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# 前 言

短语或词组指英语具有五个语法单位之一。在传统语法中,短语指构成句法单位的一组词,这一句法单位不是完全句,因为它没有主语和谓语。按短语在句中的功能可分为:形容词短语、副词短语、名词短语、不定式短语、动词短语、分词短语、介词短语以及一些固定搭配和习惯用语等。英语短语约计 1 万余条,对于英语学习者来说,正确理解、掌握和运用英语短语是学习英语的一个重要环节;也是目前国内各类等级水平考试的难点。因此英语短语对各类应试考生来说就更为重要了。

如何能帮助广大英语爱好者以及各类应试者在有限的时间内抓住英语短语的关键,攻克难关,正是作者编写此书的宗旨和目的。本书在认真研究、比较分析了近几年来 CPE(精通英语证书考试),TOEFL 考试,RSA(英国皇家文学会英语作为外国语的考试),MEC(美国密执安大学英语考试),EPT(英语水平考试),CET(全国大学英语四、六级考试)等各种考试试题的基础上,参阅了《英语成语词典》(English Colloquial Idioms),《常见美语习语词典》(The Commonest American Colloquialism)等辞书,筛选整理出常见常考的短语近 2000 条,精心编写相应考题 1000 道。

为便于读者学习记忆,本书的编排分为 3 个部分:第一部分是常考试题,按字母顺序排列;第二部分是答案及注释,每道题附有详细的注解,原文附有中文翻译;第三部分是常见常

考的短语及各种固定搭配,并有中文注解。

本书适合参加全国大学英语四、六级统考,硕士学位研究生考试,EPT和TOEFL考试等考生,也可作为各类高等院校对学生进行强化训练的教材,同时可供广大英语爱好者自学自测使用。

本书在编写过程中,承蒙英籍专家 Joan Bullfard 的大力支持与帮助,在出版过程中得到了南海出版公司的鼎力协助,另外,海南大学学报主编、副教授陈传汉主审了本书的中文部分,在此谨表谢意。由于时间仓促,加之编者水平有限,错误与疏漏在所难免,敬请读者专家批评指正。

编者

一九九九年六月

## 第一部分 常见短语考题

### A

1. His business dealings were open and above board.  
a. honest and legal                      b. dishonest and illegal  
c. paid for                                  d. total loss
2. Though chess players may now compete against computers, they still follow rules that were used over 800 years ago.  
a. come after                                b. abide by  
c. recite                                        d. allow
3. Don't ask me. I'm all at sea now.  
a. confused      b. certain      c. sure      d. clear
4. Stay away from him. He is all burnt up now.  
a. calm      b. angry      c. gratified      d. dangerous
5. When John heard his name mentioned, he was all ears.  
a. heedless      b. keenly attentive      c. deaf      d. eerie
6. To account for the unusual physical strength of the mountain gorilla, researchers point to the hardness of its food - gathering activities.  
a. explain      b. investigate      c. survey      d. examine
7. "John said you owed him ten dollars." "That's all my eye! Just now I lent him \$200."

- a. ridicule      b. nonsense      c. correct      d. absolute
8. Classroom testing, if well done, most certainly \_\_\_\_\_ a stimulus to study and real learning.
- a. acts for      b. acts as      c. acts on      d. acts to
9. If my advice \_\_\_\_\_, he would not have made that mistake.
- a. has been acted on      b. has acted for  
c. had acted up      d. had been acted upon
10. All the world and his wife seem to be out on the beach today.
- a. All the people      b. All women  
c. All men      d. All the children
11. When it comes to dancing, I'm all thumbs.
- a. authoritative      b. inept      c. learned      d. versatile
12. He hopes to pass the exam by apple - polishing the teacher.
- a. coaxing      b. bribing      c. deceiving      d. flattering
13. All the information we have collected in relation to that case \_\_\_\_\_ very little.
- a. makes up for      b. adds up to  
c. comes up with      d. puts up with
14. He said that he would adhere \_\_\_\_\_ what he had said at the conference.
- a. on      b. to      c. for      d. with
15. China's industry will maintain the long - term policy of opening to foreign investors.
- a. abhor      b. adhere to      c. adapt to      d. abet
16. The fire started in the building adjacent to the library.
- a. to the left of      b. opposite

- c. to the right of                      d. next to
17. The weather forecast was good so it should turn out fine \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. all in all    b. above all    c. after all    d. over all
18. The matter is as clear as crystal now.  
a. extremely clear    b. muddy    c. confusing    d. convincing
19. It is at my fingers' tips. I think I can give you all the information you want.  
a. I that knows it all                      b. he that knows it all  
c. them that know it all                      d. she that knows it all
20. Bankers provide loans, administer trusts, and offer an assortment of savings and checking – account options.  
a. an investment                              b. a variety  
c. a department                              d. an evaluation
21. Gooseneck barnacles attach themselves to objects such as docks and boats.  
a. fasten    b. propel    c. limit    d. compare
22. The boy was disciplined for being amenable to his elders.  
a. gentle    b. obedient    c. kind    d. courteous
23. The automobile manufacture acceded to many of the demands of the strikers.  
a. argued about    b. listened to    c. agreed to    d. discussed
24. As a well – known television reporter, Walter Caronkile has access to many places.  
a. contracts in                              b. engagements in  
c. information about                      d. admittance to
25. Located in Washington DC, the Library of Congress contains an

imposing array of books on every conceivable subject.

a. history    b. catalog    c. shelf    d. collection

26. The doctor came all the \_\_\_\_ from Canada, with a single purpose of learning acupuncture.

a. road    b. way    c. route    d. path

27. In working with this cloth, be sure to \_\_\_\_ shrinkage.

a. agree with    b. answer for

c. aim at    d. allow for

28. The wear through friction should be taken into account in designing the parts of every machine.

a. allowed for    b. admitted to

c. prepared for    d. aware of

29. The population of that province \_\_\_\_ approximately 50, 000, 000.

a. allows for    b. consists of

c. amounts to    d. admits to

30. I am sorry to say that I can't answer \_\_\_\_ his honesty.

a. to    b. about    c. back    d. for

31. Some useful ideas were suggested while the social committee was \_\_\_\_ the club's programme for the coming season.

a. discussing about    b. arguing about

c. quarreling about    d. asking about

32. Finally dragged out of the water, the kid was \_\_\_\_ dead.

a. as soon as    b. as good as

c. as far as    d. as well as

33. As \_\_\_\_ stand, our first job is to reinforce the dike.



- c. at a distance                      d. at a disadvantage.
42. It isn't so much whether he works hard; the question is whether he works \_\_\_\_.
- a. above all                              b. in all  
c. at all                                      d. after all
43. Our rights are to be abstained \_\_\_\_.
- a. at a stretch                      b. at all costs  
c. at a disadvantage                      d. at a distance
44. Although he looks rough, he is kind \_\_\_\_.
- a. at large      b. by heart      c. at heart      d. at issue
45. Sooner or later everything is bound to die at any \_\_\_\_.
- a. price      b. cost      c. rate      d. time
46. \_\_\_\_ a Hollywood movie star, she is now studying at Harvard.
- a. From time to time                      b. At times  
c. At one time                              d. Time and again
47. While I am away, my computer will be at your \_\_\_\_.
- a. elbow      b. ease      c. feet      d. disposal
48. The magician picked several persons \_\_\_\_ from audience and asked them to help him with the performance.
- a. by accident                              b. on occasion  
c. at random                              d. on an average
49. With their harvest at \_\_\_\_, the farmers were getting more anxious for the heavy rain.
- a. stake      b. random      c. heart      d. liberty
50. \_\_\_\_ my car is being made ready for a long journey.
- a. In a moment                              b. At the moment

c. For the moment

d. Upon the moment

## B

1. He is a chicken. If you should challenge him, he will back down right away.  
a. retreat      b. support      c. stand still      d. face bravely
2. Bear in mind that I'm no longer a child.  
a. Keep reminding      b. Remember  
c. Forget      d. Believe it or not
3. Let us be frank and don't beat around the bush.  
a. evade      b. humiliate  
c. fight in the jungle      d. face the danger
4. I beat my brains out to get you a job.  
a. labored strenuously      b. tortured myself enormously  
c. risked my life      d. fought all my way
5. What's the matter with you today? Have you got out of the bed on the wrong side?  
a. annoyed for no particular reasons  
b. justified in being angry      c. ill in bed.  
d. bedridden and unable to leave your bed
6. As a result of the economic crisis, most of the workers' families were \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.  
a. born off      b. well off      c. badly off      d. backed off
7. It is very discourteous to be in the way during someone's conversation.





- a. broke down                      b. broke out  
c. broke away                      d. broke into
24. You have to wait a moment. My boss is busy as a bee.  
a. lazy                                  b. extremely busy  
c. playing with a bee              d. away for a bee
25. The barracks were bursting with refugees.  
a. full      b. filled      c. empty      d. vacancy
26. Excuse me for breaking in on your conversation.  
a. interrupting                      b. withdrawing from  
c. seizure                              d. regarding
27. After the divorce, she buried herself in her work.  
a. busied      b. indulgent      c. engaged      d. forced
28. Fay told her story, 'breaking \_\_\_\_ now and then to wipe the tears from her eyes.  
a. into      b. off      c. out      d. through
29. The border incident led to the two countries \_\_\_\_ diplomatic relations.  
a. breaking up                      b. cutting out  
c. finishing off                      d. breaking off
30. As soon as he finished his speech, thunderous applause broke \_\_\_\_.  
a. off      b. out      c. in      d. up
31. It was required that the Union troops \_\_\_\_ the enemy's line before daybreak.  
a. break off                              b. break through  
c. broke off                              d. broke through

