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Réponse juste : +3

Réponse fausse : -1

Pas de réponse : 0

DURÉE DE L'ÉPREUVE : 2H

- 1) The police are listening to witnesses to figure out if their story backs ... the victim's.
 a) up b) out c) on d) for
- 2) Once you start ... this series, you'll love it to bits.
 a) watch b) to watching c) watches d) watching
- 3) ... I start cooking, can you pop down to the shop and get the wine, please?
 a) During b) While c) In the meantime d) Whereas
- 4) Have you ... the matter up before?
 a) bring b) bringing c) brought d) bringed
- 5) The meeting was called off ... to the fact that the manager was stuck in Dallas.
 a) due b) because c) owed d) consequently
- 6) When he ... , we 'll start the meeting straight away.
 a) is arriving b) will arrive c) arrived d) arrives
- 7) She ... an air hostess for only two years when the plane crashed.
 a) is b) had been c) has been being d) were
- 8) When he was a kid, he ... as soon as he saw a dog.
 a) cries b) were crying c) would have been crying d) would cry
- 9) I came ... a very famous American actor while in a bar in New York.
 a) across b) up with c) around d) out
- 10) I don't care what she thinks. She is such a ... , superficial and selfish person!
 a) big mouth b) big mouthed c) bigmouthed d) big-mouthing
- 11) We'll sort this problem ... but think about it!
 a) later b) sooner c) ever d) earlier
- 12) Sorry, we can' t ... you tonight.
 a) be joined b) be joining c) to join d) have joined
- 13) What time do you want to check ... at sir?
 a) out b) up c) off d) into
- 14) It seems that salsa is very popular ... the world these days.
 a) all over b) over c) into d) through
- 15) He told you that he would accept the job, ... he?
 a) would b) didn't c) has d) hadn't

- 16) I want to go to Spain for 6 months to brush up on my
a) Spaniard b) spaniard c) spanish d) Spanish
- 17) You ... worry before your presentation. You're ready and you'll be fine!
a) shouldn't to b) don't need c) may not d) needn't
- 18) Finally we are not going to Ibiza; our plans
a) have changed b) were changed c) changed d) have been changing
- 19) "Look at the crowd !". " ... 's going on?"
a) Who b) Why c) What d) Which
- 20) He should listen ... his teacher because his teacher knows best.
a) Ø b) to c) at d) for
- 21) I'm sorry but I'm ... booked for the summer.
a) quiet b) pretty c) forcefully d) fully
- 22) Hong-Kong ... be a very fascinating city. I'd love to visit it.
a) is to b) ought c) must d) should
- 23) I was ... order oysters when the waiter said: "No more oysters today, sir".
a) ready for b) about to c) about d) going
- 24) If I ... a famous scientist, I ... be Turing because what he invented was awesome.
a) will be / would b) were / would c) am / will d) be / will
- 25) Don't ... , everything is under control.
a) worry b) worries c) worried d) be worry
- 26) Which one is the odd one out?
a) complex b) tricky c) complicated d) weird
- 27) "The English are known to be even-tempered". Even-tempered does not mean:
a) placid b) phlegmatic c) ebullient d) cool
- 28) He has recently changed Pick the wrong answer.
a) of cars b) cars c) his car d) car
- 29) If you wish to apply for a job in our company, please fill in this
a) check b) quizz c) form d) worksheet
- 30) Is ... at home now, do you think?
a) somebody b) anybody c) a person d) no one

- 31) If I ... something, it would be something practical and useful.
 a) invent b) had been c) invented d) have invented
 inventing
- 32) I was drinking coffee in Venice when ... my next door neighbour stood in front of me with a big smile on his face.
 a) sullenly b) amazingly c) funnily d) bizarrely
- 33) I wish I did not have to type my report tonight. I'm just so
 a) excited b) exhausted c) upset d) joyful
- 34) He likes ... dancing ... socializing, so why does he go clubbing?
 a) neither ... no b) neither ... or c) neither ... nor d) either ... or
- 35) As a Japanese manager, he would not have been ... if we had not bowed to him, would he?
 a) pleasing b) pleased c) pleasant d) please
- 36) She wants you ... for lunch.
 a) staying b) stay c) to stay d) stayed
- 37) Offering a toast to the guest of honor, he said: "... to a long and happy life".
 a) Here is b) There is c) That's d) Here
- 38) I am not money-obsessed ... there are worse things to be obsessed by.
 a) unless b) so long as c) provided d) though
- 39) It's high time you ... on your own, you know.
 a) are living b) should have lived c) live d) lived
- 40) My teacher told me to keep him ... about my internship.
 a) posted b) aware c) awake d) up to it
- 41) Holland is ... to be pretty and picturesque.
 a) told b) said c) explained d) expected
- 42) He has made many ... to science and will soon be awarded a prize.
 a) medals b) distinctions c) contributions d) research
- 43) He never accounts ... his mistakes and always feels others are responsible.
 a) for b) to c) with d) by
- 44) We regret ... you earlier of the upcoming changes.
 a) to not inform b) to not informing c) not informing d) not inform

- 45) How about ... to the swimming-pool later on?
a) go b) to go c) to going d) going
- 46) She will post the videos on our website ... the week.
a) along b) on c) while d) within
- 47) It looks like Hailey and Tim can't stand
a) theirs b) themselves c) each others d) each other
- 48) We will do our utmost to get there ... time.
a) at b) by the c) on d) off
- 49) "I lent you the book two months ago. Haven't you finished it ... ?"
a) already b) soon c) yet d) now
- 50) Last summer he ... out an internship in Ecuador and had a fantastic time.
a) has carried b) did carry c) had carried d) carried
- 51) Some teenagers are so ... these days.
a) unresponsible b) disresponsible c) misresponsible d) irresponsibile
- 52) For ... interested in graphic design, a training session will come up in June.
a) these b) that c) those d) them
- 53) ... robots are becoming ubiquitous in society today.
a) Ø b) The c) Those d) These
- 54) ... the patient will wait for treatment, the more brain tissue will die.
a) The longest b) The long time c) The longer d) The more long time
- 55) A new ... is being developed to transform wood into a material stronger than steel.
a) process b) proceed c) processing d) proceding
- 56) Lots of patients are not getting treatment
a) enough fast b) fast enough c) quiet fast d) too fast
- 57) ... sugar input is beneficial for the health.
a) Reducing b) Reduction c) Reduced d) Reduce
- 58) Teamwork is based ... cooperation, empathy and openness.
a) in b) of c) around d) on

- 59) Despite ... the guitar by himself, he became proficient in no time.
 a) learn b) learned c) learnt d) learning
- 60) They have developed a system ... allows windows to be secure and unbreakable.
 a) who b) which c) Ø d) what
- 61) There is ... other vehicle like this in existence.
 a) none b) not c) no d) Ø
- 62) ... solutions like pilot goggles or tinted windows reduce pilot visibility.
 a) Actual b) Present c) Current d) Presently
- 63) The ... has not commented on the report yet.
 a) society b) firm c) companie d) compagny
- 64) It is a system that enables autonomous vehicles and human drivers to communicate
 a) each other b) Ø c) one another d) each others
- 65) ... self-driving vehicles can signal if they are operating in an autonomous driving mode.
 a) Every b) Each c) A d) Ø
- 66) Measurements ... at five-minute intervals.
 a) have recorded b) is recorded c) were recorded d) will recorded
- 67) Corn biofuel production consumes water ... algae biofuel production can filter water.
 a) whereas b) contrary with c) in spite of d) opposed to
- 68) If he is ... public speaker, why does he not capture his audience?
 a) such good a b) such good c) such a good d) a such good
- 69) According to the ... statistics, employment is picking up in Europe.
 a) late b) later c) latest d) lately
- 70) He succeeded very well ... hard work and determination.
 a) thanks to b) in spite of c) provided d) nevertheless
- 71) The wristbands are designed ... they can fit users of any age and size.
 a) so as b) such as c) so that d) so as to
- 72) I can't help ... my nails. I'm feeling stressed out, you see.
 a) bite b) biting c) bitten d) to bite
- 73) It is the most moving film we have ... seen.
 a) never b) whenever c) ever d) already

- 74) "Any plans for tonight ?" "Sure, I ... with my mates".
 a) go out b) gonna go out c) have gone out d) am going out
- 75) She has received offers of donations ... her post went viral.
 a) since b) whereas c) ago d) while
- 76) He wants his students to get familiar ... the software.
 a) about b) on c) of d) with
- 77) Scientists believe that aliens could have their ... language.
 a) personal b) proper c) peculiar d) own
- 78) There is a hook on the backpack ... you don't want to carry your water bottle in your hand.
 a) in case b) in the case c) in cases d) unless
- 79) Computers are everywhere ... us in every possible way.
 a) insisting b) attending c) assisting d) cooperating
- 80) "Somewhere warm for a holiday? There is a wide ... of choices but it won't be cheap."
 a) possibility b) range c) selections d) sort
- 81) Too ... of us wanted to go to the conference - there was a limited number of seats.
 a) much b) few c) many d) little
- 82) "Can you explain to us how to ... reliable storage and retrieval of data, please?"
 a) assure b) ensure c) able d) access
- 83) Memorizing is the ... of success when it comes to medical studies.
 a) basis b) basics c) bases d) heart
- 84) Cloud storage has given a ... dimension to the cloud.
 a) furthest b) further c) farthest d) farther
- 85) How ... do you visit your family in Germany?
 a) long b) sooner c) much d) often
- 86) Wifi has made internet access ... to everybody despite geographical and infrastructure obstacles.
 a) impossible b) feasible c) available d) inaccessible
- 87) Tell me ... laptop you like best and want to buy.
 a) wherever b) which c) whose d) whom

- 88) This program is used ... résumés and search for key words that match.
 a) to scanning b) for scan c) to scan d) at scanning
- 89) The applicants who ... will be invited to the corporate office and interviewed there.
 a) qualified b) qualify c) qualifies d) are qualifying
- 90) Once he has an established base, Tom will have to continually look ... new customers to make business brisk.
 a) at b) after c) for d) up
- 91) Catching a plane to New York is more than ten ... than taking a boat, isn't it?
 a) more times fast b) faster times c) times fastest d) times faster
- 92) The rocket was successfully launched ... 6th February 2024 ... 3.45 pm.
 a) at / on b) in / to c) on / at d) to / at
- 93) Three asteroids ... crashed into the Earth last night but nobody was hurt.
 a) suppose b) supposing c) supposed d) supposedly
- 94) ... her cousins are currently studying in the States.
 a) Both b) Together c) Either d) The Both
- 95) After ... all his material, he sat back waiting for some response.
 a) submitting b) submitted c) submission d) submit
- 96) A recruiter ... profile candidates based on gender or ethnicity. It is illegal.
 a) needn't b) ought to c) must d) ought not to
- 97) The company hired a professional recruiter to fill the ... positions.
 a) free b) vacant c) vacancy d) vacation
- 98) ... the National Recruiting Fair to be held on Saturday, May 10th to find your ideal job.
 a) Attend b) Await c) Meet d) Get in touch with
- 99) Now you can stop that ... job search and see many companies on the same day in the same place.
 a) submitting b) recruiting c) time-consuming d) profiling
- 100) ... a student, I can't afford to travel as much as I would love to as I'm usually broke.
 a) For b) Like c) As d) Such

TEXT ONE: Try and identify the best choice (one answer possible only)

Xiaomi: Electric car buyers told they face six-month wait

By Mariko Oi, Business reporter for the BBC, April 1st 2024-Reuters

Just days after Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi _101_ its first electric vehicle (EV), buyers have been told they may have to wait _102_ six months for their car to be delivered.

Screen grabs on Chinese social media show the firm advising buyers it could take 27 weeks to _103_ the SU7 Max.

The company previously said pre-orders _104_ hit 88,898 within 24 hours of it starting to take orders _105_ Thursday.

Xiaomi did not immediately _106_ to a BBC request for comment.

The technology giant, _107_ is the third-largest seller of smartphones in the world with a market share of about 12%, is taking on EV rivals including Tesla and BYD in the world's _108_ market for cars.

The standard SU7 model is priced at 215,900 yuan (\$29,872; £23,663) and the Max version costs 299,900 yuan.

The _109_ price in China for Tesla's Model 3 is 245,900 yuan.

The SU7, which has drawn _110_ with Porsche's Taycan and Panamera models, has a minimum range of 700km (435 _111_), beating the Tesla Model 3's 567km.

As part of its campaign to promote the SU7, Xiaomi _112_ released special versions of the car called the Founder's Edition, that come with free gifts, such as _113_.

On Sunday, the technology giant's chief executive Lei Jun said in a Weibo post that it _114_ open a second round of sales for the Founder's Edition.

The firm is hoping that the SU7's shared operating system with its phones, laptops and other devices will _115_ to existing customers.

Xiaomi's EVs are made by a unit of _116_ car manufacturer BAIC Group at a plant in Beijing that can produce as _117_ as 200,000 vehicles a year.

But the move comes as sales growth of EVs has slowed globally, triggering a _118_ war.

Tesla, which is headed by multi-billionaire Elon Musk, has cut the cost of its cars in China by thousands of dollars in recent months as local rivals like the world's top-selling EV maker BYD have _119_ prices.

In an indication of the challenges facing technology firms who want to make electric cars, iPhone maker Apple last month reportedly cancelled its plans to build an EV.

Last week, BYD posted record annual profits but said growth had slowed towards the end of last year.

Shanghai-based electric car maker Nio also lowered its forecast for first quarter deliveries as consumers tightened spending as China's economic growth _120_.

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| 101) | a) invented | b) launched | c) created | d) sent |
| 102) | a) along | b) up to | c) since | d) ago |
| 103) | a) devise | b) direct | c) deliver | d) discharge |
| 104) | a) have | b) has | c) had | d) are |
| 105) | a) on | b) for | c) in | d) the |
| 106) | a) responds | b) responded | c) responding | d) respond |
| 107) | a) what | b) whom | c) who | d) which |
| 108) | a) biggest | b) biggest | c) bigger | d) big |
| 109) | a) starting | b) start | c) started | d) starter |
| 110) | a) comparison | b) compared | c) comparisons | d) comparing |
| 111) | a) mails | b) miles | c) mile | d) mail |
| 112) | a) although | b) too | c) as well | d) also |
| 113) | a) ridges | b) fridges | c) bridges | d) cartridges |
| 114) | a) can | b) would | c) must | d) shall |
| 115) | a) attract | b) please | c) appeal | d) entice |
| 116) | a) state owning | b) state own | c) state-owned | d) state-owner |
| 117) | a) much | b) many | c) lots | d) plenty |
| 118) | a) price | b) prices | c) pricey | d) prize |
| 119) | a) increased | b) rised | c) slashed | d) raised |
| 120) | a) weakens | b) goes up | c) skyrockets | d) slows up |

TEXT TWO: What is the meaning of the underlined word? Make the right choice.

Generative AI holds much promise for businesses

By Rachana Shanbhogue, The Economist, Nov 13th, 2023

When ChatGPT was first launched at the end of 2022 it quickly became a sensation. Within two months 100m users were posing all sorts of **entertaining** queries ("Write me a rap song using references to SpongeBob SquarePants"). The number of people Googling "artificial intelligence" **surged**, and the **mania** set off investors' enthusiasm for all manner of AI projects. Yet the real promise, these investors and entrepreneurs **are betting**, lies with its use in business. Here, too, it could be more rapidly adopted than past innovations. But that does not mean it will happen **overnight**.

The potential is exciting. According to McKinsey, a consultancy, three-quarters of the business uses of generative AI will fall into four areas: customer operations, marketing and sales, software engineering, and research and development. Navigating a complex tax code or summarising a legal document **could become a breeze**. Type in the right prompt and a first draft of marketing copy could magically appear. Already many coders **rely on** Copilot, a coding tool from Microsoft, to help them write software. Studies show that professional workers with below-average performance tend to experience the most benefit from using generative AI, promising a big increase in **output** for firms.

121) "Were posing all sorts of **entertaining** queries" is close in meaning to:

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| a) serious | c) weird |
| b) intellectual | d) amusing |

122) "The number of people Googling 'artificial intelligence' **surged**" is close in meaning to:

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| a) escalated | c) went down |
| b) decreased | d) dropped |

123) "The **mania** set off investors' enthusiasm for all manner of AI projects" is not close in meaning to

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| a) craze | c) whim |
| b) passion | d) popularity |

124) "Yet the real promise, these investors and entrepreneurs are **betting**" is synonymous with:

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| a) are sure of | c) are predicting |
| b) are dead certain about | d) are hesitating about |

125) "It will happen **overnight**" means that it will happen:

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| a) at night | c) from one day to the next |
| b) in the dark | d) slowly |

126) "Summarising a legal document **could become a breeze**" is not synonymous with:

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| a) could become a piece of cake | c) could be child's play |
| b) could become a bed of roses | d) could be an ordeal |

127) "Already many coders **rely on** Copilot" means:

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| a) distrust Copilot | c) misuse Copilot |
| b) trust Copilot | d) abuse Copilot |

128) "Promising a **big output** for firms" means promising:

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| a) large benefits | c) major losses |
| b) skyrocketing prices | d) increased production |

TEXT THREE: Answer the question, paying attention to the context.

In a Divided World, We Need to Choose Empathy

It's gotten harder to empathize; that's why it's so important we work at it. Luckily, we can.

BY JAMIL ZAKI | MAY 29, 2019

As I dialed the number, my palms began to sweat. The person on the other end wasn't a loan officer or angry lawyer; he was an old friend and we were about to catch up. This should all be mildly pleasant but was instead nerve-wracking. You see, I had reached out to him because we had a problem.

Over the years, my friend's politics and my own had taken incompatible turns. On social media, I saw him growing reactionary; he saw me becoming a soft, "politically correct" academic. We sniped at each other online, then over text. After a while, I realized we'd forgotten our friendship, and I proposed that we talk to each other to try and bridge our differences.

Why did this seem so hard for my friend and I? And why do so many of us feel that human connection has become increasingly out of reach?

That's what I address in my new book, *The War for Kindness*. For over a decade, I've documented the many ways that empathy helps individuals, relationships, and teams. I've also learned how fragile it can be. But there are ways to reignite empathy—and if more of us can do so, we'll all be better off.

How we (all) got here.

Just 30,000 years ago, humans were unremarkable, medium-sized mammals—not particularly strong or fast, lacking sharp teeth, claws, and wings. We weren't even the only smart ape; five other large-brained species shared the planet with us. But humanity did have something that set us apart: each other. More than any other species, *sapiens* worked together cooperatively. This helped us become super-organisms who quickly took over the planet.

Our collaborative flair stems from *empathy*: the capacity to share, understand, and care about what others feel. Individuals who feel empathy in abundance experience greater happiness and less stress and make friends more easily. These benefits ripple outwards—patients of empathic doctors are more satisfied with their care, spouses of empathic individuals are more satisfied in their marriages, children of empathic parents are better able to manage their emotions, and employees of empathic managers suffer less from stress-related illness. Empathy strengthens our social fabric, encouraging generosity toward strangers, tolerance for people who look or think differently than we do, and commitment to environmental sustainability. (...) But these days, the rules that encourage empathy are being broken. More than ever, humans are urban, isolated, and anonymous to each other. We meet irregularly, often in online spaces that privilege outrage and leave cruelty unpunished. We are increasingly tribal, and sometimes view outsiders not as human beings but as symbols of ideas and groups we fear and hate. And when we learn about tragedy, it's often as an abstraction. We might hear about thousands of people affected by a disaster or civil war, but think of them only as faceless statistics, without any way to access their emotions.

This is not fertile soil for empathy, and by some measures, empathy has shriveled. One particularly alarming study found that the average American in 2009 was less empathic than 75 percent of Americans just 30 years before. In other words, empathy is fading, but maybe you didn't need a study to tell you that. Our culture appears more callous by the year. Norms

of civility are being steadily shredded. Our species rests on human connection, but that foundation feels shakier than ever.

This might look like a one-way trip. The world we've built is poorly calibrated with the caring instincts that allowed us to build it in the first place. As long as these trends continue, maybe we are doomed to become madder and meaner over the years.

129) The author of the article is:

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| a) a politician | c) a polemist |
| b) a journalist | d) a lecturer |

130) Who got in contact again?

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| a) the author of the article | c) it was a random meeting |
| b) his friend | d) they both wrote to each other on social media |

131) Just before talking to his old friend, the author felt:

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| a) uncomfortable | c) depressed |
| b) excited | d) nauseous |

132) "We sniped at each other online, then over text" does not mean:

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| a) criticized each other in a harsh way | c) attacked each other verbally |
| b) disparaged each other in an unfair way | d) mildly blamed each other |

133) According to author and writer J.Zaki:

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| a) you are either empathic or you aren't | c) empathy is pointless |
| b) you can regain empathy if lost | d) few people need empathy |

134) According to Zaki, what made man different from other species was:

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| a) its upright position | c) its spirit for teamwork |
| b) its being the cleverest species | d) its kind heartedness |

135) Which answer is wrong? Empathy helps people:

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| a) be more confident | c) have a better love life |
| b) have a better social life | d) feel for others |

136) According to J.Zaki, empathy is weakening because:

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| a) there are more and more isolated city-dwellers with a different mindset | c) people have become tribal and savage |
| b) people only meet online and don't need empathy | d) people are scared of others and avoid human contact as much as possible |

137) In the States, norms of civility and human connections are:

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| a) still very good | c) have gone from bad to worse in recent years |
| b) are currently developing | d) are just as bad as anywhere else in the world |

138) According to Zaki, empathy:

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| a) has totally vanished from the face of the earth | c) was omnipresent in the past |
| b) did not survive prehistoric times | d) is not in keeping with today's way of living |

139) It seems like the author :

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| a) is pretty optimistic about the situation | c) is in two minds about it |
| b) is pretty pessimistic about it | d) does not want to make an opinion about it |

140) According to him, man in the future may:

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| a) get worse | c) become kinder |
| b) change for the better | d) lose their mind |

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