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OPTION B

PART 1: ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Write an argumentative essay on the following topic (275-300 words) :

The Impact of High Living Costs on Financial Stability

"Are the high living costs on Mediterranean islands forcing residents to live beyond their economic means, and what can be done to address this issue?"

PART 2: LANGUAGE TEST

Task 1: Cloze test (1 point)

For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Soon he was (1)_____ in Roseville, standing at the end of the street where the bus (2)_____ him, just standing staring up the road at the lake, seeing two boys playing in the shade of the weeping willows (3)_____ the water, and one of the boys turning and seeing him standing there, and (4)_____ shouting, "Pop!" and running (5)_____ him, shouting (6)_____ loud even Mari-Rose came running out to the garden, and then the boy had thrown himself against him, was swinging on his waist, trying to clamber up him, squealing (7)_____ happiness, and all Jim could feel were the tears running (8)_____ his (9)_____, the sadness pouring out of him, his body shaking, the little boy stopping shouting for a second, looking at him, quieting (10)_____ now.
(Lenny - Laura McVeigh)

Task 2. Vocabulary (2 point)

Choose and write the word which best completes each sentence in the PROVIDED SPACE.

1. The lawyer's _____ argument swayed the jury in favor of her client.
A) feeble
B) cogent
C) nebulous
D) flimsy

2. The film's _____ pace made it a challenge for the audience to stay engaged.
- A) brisk
 - B) languid
 - C) frenetic
 - D) exhilarating
3. His _____ nature made it difficult for others to predict his actions.
- A) placid
 - B) volatile
 - C) equable
 - D) serene
4. The scientist's _____ research has paved the way for new advancements in the field.
- A) pioneering
 - B) derivative
 - C) redundant
 - D) obsolete
5. The _____ of her performance earned her critical acclaim and numerous awards.
- A) mediocrity
 - B) brilliance
 - C) incompetence
 - D) amateurishness
6. Despite the initial setbacks, the team remained _____ and eventually succeeded.
- A) despondent
 - B) resilient
 - C) apathetic
 - D) disheartened
7. The company's _____ marketing campaign effectively captured the attention of its target audience.
- A) lackluster
 - B) insipid
 - C) dynamic
 - D) uninspired
8. Her _____ mannerisms often alienated her from her colleagues.
- A) affable
 - B) brusque
 - C) amiable
 - D) congenial

9. The _____ of the evidence presented at the trial convinced the jury of the defendant's guilt.
- A) paucity
 - B) abundance
 - C) scarcity
 - D) deficiency
10. The novel's protagonist is a _____ figure, grappling with inner turmoil and moral ambiguity.
- A) one-dimensional
 - B) multifaceted
 - C) superficial
 - D) transparent
11. The _____ nature of the task required meticulous attention to detail.
- A) cursory
 - B) perfunctory
 - C) meticulous
 - D) hasty
12. His _____ attitude towards the project caused friction within the team.
- A) cooperative
 - B) apathetic
 - C) enthusiastic
 - D) diligent
13. The _____ of the new regulations caused widespread confusion and frustration.
- A) clarity
 - B) opacity
 - C) transparency
 - D) lucidity
14. The committee reached a _____ decision after hours of deliberation.
- A) divisive
 - B) contentious
 - C) unanimous
 - D) controversial
15. The _____ of his argument was undermined by a lack of supporting evidence.
- A) validity
 - B) soundness
 - C) credibility
 - D) flimsiness
16. Her _____ personality made her the perfect candidate for the role of mediator.
- A) belligerent
 - B) conciliatory

- C) obstinate
- D) recalcitrant

17. The director's _____ approach to filmmaking has won him both acclaim and criticism.
- A) conventional
 - B) orthodox
 - C) avant-garde
 - D) mundane
18. The _____ landscape was dotted with quaint cottages and lush gardens.
- A) arid
 - B) barren
 - C) picturesque
 - D) desolate
19. The CEO's _____ vision for the company inspired innovation and growth.
- A) myopic
 - B) short-sighted
 - C) visionary
 - D) parochial
20. The _____ complexity of the legal document required careful analysis by a team of experts.
- A) superficial
 - B) intricate
 - C) straightforward
 - D) simple

Task 3. Word Formation (1 point)

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS in the PROVIDED SPACE.

MAKING CONTACT IN TOMORROW'S WORLD

The *lovegetty* is a matchmaking device that has become a (1)**(MASS)** hit in Japan , selling well over a million units. It is a pendant-shaped radio transmitter that sends out simple offers of activities, from rather (2) **(DETERMINE)** things, such as 'fun' , to more specific invitations, like 'movie'. When a pink plastic female *Lovegety* approaches a blue one on the same (3)**(SET)**, green lights flash.

Even as gimmick, this is a (4) **(DECIDE)** empowering social experiment. Indeed, Regan Gurung, a professor of human development and psychology, argues that badge technology could be designed to (5) **(CLOSE)** highly significant information. He suggests that (6) **(ALLY)** based on similar levels of self-esteem are absolutely (7) **(CRUX)** to lasting relationships.

Gurung postulates that sophisticated matching software might achieve 60% to 65% success rate in terms of partner (8) (OUT).

Bullish though this statement may be, social engineering technology looks set to make (9) (ROAD) into our lives. What an (10) (INTEREST) love life for future generations!

Task 4. Keyword transformation (1 point)

Complete the second sentence so that its meaning is as similar as possible to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

1. I was persuaded by the salesman to purchase this phone

TALKED

I _____ this phone.

2. Perry was very pleased when they chose him to fill the position.

HAVING

_____, Perry was very pleased.

3. Almost none of the people she asked for career advice helped.

WHOM

She asked several people for career advice, _____ helped.

4. She wanted to know why he was late, so she checked her phone continuously for new messages.

WONDERING

_____, she checked her phone continuously for new messages.

5. Tilly does favours for everyone and I wonder how that benefits her.

GETS

I wonder _____ favours for everyone.

6. In view of the recent drop in prices, he regrets buying the house.

WISHES

In view of the recent drop in prices, _____ the house.

7. Brad and Ryan are very good friends indeed.

FAMOUSLY

Brad _____ Ryan.

8. Mark's parents would prefer him to study law.

RATHER

Mark's parents _____ law.

9. I'm not enthusiastic about the technology project.

WORK

I _____ the technology project.

10. If you repay me later, I'll pay your fine.

ON

I'll pay you fine _____ you repay me later.

TASK 5 : Phonetics (1 point)

A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American or Standard British English will be accepted. Bear in mind that ambiguous transcriptions will not be allowed. (0.5 points)

1. Nauseous
2. Adamant
3. Alias
4. Athlete
5. Bourbon

B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. (0.5 points)

Jim got petrol at the local garage yesterday