

DẠNG BÀI TÌM TỪ ĐỒNG NGHĨA- TRÁI NGHĨA (tiếp)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the words **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions

1. It is essential that we recognize **lifelong** learning is also concerned with social justice.
A. inconstant B. temporary C. continuing D. short-lived
2. It took the firefighters roughly five hours to **put out** the flames in the nearby factory.
A. extinguish B. change C. eliminate D. destroy
3. It is very important for a teacher to be kind, caring and **approachable** because the teaching job involves a lot of interaction with students.
A. ugly B. friendly C. pretty D. angry
4. In the UK, there are some websites that provide freshmen with practical **tips** to get used to college life quickly and to take the next steps in their tertiary education.
A. advice B. bonus C. money D. time
5. It is **amazing** how quickly the new foreign student adapts to the local culture.
A. dangerous B. boring C. awful D. surprising
6. I found the Japanese to be very **hospitable**.
A. friendly B. noticeable C. natural D. affectionate
7. The school is keen to involve the **whole** community in this project.
A. relative B. complete C. remote D. external
8. The civil service was **established** under the previous dynasty.
A. run through B. put away C. found out D. set up
9. The company decided to **enhance** the quality of its products to stay competitive.
A. reduce B. improve C. maintain D. weaken
10. The documentary was so **engrossing** that I forgot to check my phone for over two hours.
A. boring B. confusing C. lengthy D. interesting
11. Winning an **incredible** prize from the state lottery was a turning point in my life, which I have never imagined before.
A. unacceptable B. unpopular C. unbelievable D. unclear
12. The teacher emphasized the importance of following instructions and warned the students not to **disregard** any guidelines.
A. ignore B. respect C. attend D. notice
13. Despite her **frail** health, she is determined to pursue her dream as an artist.
A. weak B. strong C. healthy D. robust
14. He stressed that the aim of the event is to **grab** the public's attention with their favorite acts, rather than to give them a diverse arts festival.
A. distract B. attract C. evaluate D. change
15. When young people tend to disconnect from society for 6 months or more, it can be considered a **psychological** problem.
A. behavioral B. physical C. facial D. mental
16. Joggers who begin running without warming up could **sustain** a muscle injury.
A. anticipate B. suffer C. irritate D. invite
17. The details of the celebrity's death were finally **revealed** by her mother.
A. shared B. disputed C. denied D. concealed
18. Arguing with Rick is **futile**; he'll never accept that he was wrong.

A. pointless

B. modern

C. fruitful

D. stupid

19. There was a time in my career when I **matured** from a little girl to a woman and I experienced a huge dip in my confidence.

A. developed

B. transacted

C. nourished

D. prospered

20. We hope to become more **accurate** in predicting earthquakes.

A. mistaken

B. questionable

C. doubtful

D. precise

21. The U23 Vietnamese football team failed to **win** the final match with Uzbekistan due to the heavy snow at Changshu Stadium, China.

A. tie

B. gain

C. find

D. lose

22. After many years of unsuccessfully **endeavoring** to form his own orchestra, Glenn Miller finally achieved world fame in 1939 as a big band leader.

A. requesting

B. offering

C. deciding

D. trying

23. We generally **conform to** the behavior of our social group. Behaving differently can create discomfort.

A. feel happy about

B. stand up to

C. act angry about

D. act like most people

24. Thanks to better health care, there are more and more **centenarians** nowadays.

A. children whose parents can't afford their schooling

B. children who die at birth

C. people who suffer from fatal diseases

D. people who live 100 years or more

25. Coal-burning power **plants** emit greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, which contribute to global warming and climate change.

A. fauna

B. flora

C. trees

D. factories

26. The university will only select **competent** students, so they want to see evidence of your academic performance as well as the references from high school teachers.

A. ambitious

B. unqualified

C. proficient

D. inconvenient

27. Adopting a green lifestyle can often be time-consuming for those who are fully **committed** to green living.

A. mediocre

B. devoted

C. dependent

D. abandoned

28. The judge threatened **to throw the book at** him if he committed another offense.

A. commend

B. applaud

C. punish

D. compliment

29. To encourage the music industry, the government has decided to **prohibit** the illegal copying of musical recordings.

A. trade

B. allocate

C. ban

D. motivate

30. Although their **initial** desire was to open a small bakery, their delicious cakes soon led them to expand into a regional chain.

A. first

B. only

C. main

D. minor

31. Our cultural **identity** lies in every aspect of our lives, from the way we dress and speak to the types of music and foods we enjoy.

A. uniqueness

B. increase

C. progress

D. interaction

32. As the head of the department, he can't entirely **escape** the responsibility for this problem.

A. overcome

B. realize

C. avoid

D. manage

33. Candidates who are **shortlisted** for an interview will be contacted by the end of the week.

A. rejected

B. selected

C. denied

D. blamed

34. A popular way to **relieve** stress in today's busy lifestyles is by practising meditation.

A. require

B. reduce

C. repeat

D. relax

35. The price of footwear has declined **dramatically**, so many people have taken advantage of buying their favourite shoes.

A. slightly

B. effectively

C. considerably

D. calmly

36. You should use your own judgment; don't trust everything you read online.
 A. suggest B. decide C. explain **D. believe**
37. The park rangers were called to rescue a group of campers who were surrounded by a bear.
 A. preserve B. destroy C. arrest **D. save**
38. There is concern about the power of fake news to affect election results.
A. false B. real C. updated D. hot
39. The repeated commercials on TV distract many viewers from watching their favourite films.
 A. contests B. economics C. businesses **D. advertisements**
40. Paris is the ideal place to learn French; it's a beautiful and hospitable city with institutions for high quality linguistic teaching.
 A. affectionate **B. friendly** C. noticeable D. natural
41. Life on Earth is disappearing fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken.
 A. destroying B. polluting **C. vanishing** D. damaging
42. One of my distant relatives is wavering between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.
 A. approving B. weakening C. growing **D. hesitating**
43. When young people tend to disconnect from society for 20 months or more, it can be considered as a psychological problem.
 A. behavioral B. physical **C. mental** D. facial
44. We got tired of our humdrum routine and decided to take a week's vacation on a tropical island.
 A. free B. serious C. busy **D. dull**
45. American children customarily go trick-or-treating on Halloween.
 A. happily B. readily C. inevitably **D. traditionally**
46. We should work together to protect our environment.
 A. make decisions B. put up **C. join hands** D. take up
47. Despite poverty, we manage to raise our children properly.
 A. give up B. go up C. make up **D. bring up**
48. I am now reconciled with two of my estranged siblings - not just my older brother, but my sister, whom I hadn't spoken to for 17 years.
 A. opposed B. truthful **C. harmonized** D. contactable
49. The transition from high school to college can be overwhelming socially and academically.
 A. easy B. simple **C. confusing** D. manageable
50. Daisy usually invents stories about her foreign background while she was born in this city.
A. makes up B. puts up C. lives up D. comes up
51. One of my distant relatives is wavering between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.
A. hesitating B. weakening C. growing D. approving
52. She is not only an inspiring teacher but also a gifted scientist.
 A. exciting B. dull **C. encouraging** D. thrilling
53. It is an equal chance for everyone. No one should be given privilege.
 A. time B. money C. disadvantage **D. advantage**
54. They stopped at the top of the hill to admire the breathtaking scenery.
 A. extremely dangerous **B. extremely beautiful**
 C. extremely breathable D. extremely cold
55. Cities should implement affordable housing programs to address the problems of deplorable housing conditions.
 A. perfect B. good C. reasonable **D. unacceptable**

56. My sister's **tenacity** is truly remarkable. She displays a firm attitude in all circumstances even in the face of enormous challenges.

- A. perseverance B. creativity C. confidence D. compassion

57. As a **bright** student, James consistently impresses his teachers with excellent results in all examinations.

- A. ordinary B. colorful C. emotional D. intelligent

58. The fisherman skillfully cast his net into the river, eager to **capture** a plentiful bounty of fish.

- A. boost B. catch C. release D. enhance

59. She teaches the students to have respect for races and value the **diversity** of other cultures.

- A. benefit B. quality C. variety D. similarity

60. The government **acknowledged** the need for immediate action to address the climate crisis.

- A. created B. removed C. reduced D. accepted

61. The university will only select **competent** students, so they want to see evidence of your academic performance as well as references from high school teachers.

- A. unskilled B. hardworking C. proficient D. incapable

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64. The students' excitement in each lesson encouraged the instructor's creativity and **inspired** him in many ways.

- A. disappointed B. prevented C. rejected D. motivated

65. In such a **costly** and competitive society and world, no one of us can live without money

- A. expensive B. busy C. cheap D. modern

66. Hoa doesn't come to class today because she's **contracted** a serious illness.

- A. lost B. caught C. fought D. felt

67. Many scientists agree that global warming poses great **threats** to all species on Earth.

- A. fears B. irritations C. annoyances D. risks

68. Young people are now getting more and more **concerned** about environmental problems.

- A. worried B. hopeless C. uneasy D. happy

69. Culture has been described as features that are shared and **bind** people together into a community.

- A. unite B. divide C. unlock D. separate

70. It is found that **endangered** species are often concentrated in areas that are poor and densely populated, such as much of Asia and Africa.

- A. threatened B. defended C. protected D. exploited

71. Learning a new language can be **challenging**, but with dedication and practice, it becomes easier over time.

- A. successful B. intelligent C. attractive D. difficult

72. After months of hard work, he decided to **decline** the job offer from the prestigious company.

- A. accept B. criticize C. confirm D. refuse

73. Stockholm dwellers are **fortunate** to live in one of the greenest capitals in the world.

- A. impossible B. discouraged C. stable D. lucky

74. My children prefer to stay in a modern hotel with all the **amenities** rather than camp in the woods.

- A. dislikes B. conveniences C. products D. expenses

75. Gradually, the sound of the music and laughter **died down**, and the whole campus went to sleep.

- A. became more cheerful B. became softer C. was forgotten D. became louder

76. Although containing a large number of precious books, the library remains **neglected** on the outskirts of the city.

- A. unnoticed B. outdated C. concerned D. invested

77. Life on Earth is **disappearing** fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken.

- A. damaging B. vanishing C. polluting D. destroying

78. President Ho Chi Minh is a **distinguished** cultural celebrity. He opened the way of liberation for all oppressed people in the world.

- A. friendly B. emotional C. generous D. outstanding

79. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you. Please, **go on** and finish what you were saying.

- A. talk B. call C. continue D. stop

80. Children who know how to **tend** a garden can grow up to be environmentally conscious individuals.

- A. leave B. trend C. destroy D. care

81. Learning to cook traditional dishes from different cultures has been an **interesting** experience.

- A. unexciting B. boring C. fascinating D. hard

82. The company plans to **raise** prices on their products because the production costs have become higher.

- A. lower B. hold C. drop D. increase

83. School-leavers should seek **advice** from parents and other adults before making a decision about their college major.

- A. approval B. permission C. recommendation D. interest

84. Nigeria is growing hotter and dryer, and extreme weather such as flash floods and landslides are becoming **frequent** and more frequent.

- A. harder B. stronger C. quicker D. wider

85. We were **pretty** disappointed with the quality of the food.

- A. extremely B. very C. rather D. highly

86. Dozens of valuable works of art disappeared during **shipment** to the US.

- A. delivery B. authority C. activity D. security

87. The company will only employ **competent** engineers, so they want to see evidence of their work as well the references from previous employers.

- A. ambitious B. unqualified C. inconvenient D. proficient

88. We are a bit **dubious** about the benefits these changes would actually bring about.

- A. apprehensive B. overwhelmed C. doubtful D. bothered

89. The intensive search would take longer than expected because we were **hampered** by rough terrain.

- A. captured B. impeded C. integrated D. consulted

90. The teacher gave some **suggestions** on what could come out for the examination so that her students could do it well.

- A. symptoms B. hints C. demonstrations D. effects

91. She lives in a **sleepy** village in Thanh Hoa Province where the pace of life is slow.

- A. small B. wealthy C. quiet D. pretty

92. Living in a polluted area for a long period of time can **impair** one's general health.

- A. simplify B. improve C. switch D. damage

93. I can't believe he **stabbed me in the back** because he was my close friend.

- A. betrayed me B. protected me C. supported me D. punished me

94. One of the **common** eating habits that leads to weight gain is skipping meals.

- A. usual B. strange C. unique D. noble

95. I knew he just made several **flattering** remarks on me because he wanted to borrow some money.

- A. discouraging B. teasing C. praising D. threatening
96. The **demand** for cars is increasingly rapidly in the modern world.
- A. truth B. need C. reply D. offer
97. Children brought up in a **caring** environment tend to grow more sympathetic towards others.
- A. loving B. dishonest C. hateful D. healthy
98. The beautiful sandy beach with a lot of sunshine and good foods made his holiday **complete**.
- A. serious B. perfect C. normal D. terrible
99. Hieu is writing an email with a view to applying for the **position** of Sales Director.
- A. fund B. situation C. desire D. job
100. We had a lovely summer holiday in Rome. Everybody felt satisfied with **fantastic** weather.
- A. great B. shiny C. cold D. extreme
101. Human activities, such as deforestation and habitat destruction, pose a significant threat to biodiversity and have the potential to **exterminate** numerous species and degrade the environment irreversibly.
- A. eradicate B. exacerbate C. facilitate D. navigate
102. Extreme sports, such as skydiving and mountain climbing, involve **hazardous** activities that require participants to take appropriate safety precautions.
- A. courageous B. marvelous C. luxurious D. dangerous
103. The main purpose of media is to **disseminate** information and knowledge.
- A. restrict B. spread C. conceal D. make it off the record
104. My brother has become a bit of **couch potato** since he stopped playing sports
- A. a nice person B. a kind person C. a live wire D. a lazy person
105. I knew he was only **flattering** me because he wanted to borrow some money.
- A. teasing B. praising C. threatening D. elevating
106. She is always **diplomatic** when she deals with angry students.
- A. outspoken B. firm C. tactful D. strict
107. The young generation tends to **embrace** liberal ideals and reject more conservative ones.
- A. argue B. accept C. avoid D. promote
108. The company is hoping to **expand** its market with a new range of health food products.
- A. produce B. improve C. narrow D. enlarge
109. I'm afraid he doesn't **possess** any sense of humor because he never laughs at my jokes.
- A. own B. like C. think D. plan
110. My retired mother feels **content** with her life now because she can spend much more time pursuing her hobbies.
- A. amused B. satisfied C. frightened D. tired
111. I'm **surprised** that you like playing with dolls at your age.
- A. amazed B. annoyed C. excited D. interested
112. The **emergence** of some social media apps has greatly changed the way we communicate.
- A. deletion B. fascination C. appearance D. advertisement
113. The **maintenance** of these old castles must cost a lot of money.
- A. building B. destruction C. preservation D. foundation
114. Better training policies and new technologies are **aiding** disabled people in the workplace
- A. helping B. changing C. moving D. upgrading
115. The nature of work will continuously change with technological **advances**, including automation, robotics and artificial intelligence.
- A. advantages B. movements C. developments D. barriers

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Look, I wish I could use my influence with other people to get you a job here, but **it's more than my job's worth**.

- A. not worth doing
C. it's no use giving you a job
B. worth risking my job for
D. giving you a job is rewarding

2. He will be remembered for his contributions and for his open, amiable and **sociable** manner.

- A. well-behaved
B. unfriendly
C. warm
D. nice.

3. Her job is such **a bed of roses** compared to mine: short hours, a decent salary and interesting work, so I am determined to study English to apply for a better job.

- A. heaven
B. comfort
C. challenge
D. favour

4. The length of an X-ray wave is **incredibly** small: less than one ten-millionth of a millimeter.

- A. extremely
B. highly
C. famously
D. slightly

5. Merry Christmas and a **prosperous** and healthy New Year to you all!

- A. poor
B. flourishing
C. wealthy
D. misbehaving

6. I **take my hat off** to him for raising so much money for charity.

- A. admire
B. trust
C. respect
D. disrespect

7. He was respected **globally** and was an eminent historian.

- A. usefully
B. truthfully
C. happily
D. locally

8. I'm looking for something a bit **out of the ordinary** to liven up the living room.

- A. different
B. foreign
C. similar
D. popular

9. He is writing a letter of **acceptance** to the employer with the hope to get his favorite position in the company.

- A. admission
B. agreement
C. refusal
D. confirmation

10. John has been unemployed for the past three years-he's really **in dire straits**.

- A. in a difficult situation
C. in a bad situation
B. in a pleasant situation
D. in a serious situation

11. The scientists have **achieved** a breakthrough in cancer research.

- A. succeeded
B. attained
C. reached
D. failed

12. She **set out her stall** firmly and precisely, and had very clear ideas what she wanted to do.

- A. outlined her perspectives
C. remained unclear about her intentions
B. presented her ideas with confidence
D. expressed her viewpoints

13. The company's new product launch was a disaster because they **went off half-cocked** and didn't properly test the product before releasing it to the public.

- A. planned thoroughly
C. behaved recklessly
B. acted without forethought
D. rushed into things

14. The invasive species **upset** the balance of the ecosystem, which caused significant harm to native plants and animals.

- A. destroyed
B. interrupted
C. maintained
D. disturbed

15. The **advent** of the internet, starting in the late 20th century, has dramatically revolutionized the way we communicate and access information.

- A. dawn
B. emergence
C. arrival
D. disappearance

16. Scientists believe that it is possible for waves to reach the heights described when they **come into contact with** strong ocean currents.

- A. avoid
B. enter
C. meet
D. touch

17. Each form of mass media has an **important** impact on society.

- A. valuable B. significant C. major D. trivial

18. She is determined to **settle old scores** with those who bullied her.

- A. retaliate B. Forgive C. return D. extort

19. Training experts have **devised** tips to teach people how to exercise correctly in order to achieve the greatest health benefits.

- A. ratified B. implemented C. advised D. imitated

20. The local councilor **blotted his copybook** when it came to light that he had accepted bribes to allow unregulated development projects to go ahead.

- A. ruin his reputation B. gain more respect
C. make a bad mistake D. commit an error

21. In one well-known test, women and men were able to **distinguish** by the smell alone clothing worn by their marriage partners from similar clothing worn by other people.

- A. notice B. recall C. miss D. puzzle

22. I don't think we should **kick the can down the road** and let the next generation solve the global warming problem.

- A. delay dealing with a problem B. determine to solve a problem
C. avoid dealing with a problem D. try in vain to address a problem

23. The police had to **release** several suspects related to the bank robbery last month due to the lack of evidence.

- A. capture B. arrest C. attack D. defend

24. A final agreement hasn't been reached yet because they **are at loggerheads** over the cost.

- A. share the viewpoint B. become totally exhausted
C. think in a creative way D. are in disagreement

25. The Prime Minister claims that there is now no **obstacle** to him standing at the next general election.

- A. advantage B. benefit C. disadvantage D. difficulty

26. My mother usually gets **hot under the collar** when my brother comes home late at night.

- A. angry B. worried C. calm D. curious

27. Learning a new computer program can be a **tedious** process.

- A. interesting B. content C. mundane D. boring

28. Lisa is now **in two minds** whether or not to take a gap year after leaving high school.

- A. ignorant B. reluctant C. intentional D. decisive

29. With so many candidates applying, who will get the job is completely **up in the air** at this point.

- A. suitable B. certain C. confident D. doubtful

30. We set up a **temporary** workspace in the conference room while our office is under repair.

- A. limited B. possible C. permanent D. comfortable

31. Ruth **runs a very tight ship** here, and he expects all his employees to follow the regulations as well as take good care of their own work.

- A. runs faster than others B. has a good voyage
C. controls an inflexible system D. controls things inefficiently

32. These chemicals have a **detrimental** impact on the environment. They may cause land and water pollution.

- A. injurious B. effective C. damaging D. harmless

33. Most universities have trained counselors who can reassure and **console** students having academic or personal problems.

- A. satisfy B. sympathize C. discourage D. please

34. Corruption is a serious problem, but nobody has yet been willing to open up that can of worms.

A. cause a problem

B. avoid complications

C. stir up trouble

D. initiate a complex situation

35. It seems that the contract was made behind closed doors as no one had any information about it.

A. privately

B. transparently

C. daily

D. secretly

36. Many women prefer to use cosmetics to enhance their beauty and make them look younger.

A. worsen

B. enrich

C. improve

D. maximize

37. She passed the exam by the skin of her teeth; her score was just one point above the passing mark.

A. abundantly

B. scarcely

C. narrowly

D. incredibly

38. After the lesson, the teacher asked us to recall the main points we had learned.

A. forget

B. describe

C. revise

D. remember

39. Don't tell Jane anything about the surprise party for Jack. She has got a big mouth.

A. can't eat a lot

B. hates parties

C. talks too much

D. can keep secrets

40. His parents' reassurances did nothing to diminish his anxiety when the final examination was coming very soon.

A. confidence

B. apprehension

C. sadness

D. boredom

41. Doing voluntary work is a rewarding experience.

A. worthless

B. worthwhile

C. beneficial

D. satisfying

42. She was extremely pleased that her new books were selling like hot cakes.

A. going into business

B. going out of business

C. like a streak of lightning

D. money burns a hole in one's pocket

43. When you're new in a school, it's easiest to just go with the flow for a while, and see what people are like.

A. do what other people are doing

B. follow the current trends

C. do something different from other people

D. follow the common rules

44. Today students are under a lot of pressure due to the high expectations from their parents and teachers.

A. emotion

B. nervousness

C. relaxation

D. stress

45. They are always optimistic although they don't have a penny to their name.

A. are very healthy

B. are very mean

C. are very poor

D. are very rich

46. He was disqualified from the competition for using drugs.

A. weakened

B. prohibited

C. invalidated

D. eligible

47. Now Johnny, if you're coming to see your sister in the school play, you're to be quiet and mind your p's and q's

A. professional

B. polite

C. unkind

D. discourteous

48. We're not taking on any new staff at the moment so that we can cut down the cost.

A. hiring

B. employing

C. offering

D. laying off

49. As a young aspiring actor, he moved to Hollywood to rub elbows with the industry's biggest stars.

A. mingle

B. socialize

C. associate

D. isolate

50. He was too wet behind the ears to be in charge of such a difficult task.

A. full of sincerity

B. lack of responsibility

C. without money

D. full of experience

51. The profits have dwindled over the past year.

A. stabilized

B. fluctuated

C. increased

D. decreased

52. Tony has been under the gun in the past few days because he's going to have a job interview tomorrow.

A. having a lot of pressure

B. having bought a gun

C. feeling badly upset

D. feeling extremely calm

53. I always **had a soft spot for** Clark in spite of the fact that he often let me down.

- A. hated B. liked C. feared D. praised

54. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a **temporary** job in the summer.

- A. part-time B. full-time C. permanent D. seasonal

55. Thanks to Greenpeace's campaigns, the local people's level of environmental awareness has **improved** significantly.

- A. bettered B. developed C. declined D. increased

56. Her parents **kept her on a tight rein** with their inflexible views.

- A. controlled her B. Jet her loose C. taught her D. brought her up

57. Despite their differences, they learned to **tolerate** each other's opinions.

- A. agree B. increase C. accept D. refuse

58. After losing her job, Ellen found herself **in the doldrums**, unsure of what to do next.

- A. attractive B. positive C. discouraged D. relaxed

59. He **bent over backwards** to please his new girlfriend but she never seemed satisfied.

- A. tried to do something easy B. tried to do something impossible
C. did some physical exercise D. gave someone a nice surprise

60. There is growing **concern** about the way man has destroyed the environment.

- A. ease B. consideration C. worry D. speculation

61. As a brilliant and mature student Marie **harboured** the dream of a scientific career which was impossible for a woman at that time.

- A. had B. deleted C. kept D. abandoned

62. Despite her ankle injury, Sana **strained every nerve** to reach the finishing line.

- A. considered it very seriously B. made no practical effort
C. thought in a relaxing way D. tried as hard as she could

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64. Given the economic crisis, many small and medium-sized enterprises didn't have enough budget to **expand**.

- A. open B. help C. grow D. restrict

65. My father has **turned over a new leaf** and he is not smoking anymore.

- A. changed his lifestyle B. kept his old lifestyle
C. enjoyed planting trees D. refused to plant trees

66. There is growing concern about the way we have **destroyed** the environment.

- A. protected B. devastated C. consumed D. damaged

67. Libraries are an investment for the future and they should not be allowed to **fall into decline**.

- A. level off B. be on the increase
C. become smaller D. make a decrease

68. Many women prefer to use cosmetics to **enhance** their beauty and make them look younger.

- A. maximize B. enrich C. improve D. worsen

69. You're going to **get on my nerves** if you keep behaving in that unacceptable way.

- A. encourages me B. pleases me C. annoys me D. disturbs me

70. It is **relatively** difficult to identify the symptoms of a strange disease.

- A. obviously B. evidently C. absolutely D. comparatively

71. He decided to **pursue** a career in medicine after years of passionate interest in healthcare.
 A. chase B. appear C. abandon D. follow
72. We are all human beings, so success and failure are **part and parcel** of our lives.
 A. unimportant part B. the first part C. incomplete part D. essential part
73. The football team is really **in dire straits**, and they have even considered selling their three best players.
 A. in a serious situation B. in a difficult situation
 C. in a pleasant situation D. in a balanced situation
74. Because of her **conservative** views, the professor never accepts anything not related to traditional values and status.
 A. progressive B. optimistic C. economic D. conservational
75. Britain, **in common with** many other industrialized countries, has experienced major changes over the last 100 years.
 A. unlike B. likely
 C. in the same way as. D. similar
76. All food served in the restaurant is completely free from any **artificial** colours and flavours.
 A. false B. natural C. artful D. factual
77. After having a poor performance in the mid-term test, I decided to **put my shoulder to the wheel** to achieve better results in the final test.
 A. keep anxious B. work diligently
 C. refuse to work hard D. pay much attention
78. Many women prefer to use cosmetics to **enhance** their beauty and make them look younger.
 A. worsen B. enrich C. improve D. maximize
79. They tried unsuccessfully to stop the **demolition** of the old palace.
 A. destruction B. restoration C. exploration D. devastation
80. There's no competition - they're **head and shoulders above** the rest.
 A. slightly cheaper than B. much higher than
 C. a lot better than D. a worse than
81. Time is limited, so let's **cut to the chase** and focus on the key points of the presentation.
 A. direct B. hesitate C. condense D. summarize
82. Her fear of public speaking was one of the **hindrances** to her career advancement.
 A. barriers B. blocks C. challenges D. supports
83. That she was admitted to one of the most renowned universities was **music to her ears**.
 A. something that upset her B. something that distracted her
 C. something that pleased her D. something that satisfied her
84. In order to **boost** agricultural productivity, many farmers have to change plant varieties and improve machines.
 A. reduce B. increase C. raise D. improve
85. We are very grateful to Professor Humble for his **generosity** in donating this wonderful painting to the museum.
 A. meanness B. churlishness C. gratitude D. sympathy
86. It's quite disappointing that some people still **turn a blind eye to** acts of injustice they witness in the street.
 A. take no notice of B. pay attention to
 C. have no feeling for D. show respect for
87. The manager has been **biting off more than he can chew** when he took on five projects at the same time.
 A. practical B. ambitious C. aggressive D. sensitive

88. Strongly advocating healthy foods, Jane doesn't eat any chocolate.

A. supporting B. denying C. advising **D. impugning**

89. In my view, husbands should contribute to the household duties in order to reduce the burden on their wives.

A. decrease B. minimize C. lower **D. increase**

90. They had had all their ducks in a row, ready to set off when the departure time came.

A. well prepared **B. badly prepared**
C. carefully planned D. perfectly organized

91. She was exhausted from the long race and decided to throw in the towel before reaching the finish line.

A. surrender B. stop C. quit **D. persist**

92. Nothing can efface his memories of being treated unfairly when he was a little boy.

A. prove **B. maintain** C. erase D. broaden

93. The organization is working with young people to promote awareness of the dangers of smoking

A. encourage B. attract **C. decrease** D. recommend

94. He teaches the students to appreciate the diversity of other cultures.

A. distinctness B. difference **C. similarity** D. variety

95. I can't concentrate on my work because of the noise caused by my children.

A. focus **B. neglect** C. abandon D. allow

96. She was happy that she got in touch with a lot of her old friends when she went abroad to study.

A. made room for B. lost control of **C. lost contact with** D. put in charge of

97. When I was young and idealistic I believed it was possible to change the world.

A. applicable B. thoughtless C. energetic **D. practical**

98. Everyone was secretly rehearsing a surprise performance for Alex's proposal, but annoyingly Jim let the cat out of the bag at the last minute.

A. disclosed the plan **B. concealed the plan**
C. abandoned the plan D. revised the plan

99. Considered a future star of the technological world, Daniel came a cropper when his product proved to be a total flop.

A. felt disappointed B. wanted to escape
C. was abandoned **D. became successful**

100. Students should be encouraged to report any offensive bullying they witness or experience.

A. confusing B. illegal **C. pleasant** D. annoying

101. Various programs have been designed in order to facilitate the storage and analysis of research data.

A. ease **B. block** C. speed D. build

102. As teenagers mature, they often seek to cut the apron strings and assert their independence from their parents.

A. become independent B. start doing well C. buy a new house **D. rely on others**

103. Do you really think humans will be exterminated when more and more intelligent machines are invented in the future?

A. wiped out B. stored **C. resurrected** D. killed

104. Instead of getting all riled up about the boy's uncooperative behaviors, the teacher should try to figure out how to get him involved in the class activities.

A. getting highly excited B. becoming really annoyed
C. being extremely satisfied D. appearing quite unconcerned

105. Constant correction of speaking 'errors' by a teacher is often **counter-productive**, as the student may become afraid to speak at all.

- A. effective B. desolate C. barren D. fruitless

106. After their long-standing conflict had been resolved, the two families decided to **bury the hatchet**.

- A. become friends B. reach an agreement C. give up weapons D. become enemies

107. Peter complained about the **intolerable** noise his neighbours were making.

- A. unbearable B. sudden C. endless D. pleasant

108. Despite the boos from many in the audience, the actors on stage never **lost their cool**.

- A. lost their interest B. got angry C. forgot their lines D. calmed down

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111. After the matches, the Vietnam national football team thanked **passionate** fans for their support.

- A. enthusiastic B. supportive C. adoring D. indifferent

112. Though he prepared quite carefully, Luke was still **like a cat on hot tin roof** before the speaking test.

- A. healthy B. embarrassed C. nervous D. comfortable

113. I think it's impossible to **abolish** school examinations. They are necessary to evaluate students' progress.

- A. stop B. extinguish C. organize D. continue

114. They are always optimistic although they **don't have a penny to their name**.

- A. are very healthy B. are very rich
C. are very poor D. are very mean

115. The supervisor tends to **turn a blind eye to** the employees' complaints, which leads to dissatisfaction in the workplace.

- A. pay no attention to B. take notice of C. pass over D. look up to

116. Performing repetitive tasks can be **tedious** and monotonous, leading to a lack of engagement and motivation.

- A. boring B. interesting C. tiring D. satisfying

117. When Josh was promoted to the position of marketing director, he had to **shoulder** more responsibilities.

- A. prevent B. receive C. avoid D. carry

118. If you are **at a loose end** this weekend, I will show you around the city.

- A. occupied B. confident C. reluctant D. free

119. Two new studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine **shed light on** the profound toll of COVID-19 on cognitive health.

- A. confuse B. help to understand C. clarify D. start a fire

120. Climate change may create a state of continuous economic distress if we fail to act now.

- A. growth B. strain C. burden D. crisis

121. Employers clearly hoped that the workers would stay longer, but their efforts were largely **in vain**.

- A. successful B. unsuccessful C. ineffective D. useless

122. My father's really **out of shape**, so he starts exercising.

- A. out of work B. physically fit
C. worried and stressed D. always joyful

123. Research shows that regular exercise can help **bolster** mental health.

- A. improve B. boost C. worsen D. eliminate

124. She approached academic challenges as to the manner born. She always excelled in her studies.

- A. incompetently B. fortunately C. inadequately D. advantageously

125. Smart robots have replaced humans in stressful and hazardous jobs and in assembly lines.

- A. risky B. dangerous C. safe D. refused

126. I'd go mad if I had to do a dead-end job like working on a supermarket checkout.

- A. boring B. demanding C. monotonous D. fascinating

127. He was imprisoned because he revealed secrets to the enemies.

- A. disowned B. declared C. betrayed D. concealed

128. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the economy of many countries.

- A. been a slight loss B. put the blame
C. exerted a small pressure D. had little impact

129. It was quite a rocky relationship as we used to argue with each other all the time and we sometimes went days without speaking to each other.

- A. appalling B. stable C. unsteady D. better

130. Trudy felt at ease although she spoke in public for the first time.

- A. challenged and inopportune B. confident and excited
C. uncomfortable and embarrassed D. nausea and dizzy

131. Professor Stephen Hawking thinks the primitive forms of AI which have been developed so far have already proved very useful.

- A. modern B. basic C. original D. recent

132. They are always optimistic although they don't have a penny to their name.

- A. are very poor B. are very rich C. are very mean D. are very healthy

133. The mass media has become one of the main instruments of political change.

- A. fewer B. less C. small D. tiny

134. These days more and more children are experiencing a stressful and miserable adolescence due to bullying.

- A. tragic B. sorrowful C. contented D. depressed

135. I don't think we should kick the can down the road and let our next generation solve the global warming problem.

- A. try in vain to address a problem B. avoid dealing with a problem
C. determine to solve a problem D. delay dealing with a problem