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# **Answer Sheet 1431 \ 1432**

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هذا الاختبار التجريبي لقطع القراءة (Reading Passages) فُقَط لطلبة الأداب وعلم الاجتماع لغة انجليزية عامة 121

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## I. Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Marriage is often not easy. Maybe man and woman love each other, but they **argue**. They get angry. Later they apologize, bit it happens again and again. What's the problem? Are men and women really very different?

Deborah Tannen says yes, men and women are very. Tannen teaches at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. <u>She</u> writes books about the ways people talk. She believes that men and women talkand think- in different ways. She tells about some differences in her book, You Just Don't Understand.

The differences, Tannen says, begin when men and women are children. Very young boys and girls are similar to each other. In other words, **they** like many of the same things and play in the same ways. They aren't very different. But then there is a change. When children in the United States are five or six years old, boys usually play in large groups. One boy gives **orders**. For example, he says," Take this," 'Go over there". <u>He</u> is the leader. Boys also <u>brag</u>. In other words, they say good thing about themselves. But girls **there** usually play in small groups or with one other girl. A girl's best friend is her very good friend and important to her. Girls often don't give orders; they give suggestions.

1. The differences between men and women	begin
A. at the age of sixteen	B. when they are old
C. when they babies	D. when they are children
2. The underlined pronoun " she" Line 5 refe	ers to
A. woman	B. man
C. Deborah Tannen	D. a girl
3. Where does Deborah Tannen work? She w	vorks at
A. school	B. hospital
C. university	D. restaurant
4. The underlined word "argue" line 1 means	
A. discuss angrily	B. cry loudly
C. speak slowly	D. listen carefully
5 gives orders while playing	in groups.
A. A man	B. A girl
C. A boy	D. A woman
6. A word in paragraph ONE which has the o	opposite meaning of " <u>similar</u> " is
A. different	B. lazy
C. different	D. angry
7. The underlined pronoun " <u>they</u> " Line 9 re	fers to
A. women	B. men
C. boys	D. young boys and girls
8. Who gives suggestions?	
A. Girls	B. Boys
C. Deborah Tannen	D. The men

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9. Which country does Deborah live in	
A. Japan	B. Europe
C. America	D. Saudi Arabia
10. The underlined word " brag" means	·
A. cry	B. talk proudly
C. play	D. laugh

## II. Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Many people <u>wonder</u>: Why do we sleep? Why do we dream? They ask <u>themselves</u> the purpose, or reason. There are many theories, or opinions about <u>this</u>, but scientists don't know if these ideas are correct.

One theory of sleep says that during the day, we need sleep to make new chemicals and repair, or fix, our bodies. This theory is called the "Repair Theory". One piece of <u>evidence</u> for this theory is that our bodies produce more of growth hormone while we sleep.

Another theory is that the purpose of sleep is to dream. Dreaming <u>occurs</u> only during one stage, or period, of sleep (Rapid Eye movement- REM) sleep. REM sleep occurs about 90 minutes and last for about 20 minutes. Some scientists believe that REM sleep helps us to remember things, but <u>others</u> don't believe and don't agree.

11. The underlined pronoun "themselves" ref	ers to:
A. purposes	B. dreams
C. many people	D. reasons
12. The underlined pronoun " <u>this "</u> Line 2 re	efers to
A. a theory	B. purpose of sleep and dream
C. many people	D. a scientist
13. Who don't know if these ideas are correc	t or not?
A. Many people	B. Theories
C. Children	D. Scientists
14. Why do we need sleep according to " Re	pair Theory"
A. to dream	B. to fix or repair our bodies
C. take rest	D. to help our friend sleep
15. The underlined word " evidence " line 6 i	means
A. proof	B. sleep
C. dream	D. repair
16. The most appropriate Topic of the reading	passage is ""
A. Repair Theory	B. Repair Eye Movement
C. Sleep & Dream	D. REM occurs about 90 minutes
17. According to, our bodi	es produce growth hormone while sleeping.
A. many people	B. Repair Theory
C. Rapid Eye Movement	D. all scientists

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18. How long does REM sleep last?	
A. 20 minutes	B. The whole night
C. 90 minutes	D. Two minutes
19. How many theories about sleep and	dream are in the passage?
A. One theory	B. Two theories
C. Many theories	D. Three theories
20. What does REM sleep help us to do	
A. To dream	B. To remember things
C. To make chemicals	D. To work hard
II. <u>Read the following passage carefully, t</u>	hen answer the questions that follow.
My name is Elena Sanchez. I am from	Mexico, but now I live in California. I'm a student <u>here</u> in English
language classes at a small college.	
I live in an apartment building. It's on t	he corner of Olive Street and Sycamore Avenue. My address is
2201 Olive Street. There's a big olive tre	ee in front of the building. There's a park across the street. There
are a lot of oak trees in the park. The tre	es are beautiful in the summer.
A lot of my neighbors are from different	countries. The people next to <b>me</b> are from Indonesia. The family
across from the Indonesian family is from	n Colombia.
The stores in this neighborhood are alv	vays busy. There's a Korean drugstore and an Armenian flower
shop.	
There are three restaurants on Olive S	treat: One Mexican <b>one</b> Japanese and one Moroccan-Italian-

There are three restaurants on Olive Street: One Mexican, **one** Japanese, and one Moroccan-Italian-American.

I like my neighborhood, but I ask myself one question. Where are the Americans?!!!

# 21. Where is Elena from? She is from \_\_\_\_\_

A. California	B. England
C. Mexico	D. Colombia
22. Why does she live now in California? Because	e she
A. teaches English	B. studies English
C. works in an airport	D. loves the city
23. What kinds of trees are there in California?	
A. Olive trees only	B. Orange trees only
C. Oak trees only	D. Olive and oak trees
24. When are the trees beautiful?	
A. In Summer	B. In Autumn
C. At night	D. On Friday
25. Which country are the people who live next to	Elena from?
A. Indonesia	B. Mexico
C. America	D. Korea

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A. medicine	B. flowers
C. olive oil	D. oak trees
27. Who is from Colombia?	
A. The family next to Elena	B. The family across from the Indonesian family
C. Elena	D. All Elena's neighbors
28. How many restaurants are there on Olive Street	?
A. Thirteen	B. Thirty
C. Three	D. Thirty three
29. What is in front of the building?	
A. An English college	B. An oak tree
C. a beautiful park	D. An olive tree
30. Where does Elena go if she wants to buy flowers	s?
A. To Korean drugstore	B. To the restaurant
C. To the Armenian flower shop	D. To her English College
31. The underlined pronoun " here" line 1 refers to_	
A. Mexico	B. California
C. Colombia	D. Korea
32. The underlined word " one" Line 10 refers to	
A. a store	B. an olive street
C. a restaurant	D. a building
33. The underlined pronoun " me" Line 6 refers to _	
A. an American girl	B. one of the neighbors
C. Elena's father	D. Elena
34. One of the following is not on Olive Street. It is _	
A. an Armenian restaurant	B. a Japanese restaurant
C. a Mexican restaurant	D. a Moroccan-Italian-American restaura
35. Where are the oak trees? They are	
A. in the college	B. in the park
C. in the building	D. in the apartment

#### IV. Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Families in almost every country are changing. This is true in rich countries and poor <u>ones</u>. It is true in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. All over the world, families are getting smaller.

In North Africa, in the past, many people lived in extended families. Fifty to hundred people lived together in a group of houses. <u>These</u> were all family members- grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, children, and grandchildren. But now this traditional family is breaking into smaller groups.

The traditional family in Mexico was also big. One generation ago, the average Mexican woman had seven children. Today, **<u>she</u>** has an average of only 2.5 children. Now , without so many children, families don't need to spend so much money on basics, such as food, clothing and housing.

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36. The underlined word "ones" line 1 refers to	
A. families	B. countries
C. children	D. Americas
37. Food and clothing are	
A. grandchildren	B. families
C. members	D. basics
38. The underlined pronoun " she" Line 7 refers to	
A. a brother	B. an aunt
C. a Mexican woman	D. a family
39. How many children did a Mexican woman have?	children
A. 2.5	B. 7
C. 4	D. 3
40. What happened to the traditional family?	
A. Getting larger	B. Breaking into smaller groups
C. Becoming rich	D. Having many children

#### V. Read the following fable carefully, and then choose the correct answer A, B, C or D :

When I was walking down the street the other day, I happened to notice a small brown leather wallet lying on the pavement. I picked it up and opened it to see if I could find the owner's name. There was nothing inside it except some change and old photograph – a picture of a woman and a young girl about twelve years old, who looked like the woman's daughter. I put the photograph back and took the wallet to the police station, where I handed <u>it</u> to the desk sergeant. Before I left, the sergeant took down my name and address in case the owner might want to write and thank me.

That evening I went to have dinner with my aunt and uncle. They had also invited a young woman. Her face was familiar. I was quite <u>sure</u> that we had not met before, but I could not remember where I had seen her. In the course of the conversation, however, the young woman happened to mention that she had lost her wallet that afternoon. All at once I realized where I had seen her. She was the young girl in the photograph, although she was now much older. She was very surprised, of course, when I was able to describe her. Then I explained that I had recognized her from the photograph I had found in the wallet. My uncle insisted on going to the police station immediately to claim the wallet. As the police sergeant handed it over, he said that it was an amazing coincidence that I had not only found the wallet, but also the person who had lost it.

#### 41- The wallet was made of

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A- desk sergeant	B-a dinner
C- pavement	D. business
44- The writer	
A- met the woman once	B- had seen her in the market
C- met the woman twice	D- never met the woman before
45- When did the writer remember seeing the woman?	
A- When the woman told them that she had lost a wallet	B- When he found the wallet
C- When the police called him	D. While he met her near the
	bus station
46- The underlined pronoun " it" line 5 refers to	
A. police station	B. a dinner
C. the restaurant	D. the wallet
47. What was the photo for?	
A. A young boy	B. The uncle
C. A young woman and a girl	D. The desk sergeant
48. The underlined word " sure " is closest in meaning to the	e word ""
A. satisfied	B. certain
C. surprised	D. strange
49. Where did the write take the wallet?	
A. To his mother	B. To the woman
C. To the police station	D. To his uncle
50. The most appropriate TOPIC for the passage is	
A. Police station	B. Lost and found
C. The writer and his uncle	D. The Desk sergeant

# VI. Read the following fable carefully, and then answer the questions that follow:

Some people go to work each day and then come back home. They spend time with their family and friends. Maybe **they** watch TV or go to a movie. Sometimes they **exercise** or read. This is their life. But for other people, this is not enough. They look around their neighborhoods and see people with terrible hardships: sickness, loneness, and homelessness. Other people see problems with the environment. Many people want to help. They **volunteer**. They give some of their time to help others.

Volunteers help in many ways. Some visit sick and lonely people. Some give <u>their</u> friendship to children without parents. Some build houses for homeless people.

51.The most suitable	Topic for the passage is	i
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- A. Homelessness
- C. Hardships

B. Volunteering

D. Sickness

52. The underlined word " exercise " means: \_\_\_\_

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A. building houses	B. question
C. Practice sports	D. test
53 is an example of	hardships.
A. Volunteering	B. Environment
C. Neighborhood	D. Homelessness
54. Why do some people give some of t	heir time to others?
A. To earn much money	B. To help them
C. To know the time	D. To watch TV
55. The underlined pronoun " their " Lin	ne 9 refers to
A. all people	B. friendships
C. some volunteers	D. all volunteers
56 is closest in mea	ning to the phrase "work for free ".
A. Volunteer	B. build houses
C. give some time	D. look around
57. The underlined " they" line 2 refers t	to
A. friends	B. parents
C. Some people	D. Volunteers
58- The word "" paragra	ph 2 has the same meaning of " ill"
A. help	B. sick
C. friendship	D. homeless
59. Some people build houses to	
A. people who have homes	B. children who are very rich
C. people who are poor	D. volunteers

#### 60. All of the following are hardships that some people face except\_\_\_\_

A. being a lone	B. no homes
C. diseases	D. pleasure

## VI. Read the following fable carefully, and then answer the questions that follow:

<u>Parents</u> have to do much less for their children nowadays than they used to do in the past. Home has become much less of a workshop than <u>it</u> was, clothes can be bought ready-made, washing can go to the laundry, food can be bought cooked, canned or preserved. Bread is baked and delivered by the baker, milk arrives in bottles and meals can be had at the restaurant, the worker's canteen and the school dining room.

It is unusual in the present for father to pursue his trade or employment at home, and his children rarely, if ever sees him at his place of work. Boys are therefore seldom trained to follow their father's occupation and in many towns **they** have a fairly wide choice of employment and so do girls. The young wage-earner often earns good money and soon acquires a feeling of economic independence.

The working mother is nowadays a not unusual factor in a child's home life. The number of married women in employment has more than doubled in the last twenty five years.

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61- Parents work/ed much less for their children \_ A. in the future B. last century C. at night D. at present 62- Clothes can be bought ready- made \_\_\_\_ A. last weekend B. in the past C. nowadays D. at the moment \_ follow their father's occupation nowadays. 63- Children A. Usually B. often C. Always D. rarely 64- Nowadays,\_ have the same choice of employment. A. Boys B. girls C. boys and girls D. fathers 65- The number of married women in employment increased in the last A. twenty five years B. fifty years B. sixty years D. twenty five months 66- The underlined pronoun " it" line 2 refers to\_ A. school B. parents D. home C. workshop 67- The word " \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ has the same meaning to " a father and a mother". A. children B. parents C. family D. people 68- The most appropriate TOPIC for the passage is \_ A. Old life B. Children C. Parents D. Modern family 69- How can clothes be washed nowadays? A. Ready made B. By the laundry D. By the children C. Through the servant 70. The underlined word " they" Line 8 refers to\_ A. boys B. girls C. mothers D. parents



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