I. READING

Papua New Guinea has the greatest concentration of separate languages in the world, with more than 10 per cent of the world’s total of about 4,500.

The language used by more people as their native tongue than many other is Chinese. It is spoken in China by more than 1.2 billion people and in many Chinese communities in other countries. About one fifth of the people in the world speak Chinese as their native language.

The next most commonly spoken language, and the most widespread is English, with an estimated 350 million native speakers. Nearly twice as many use it as a second or third language.

In the end of the sixteenth century there were only six million speakers of English and most of them lived in Great Britain. The English language contains nearly half a million words, much more than any other language, but it is doubtful if any individual uses more than sixty thousand. British people who have had a full 16 years of education use perhaps five thousand words in speech and up to ten thousand in written communications. Which language is spoken as a native language in the biggest number of countries? It’s Spanish, which is spoken by more than four hundred million people in about twenty countries, mainly in South and Central America. Arabic is also spoken in about twenty countries in North Africa and the Middle East but only by about 250 million people.

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1. How many languages are spoken in Papua New Guinea?
   a) 1
   b) 10
   c) about 500
   d) about 4,500

2. How many people can speak English as their second or third language?
   a) 6 million
   b) 350 million
   c) 700 million
   d) more than 1 billion

3. Which language is the most widespread in the world?
   a) Chinese
   b) English
   c) Spanish
   d) Arabic

4. Which language is spoken as a native language in about 20 countries?
   a) Chinese
   b) English
   c) Spanish
   d) Arabic

5. Choose true sentences.
   a) Every Briton can use nearly 500 thousand words.
   b) 400 years ago only 6 million people could speak English.
   c) Young people in England, after graduating from college or university, use 5 - 10 thousand words.
   d) More people speak Arabic than Spanish.

II. COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

6. A: I go to the cinema every week.
   B: …………………
   a) Me too.
   b) So do I.
   c) So does my sister.
   d) I don’t.

7. I know that you have problems with Maths. Would you like …………?
   a) to help me
   b) me to help you
   c) somebody to help you
   d) my help

8. How can you ask politely for permission to use someone’s mobile phone?
   a) Do you mind if I use your mobile phone?
   b) Can I have to use your mobile phone?
   c) Do you think I could use your mobile phone?
   d) May I use your mobile phone?

9. A: What shall we do after school today?
   B: …………………
   a) How about playing football?
   b) Let’s ride our bikes.
   c) Why don’t we play hide-and-seek.
   d) We’d rather played basketball.

10. A: I’m very unhappy. I’m not allowed to go to Mary’s party.
    B: …………………
    a) You’d better go to the party.
    b) I’d ask Mum for permission once again if I were you.
    c) I’d rather not be unhappy.
    d) You should send her a birthday card.

III. VOCABULARY

11. My sister-in-law’s son is my ……………
    a) son-in-law
    b) niece
    c) step son
    d) nephew

12. Who’s not a person doing physical work?
    a) plumber
    b) teller
    c) accountant
    d) carpenter
13. Solve the crossword and find the solution.

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  1) demanding money by threatening her to send secret letters to her husband
  2) setting fire to a building
  3) violent action to achieve political aims
  4) deceiving in order to get money or goods illegally
  5) breaking into the house while the owners are away on holiday
  6) bringing goods secretly and illegally crossing the border
  7) stealing goods from a shop
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The solution is:

a) the crime of attacking somebody in the street;

b) the crime of copying banknotes in order to deceive people;

c) the crime of damaging public property for no reason;

d) the crime of taking somebody away illegally and keeping her/him as a prisoner;

14. Choose the word in each group which doesn't suit to the others:

- runway; sensible; teller
- check-in; nice; stamp
- platform; wavy; envelope
- departure lounge; strict; letter

a) runway; strict; envelope  b) check-in; sensible; letter
  c) platform; wavy; teller  d) runway; stubborn; teller

15. Match the American English words on the left with the British English ones on the right.

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16. Recognize kinds of cars:

- 1. (1) convertible car
- 2. (2) estate car
- 3. (3) hatchback
- 4. (4) pick-up

17. Choose true definitions of natural disasters.

a) typhoon - a violent tropical storm;

b) draught - a sudden fall of a huge mass of earth down a hill;

c) avalanche - a huge mass of snow that falls down of a side of a mountain;

d) flood - a huge amount of water covering streets and fields;

18. My favourite meat is ..............

a) veal  b) pork  c) sheep  d) mutton

19. Dave ............ not to be too long in the bathroom.

a) told  b) was told  c) has been told  d) has told

20. My uncle has ........ money that he goes on holiday to Bali every year.

a) so much  b) so many  c) such many  d) as much

21. I don't mind (1) ....... my little brother this evening so my parents will let me (2) ...... a party tomorrow.

a) (1) looking after; (2) having
b) (1) to look after; (2) to have
c) (1) look after; (2) to have
d) (1) looking after; (2) to have

22. If I (1) ........ an umbrella last week, I (2) .........

a) (1) had bought; (2) wouldn't have got wet yesterday.
b) (1) bought; (2) wouldn't get wet yesterday.
c) (1) had bought; (2) wouldn't get wet now.
d) (1) bought; (2) could get wet now.

23. My cat (1) ........ for an hour. It (2) ........ five mice.

a) (1) is hunting; (2) caught
b) (1) hunts; (2) has caught
c) (1) has been hunting; (2) has caught
d) (1) has hunted; (2) caught

24. I ............ perfect English if I lived in Scotland.

a) 'd spoke  b) could speak  c) would speak  d) might speak

25. We had ........ good weather in September this year. It was warm and sunny nearly every day.

a) so  b) such  c) such a  d) so a

26. My friend ............ milk but she drinks a lot of it these days.

a) didn't use to like  b) used to like  c) didn't use liking  d) didn't like

27. My great grandmother, who's 85, is ............ to climb up stairs in my house.

a) enough fit  b) too weak  c) not enough strong  d) not fit enough

28. Take some money with ............ in case you need it.

a) you  b) yours  c) yourself  d) your

29. I ............ to bed because I was very tired.

a) should go  b) was allowed to go  c) had to go  d) must go

30. Why didn't you tell me when ............?

a) is your birthday  b) was your birthday  c) your birthday is  d) your birthday was