



第十三届“叶圣陶杯”国际青少年英语大赛

省级初赛试题（初中组）

总分：100 分

I. Read the following sentences and choose the best from A. B. C. D. (each 4 scores, all 60 scores)

1. My old grandfather is in his _____, but he can still do some gardening and look after himself well.
A. nineteen B. ninety C. ninetieth D. nineties
2. Everybody _____ me went to the park. I caught a cold, so I stayed at home last Sunday.
A. besides B. or C. except D. and
3. —With modern AI technology, people in old photos seem to be _____ as if (仿佛) they could step out of the pictures any time.
—So amazing!
A. lovely B. alive C. lively D. living
4. Ruby has longer hair than _____ in her class.
A. any girl B. all the girls C. other girls D. any other girl
5. I want to buy this coat, but it has a hole. Do you have _____ one?
A. another B. the other C. others D. the others
6. —Mom, so hot! Can I take the *helmet* (头盔) off?
—Oh, dear, everyone _____ wear it. Safety comes first.
A. must B. can C. mustn't D. can't
7. _____ a small world it is! I can't believe to meet you here.
A. Where B. What C. How D. Why
8. My classmate, Billy, is a liar. He never tells the truth, _____?
A. is he B. does he C. does Billy D. doesn't he
9. If you _____ any of our programs, _____ you only three days to master English.
A. join; it'll take B. will join; it spends C. join; it'll cost D. will join; it takes
10. My family always go somewhere interesting _____ the holiday begins.



A.so that B.even though C.as soon as D.unless

11.—Have you ever been to Rome?

—Yes, I _____ there once. I _____ there last year.

A.have gone ; went B.have been ; go C.go ; have been D.have been ; went

12.I'm thinking whether the dog _____. It _____ after returning from camping.

A.needs to wash, smells badly

B.needs washing, is smelt badly

C.needs washing, smells bad

D.needs to be washed, is smelt bad

13. _____ go to bed after eleven. It's not good for your body.

A.Never B.Always C.You never D.Always you

14. —John, can you tell me _____ in the future?

—I want to be a football player.

A.what will you do B.where will you go C.what you will do D.where you will go

15.I like making friends _____ are calm and knowledge.

A.who B.how C.where D.whom

II.Read the following passages and choose the best from A. B. C. D. (each 4 scores, all 40 scores)

A

What do France, Australia, and the U.S. have in common? Among other things, their national flags all have the same colors: red, white, and blue. In fact, nearly 30 countries in the world use just these three colors in their national flags. Have you ever thought about why?

Historically, the three colors have been used for practical reasons. White was easier to create than most other colors. Red and blue were harder to make, but they were strong colors that could last long.

Besides, each of the colors has its meaning. Red often makes people think of bravery. White can mean purity and blue can stand for peace; both bring about a feeling of calm. People enjoy looking at these colors together, but scientists aren't sure why that is.

There is also a more important reason. Some countries wanted to make a flag like the flag



of a stronger country. In the 17th century, the Netherlands, a European country, was strong on the sea. Its red, blue, and white flag became a good example for other countries. One of them was Russia. When Tsar Peter visited the Netherlands, he thought its *navy* (海军) was great. He decided to borrow the idea of the *Dutch* (荷兰的) flag. But he changed the place of the three colors, of course!

16. Why is white commonly used in national flags?

- A. It can last long. B. It is easier to produce.
C. It stands out clearly. D. It provides a clean look.

17. What does red stand for in national flags?

- A. Power. B. Danger. C. Calm. D. Bravery.

18. What can we learn about Russia's flag from the last paragraph?

- A. It showed Tsar Peter's favorite colors.
B. It was borrowed from the Netherlands.
C. It shared the same colors as the Dutch flag.
D. It made Russia a strong country on the sea.

19. Which of the following is probably the best title for the text?

- A. Why Are Red, White, and Blue Popular Flag Colors?
B. The History Behind National Flags with Three Colors.
C. The Meaning of Red, White, and Blue in National Flags.
D. Why Do People Like Seeing Red, White, and Blue Together?

B

Sunday

Tonight, Mom called for a "house meeting". She told us that she was going back to school to start taking lessons. Well, it was totally out of my expectation. She is always there when I get home from school, and that's the way I like it. But now, we have to make our own dinners and start doing housework.

Wednesday

The first few nights with Mom away have been a disaster. We tried making our dinner by ourselves. Mandy made the iced tea, but it was undrinkable. Rodric cooked the roast beef, but



it was a mess. Therefore, we **bagged** the homemade meal idea and went out to eat.

Tuesday

“Greg, why are the rubbish bags still at home? It’s your task!” Dad shouted and asked me why I didn’t do my job this morning. He said I needed to start being more responsible.

I’ve heard it from Dad before. Last summer, our neighbor Ms. Grove, asked me to look after the plants while she went on business. Well, I watered them several times for the first few days and then I got busy with other things. Ms. Grove was pretty mad because most of the plants didn’t make it.

Thursday

Dad is really serious about me taking on more responsibility. And first he wants me to wake myself up in the morning. That’s actually a real problem.

Yesterday was the first day I tried to wake myself up, and it didn’t work out. My alarm clock went off, but the sound just worked its way into my dream. And today didn’t go any better.

20. Greg’s Mom called for a “house meeting” because she decided to _____.

- A. make dinners with us B. teach lessons at a school
C. start doing housework D. return to school to have lessons

21. Greg felt _____ when he knew about Mom’s plan during the “house meeting”.

- A. proud B. relaxed C. delighted D. surprised

22. Therefore, we bagged the homemade meal idea and went out to eat. “bagged” probably means _____.

- A. gave up B. thought about C. depended on D. were aware of

23. What’s Greg’s task at home?

- A. Waking others up. B. Cleaning the house up.
C. Taking out the rubbish. D. Looking after the plants.

24. From the passage, we can learn that Greg’s Dad expected him to _____.

- A. build up self-confidence B. become more responsible
C. make friends with neighbors D. put up early in the morning

25. The passage is probably taken from _____.



A.a diary B.a schedule C.a news report D.a science magazine