examinations this year.
A) sat in B) sat for C) sat up D) sat on
47. Following the elections, a completely new situation is likely to _____.
A) arouse B) raise C) arise D) rise
48. Even _____ for inflation he thought it was a good investment.
A) considering B) allowing C) implementing D) calculating
49. If you are a vegetarian, you should give up eggs and milk as well as meat if you want to be _____.
A) consequent B) consistent C) constant D) logical
50. Father is much pleased _____ hearing of your recovery.
A) with B) of C) at D) in
51. From science courses students should _____ a useful command of science concepts and principles.
A) require B) acquire C) demand D) enquire
52. He discussed the subject _____.
A) fullest B) complete C) deeply D) in depth
53. The girls dressed in _____ clothes for the picnic.
A) catering B) brittle C) bridling D) casual
54. While Frank was living in Europe, his brother had power of _____ over his property.
A) attorney B) attendant C) defendant D) bandit
55. You must _____ yourself to the fact that you'll never be rich or famous.
A) resent B) retort C) repeal D) resign
56. To protect victims of blackmail, their names are often _____ in court.
A) suppressed B) hidden C) enclosed D) covered
57. We now know that what constitutes practically all matter is empty space; relatively enormous _____ in which revolve with lightning velocity infinitesimal particles so small that they have never been seen or photographed.
A) skies B) areas C) particles D) voids

58. Telling on your brother was a _____ thing to do.
 A) tasty B) mean C) condensed D) musty
59. When do the children _____ for the Spring Festival?
 A) break up B) break down C) break off D) break into
60. It has been felt that Bob lacks the _____ to pursue a difficult task to the very end.
 A) commitment B) engagement C) persuasion D) preservation
61. A leader, young or old, must have character traits that inspire others to accept his leadership. He must display courage, intelligence, and _____.
 A) wisdom B) bravery C) shrewdness D) integrity
62. The old lady must have _____ the young soldier, for when she died she left him most of her fortune.
 A) taken apart B) taken to C) taken in D) taken on
63. At first my friend refused to fall in with the scheme we had suggested, but eventually I managed to _____.
 A) play him around B) show him around
 C) come him around D) talk him round
64. If you haven't got enough money to buy food, you'll just have to _____ without.
 A) do B) make C) get D) keep
65. Free medical treatment in this country covers sickness of mind as well as _____ sicknesses.
 A) normal B) regular C) average D) ordinary
66. It is not considered _____ to litter in public.
 A) respectful B) respective C) respected D) respectable
67. In many ways the Blackfoot Indians can't _____ the feeling of the outside world that they are inferior.
 A) throw away B) escape C) alienate D) do away with
68. This import and export corporation deals in general materials, electrical _____, light, etc.
 A) equipment B) appliances C) devices D) instruments
69. The ability to _____ themselves by camouflage enables some defenseless animals to survive.
 A) conceive B) conceal C) deceive D) disguise
70. Braille, the universally accepted _____ of writing used by blind persons, consists of sixty-three characters.
 A) catalogue B) system C) pattern D) scheme
71. The police chief announced that the deaths of two young girls would soon be inquired _____.
 A) about B) into C) of D) after
72. The problem had been solved many years ago. What's the point _____ talking about

it now?

- A) in B) to C) at D) on
73. _____ the Congress had finished, it was necessary for me to leave Moscow for London.
- A) Quickly B) Immediately C) Swiftly D) Insistently
74. The taste of the food was so _____ that it was hardly noticeable.
- A) superior B) prime C) subtle D) delicate
75. The Greyhound _____ outside of New York Bus Station at 6 p. m. and started for Washington D. C. at 6 : 20 p. m.
- A) pulled up B) pulled down C) pulled out D) pulled on
76. This press has the _____ right to Mr. Wang's books.
- A) flexible B) overall C) virtual D) exclusive
77. They bought that piece of land with a _____ to building a new office block.
- A) purpose B) reason C) view D) goal
78. During the draught, water restrictions were rigidly _____.
- A) enforced B) practiced C) compelled D) effected
79. I'm afraid I _____ forgot to bring the corkscrew.
- A) pure B) right C) sheer D) clean
80. I won't go into all the depressing details, _____ it to say that the whole affair was an utter disaster.
- A) suffice B) manifest C) certain D) expect
81. I can't borrow the money so I'll have to manage _____.
- A) to B) without C) with D) for
82. The Opposition _____ every effort of the Government to improve the lot of working people.
- A) cried down B) cried for C) cried off D) cried out
83. If you don't understand some of the technological terms, refer to the _____.
- A) glossary B) diction C) book D) novel
84. He tried hard to help her but all his efforts were to no _____.
- A) result B) avail C) influence D) effect
85. He _____ my proposal with one of his own.
- A) counted B) countered C) calculated D) accounted
86. He is so _____ that he can not be disturbed by _____ matters.
- A) involved/simple B) excited/ordinary
C) spiritual/mundane D) happy/somber
87. His speech on this occasion was short, but it was sharp and _____.
- A) effective B) efficient C) effectual D) efficacious
88. We were astonished when we heard that the accused person had _____.
- A) got on B) got off C) got through D) got in

89. _____ her experience her failure to secure the contract was not surprising.
A) In view of B) With regard to C) According to D) By virtue of
90. We haven't been getting on too well. Let's _____.
A) make it up B) make up for it C) make it out D) make up to it
91. _____ we draw useful lessons from them, we may turn difficulties to good account.
A) To provide B) Provided C) Given D) To give
92. On a cold winter's evening, there's nothing nicer than to sit in front of a _____ fire.
A) sparkling B) roaring C) burning D) glittering
93. Only the _____ of the general manager, who knew of John's personal difficulties, saved him from being dismissed.
A) interrelation B) interruption C) intervention D) interference
94. _____ money, she is quite rich. However this does not mean that she is happy.
A) Concerning B) In terms of C) As to D) In the light of
95. He fell off his bike and badly _____ himself.
A) wounded B) damaged C) injured D) harmed
96. My mother was _____ ill last summer, but, fortunately, is now making a slow but steady recovery.
A) critically B) deeply C) fatally D) definitely
97. Many local authorities realize the need to make _____ for elderly people in their housing programmes.
A) assistance B) condition C) admittance D) provision
98. We must _____ the train being late; it always is.
A) allow of B) care about C) allow for D) care for
99. Owing to an accident, traffic had to be _____ to another route.
A) redirected B) turned C) extended D) sent
100. Most people willingly _____ to the customs of the country they are living in.
A) observe B) used C) conform D) comply
101. Passenger ships and planes are often equipped with ship-to-shore or air-to-land radio telephones.
A) highways B) railroads C) sailboats D) aircraft
102. Medicine depends on other fields of knowledge for basic information, particularly in some of its specialized branches.
A) conventionally B) obviously C) especially D) inevitably
103. Augusta Savage was one of the principal organizers of the Harlem Artists' Guild.
A) planners B) employees C) actors D) recipients
104. Current demographic trends, such as the fall in the birth rate, should favor accelerated economic growth in the long run.
A) fashionable B) rapid C) modern D) contemporary
105. There is always excitement at the Olympic Games when a previous record of per-

formance is surpassed.

- A) exceeded B) matched C) maintained D) announced
106. In prehistoric times, eclipses of the Moon and Sun were probably terrifying to people.
- A) meaningful B) fascinating C) frightening D) helpful
107. The changeover from hand-made to machine-made shoes was accomplished very slowly.
- A) residue from B) conversion from C) spectrum of D) comparison of
108. John Mercer Langston was the first Black to gain elective office in the United States when he became clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855.
- A) gather B) fund C) win D) oppose
109. Wild raspberries have a more acid flavor than do cultivated raspberries.
- A) defined B) gratifying C) recognizable D) bitter
110. Florida' perennially warm climate and plentiful rainfall make the state a center of citrus production.
- A) year-round B) world-famous C) predictably D) impressively
111. A neutron is so tiny it would take ten trillion of them to cover a square inch.
- A) indefinite B) variable C) minuscule D) intangible
112. Immigrants were drawn to the United States by the growing cities and industries.
- A) drafted B) transported C) attracted D) ordered
113. In the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome, thunder was believed to be a manifestation of the wrath of the gods.
- A) spirit B) voice C) power D) anger
114. Many of novelist Carson McGullers' characters are isolated, disappointed people.
- A) solitary B) grumpy C) feeble D) frugal
115. By producing an excess amount of some household articles, a New England colonial family could barter with other families.
- A) share B) trade C) repair D) sell
116. The number of United States citizens who are eligible to vote continues to increase.
- A) encouraged B) enforced C) expected D) entitled
117. Ballet is somewhat restricted in the number of movements that are used, but almost any type of motion is acceptable in modern dance.
- A) rather B) still C) puzzlingly D) intermittently
118. Jonquils bear from three to six flowers on a stalk about a foot high.
- A) plant B) leaf C) branch D) stem
119. At Boston's Quincy Market, dilapidated buildings were converted into a lively complex of shops and restaurants.
- A) empty B) run-down C) industrial D) single-story
120. Fluoride deters tooth decay by reducing the growth of bacteria that destroy tooth

enamel.

- A) refutes B) overwhelms C) inhibits D) loosens
121. Nutritionists categorize food into seven basic groups.
A) clarify B) grind C) classify D) channel
122. The twinkling of the stars is caused by warm and cool patches of air drifting through the Earth's atmosphere.
A) shades B) gases C) temperatures D) expands
123. A corporation is a business organization that is formed to act as a single person and is legally endowed with particular rights and duties.
A) by word B) by law C) laudably D) liberally
124. The cylindrical shape of a cactus reduces moisture loss.
A) lessens B) delays C) redistributes D) reverses
125. Urban renewal programs strive to upgrade areas that are becoming slums.
A) reproach B) improve C) fortify D) uproot
126. People who do not sleep enough tend to become irritable.
A) easily annoyed B) ill C) weary D) stiff and sore
127. Many pure metals have little use because they are too soft, rust too easily, or have some other drawback.
A) property B) additive C) disadvantage D) disparity
128. Charles Goodyear's discovery of vulcanized rubber began when he inadvertently spilled a mixture of rubber and sulfur on a hot stove.
A) experimentally B) unceasingly C) incompetently D) accidentally
129. The St. Lawrence Seaway links the Great Lakes with the shipping lanes of the world.
A) routes B) centers C) stations D) harbors
130. Some animals pant and sweat to speed evaporation of body moisture and thus cool themselves.
A) wiggle slowly B) breathe quickly C) rest D) perspire
131. The Apollo II astronauts were quarantined when they returned to Earth.
A) praised by the press B) interviewed on television
C) contaminated with lunar germs D) isolated for medical reasons
132. The Faraday effect was the first demonstration of a connection between magnetism and light.
A) questioning B) proof C) achievement D) symbol
133. Formulated in 1823, the Monroe Doctrine asserted that the Americas were no longer open to European colonization.
A) emphatically stated B) belligerently argued
C) accentuated D) entreated
134. Although most birds have only a negligible sense of smell, they have acute vision.

- A) faulty B) negative C) minimal D) condensed
135. In 1861 it seemed inevitable that the southern states would break away from the Union.
- A) strange B) certain C) inconsistent D) proper
136. The megaphone makes the voice sound louder because it points sound waves in one direction and keeps them from spreading out in all directions.
- A) slithering B) radiating C) interfering D) murmuring
137. Alligators still exist in some of the dank swamps and bayous of Alabama's coastal regions.
- A) weirdly fascinating B) mythical
C) drab D) unpleasantly humid
138. A single strand of vicuna hair is four times as fine as human hair.
- A) nice B) thin C) flat D) wavy
139. The blues singer Bessie Smith was extraordinarily well-known during the 1920's, and later, even when popular taste for the blues began to wane, her records continued to sell.
- A) memory B) flavor C) appreciation D) consternation
140. The Blackfoot people painted their buffalo hides with simple horizontal lines.
- A) moccasins B) bones C) robes D) skins
141. Many classical music lovers feel disoriented when they listen to modern atonal music.
- A) disgusted B) disappointed C) lost D) enchanted
142. Off New York Bay, the continental shelf is creased by a shallow valley that can be traced almost to the shelf's outermost edge.
- A) depression B) plateau C) slice D) tunnel
143. In the United States educational system, intermediate school is the transitional phase between the primary grades and high school.
- A) stage B) notion C) pattern D) alternative
144. The upside-down catfish is the only fish that habitually swims on its back.
- A) rhythmically B) intermittently C) customarily D) casually
145. The grasshopper is an insect that can leap about twenty times the length of its own body.
- A) jump B) see C) hear D) call
146. Amateur archaeologists start out by learning how to plot records of their finds in a given area.
- A) arrange B) chart C) keep D) prepare
147. Sequoyia, a Native American who was born about 1770, formed an alphabet of eighty-six letters that enabled him to put the oral Cherokee language into writing.
- A) secret B) complex C) spoken D) ancient

148. As photographic techniques have become more sophisticated, the scope of their application has expanded enormously.
 A) diversely B) flagrantly C) appealingly D) tremendously
149. A goal of modern dance often is to express the dancer's innermost feelings and emotions.
 A) slightest B) rarest C) most personal D) most difficult
150. A cup of whole milk provides roughly one hundred sixty-six calories of energy.
 A) discreetly B) approximately C) barely D) coarsely
151. Honey guides, or indicator birds, collaborate with honey badgers in seeking out bee colonies.
 A) work together B) travel north
 C) live D) compete
152. During the 1800's and early 1900's, new academic disciplines such as chemistry and physics made great headway.
 A) sacrifice B) forefront
 C) preconceptions D) progress
153. For most allergies, the best treatment is elimination of the bothersome substances from the sensitive person's environment.
 A) unnatural B) dangerous C) irritating D) surrounding
154. Glaciers terminate where the rate of ice loss is equivalent to the forward advance of the glacier.
 A) stop B) turn C) crack D) rotate
155. Sharpshooter Annie Oakley performed astounding feats of marksmanship as the star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show beginning in 1885.
 A) astute B) astounding C) archaic D) articulate
156. Because it withstands the effects of high temperatures, rhenium is a valuable ingredient in certain alloys.
 A) discharges B) reduces C) resists D) withholds
157. The bleaching of laundry by sunlight is at least partly a photochemical process.
 A) airing B) drying C) whitening D) scrubbing
158. The stories of Sarah Orne Jewett are considered by many to be more authentically regional than those of Bret Harte.
 A) blatantly B) genuinely C) intentionally D) thoroughly
159. Diffusion is the spontaneous spreading of matter caused by the random movement of molecules.
 A) patternless B) whirling C) constant D) rampant
160. The attack on Fort Sumter near Charleston provoked a sharp response from the North, which led to the American Civil War.
 A) demanded B) elicited C) expedited D) defied

161. Natural silk is obtained by unraveling the thin threads of the cocoons spun by the caterpillars of the silk worm moth.
A) unwinding B) unleashing C) undulating D) undertaking
162. The rose may grow as a low bush or as a tree, depending on how it is pruned.
A) planted B) nourished C) watered D) trimmed
163. Samuel More requested from the Congress of the United States an appropriation to construct an experimental telegraph line.
A) guidance B) funding C) property D) power
164. The amenities of civilization are left behind when an individual embarks on a camping trip in a remote area.
A) activities B) comforts C) rules D) signs
165. Clark Gable gave a comic performance in the movie It Happened One Night.
A) sophisticated B) clever C) discreet D) funny
166. For most people the decision to wed is generally surrounded by social constraints.
A) marry B) emigrate C) choose a job D) have children
167. Proper exercise plays a significant role in the rehabilitation of patients with various back ailments.
A) operation B) recovery C) casting D) relaxation
168. Composer Philip Glass created singlehandedly a new musical genre with both classical and popular appeal.
A) by himself B) at one time C) manually D) boldly
169. When telephone calls are transmitted by satellite, a dim echo can often be heard on the line.
A) weak B) static C) harsh D) deep
170. Horseback riding embraces both the skill of handling a horse and the mastery of diverse riding styles.
A) fosters B) emphasizes C) exaggerates D) includes
171. Using extremely different decorating schemes in adjoining rooms may result in discord and a lack of unity in style.
A) compromise B) disharmony C) disillusion D) anxiety
172. The ice cream cone, the hamburger, and iced tea were all introduced at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition informally known as the St. Louis Fair.
A) previously B) unofficially C) incorrectly D) occasionally
173. Diplomatic misunderstandings can often be traced back to blunders in translation.
A) mistakes B) attempts C) insults D) arguments
174. People buy insurance in order to substitute a small certain tolerable loss for a large uncertain, catastrophic one.
A) provide B) return C) exchange D) predict
175. Many movies receive disparaging reviews from film experts and yet become extreme-

- ly successful.
- A) authoritative B) lengthy C) uninteresting D) negative
176. In a 1983 newspaper poll, Ann Landers, an advice columnist, was listed among the twenty-five most influential women in the United States.
- A) survey B) article C) headline D) conference
177. In North America, the first canoes were constructed from logs and propelled by means of wooden paddles.
- A) carved B) docked C) driven forward D) carried upright
178. The most grueling of all Olympic events is the decathlon.
- A) exhilarating B) gruesome C) exhausting D) creative
179. During the medieval epoch, the sciences were considered to be based on the occult.
- A) theoretical B) anthropological C) fundamental D) supernatural
180. Automobile experts have shown that halogen headlights penetrate thick fog more effectively than traditional incandescent headlights and thus help to reduce accidents.
- A) dissolve B) perceive C) touch D) pierce
181. While some bacteria are beneficial, others are harmful in that they cause disease.
- A) detrimental B) prodigious C) intrusive D) mordant
182. Financial consultants acknowledge that the value of common stock is inherently changeable.
- A) relatively B) intrinsically C) sporadically D) incrementally
183. When the hedgehog feels threatened, it tucks its head into a spiny, ball-shaped mass.
- A) prickly B) motionless C) bushy D) spherical
184. In Action Painting, the paint is sometimes dribbled onto the canvas.
- A) trickled B) trampled C) stroked D) soaked
185. Mount St. Helens erupted in March 1980 after one hundred twenty-three years of silence.
- A) exploded B) split C) roared D) disintegrated
186. Benjamin Rush established the first free dispensary in the United States.
- A) clinic B) school C) library D) university
187. Subterranean streams have cut through limestone to form miles of passages and caves such as Kentucky's Mammoth Cave.
- A) Secondary B) Underground C) Unharnessed D) Miniscule
188. Tuition at American universities varies markedly, depending on the type of institution and its endowment.
- A) slightly B) occasionally C) substantially D) abnormally
189. Salesmanship is the ability to sway people to willingly buy products or support new ideas.
- A) educate B) expect C) allow D) persuade
190. Itinerant preachers played an important role in United States religious history.

- A) Protestant B) Evangelical C) Unofficial D) Travelling
191. The fire dance is the climax of the ceremony of the Navajo night chants.
A) addition to B) high point in C) substitute for D) beginning of
192. Because noises modulate radio frequency, radio stations use a band of frequencies to prevent interference with other stations.
A) govern B) adapt C) temper D) renovate
193. When apprentices in colonial America satisfactorily completed their training periods, each received two sets of apparel as a graduation gift.
A) clothes B) credentials C) wages D) tools
194. A fossil is a remnant of a once-living organism.
A) bone B) solvent C) picture D) vestige
195. Around the age of eight or nine, children often assume a devil-may-care attitude in their physical activities.
A) happy B) reckless C) cruel D) compulsive
196. The manchineel tree has smooth, pale brown bark and long drooping branches.
A) spindly B) prickly C) sagging D) blossoming
197. If stored while wet, hay may build up heat and ignite spontaneously.
A) sprout B) catch fire C) release gases D) spoil
198. In a musical composition, the melody can sometimes be used to tell a story.
A) beat B) piano C) tune D) opera
199. Steel is an alloy composed primarily of iron and carbon.
A) traditionally B) ironically C) carefully D) principally
200. Since speech is such a familiar activity, it is often regarded as a universal endowment.
A) event B) habit C) trait D) gift