

• Reading Comprehension 1 Level 4

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Today, Mike and his mom are going to the library. Mike wants to find a book to read. His mom wants to use a computer there.

When they get to the library, Mike finds a book about detectives. He also finds a book with chapters about a friendly ghost. Finally, he finds a book about a man who lives in the woods without food or water. He puts the books on the front desk and waits for his mom.

Mike's mom sits at one of the computers in the library. She checks her email and looks at pictures of flowers on the internet. Then she reads a news article on a website.

Mike's mom leaves the computer and walks over to Mike, holding up something out for him. Mike looks at her quizzically. It takes him a moment to recognize what she is holding. "I got that movie for us to watch tonight," says Mike's mom. "Are you ready to leave?"

"Sure," Mike says, now holding the movie out in front of him. He reads the cover while walking back to the library entrance. He puts his books and the movie on the front desk to check out. A librarian stands behind the counter holding an electronic scanner. "How long can we keep them?" Mike asks her.

"Three weeks," says the librarian.

"Cool," says Mike.

Suddenly, Mike is surprised. His mother is checking out something else that is too big to put on the desk. It's a picture of the ocean.

"What is that for?" Mike asks.

"To put on our wall at home," says Mike's mom.

"You can do that?" Mike asks.

Mike's mom smiles at the librarian. "Yes," she says, "but we have to return it in three months."

Questions

- 1) Based on the books Mike finds to check out, we can tell that he is interested in
 - A. science
 - B. nature
 - C. mystery
 - D. adventure

- 2) While at the computer, Mike's mom
 - I. checks her mail
 - II. looks at pictures
 - III. reads an article
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

- 3) According to the passage, how long can Mike and his mother use the books and the movie before they must return them to the library?
 - A. one week
 - B. two weeks
 - C. three weeks
 - D. four weeks

- 4) Based on its use in paragraph 4, it can be understood that **quizzically** belongs to which of the following word groups?
 - A. abnormally, strangely, weirdly
 - B. casually, carelessly, indifferently
 - C. passionately, keenly, intensely
 - D. inquisitively, questioningly, curiously

- 5) As used in paragraph 5, the phrase "check out" most nearly means
 - A. to see
 - B. to rent
 - C. to find
 - D. to buy

- 6) What does Mike's mom want to do with the picture of the ocean?
 - A. She wants to buy it.
 - B. She wants to hang it on her wall.
 - C. She wants to give it to her friend as a gift.
 - D. She wants to donate it to the library.

7) Using the passage as a guide, it can be understood that you can check out which of the following things from the library?

- I. pictures
- II. furniture
- III. computers

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

8) Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A. Mike's Mom
- B. A Picture of the Ocean
- C. At the Library
- D. Books, Computers, Movies, and Pictures

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

47. I _____ the answer now.
A) know B) bought C) knows D) knew
48. I _____ bread this morning.
A) buy B) bought C) sell D) buying
49. He was born _____ 1955.
A) on B) at C) of D) in
50. 130 _____
A) one hundred and thirty B) one hundred and fifteen
C) one hundred and fifty D) one hundred and thirteen
51. 862 _____
A) eight hundred and forty-two
B) eight hundred and sixty-two
C) eight hundred and sixty
D) eight hundred and sixteen
52. 999 _____
A) nine hundred and nineteen—nine
B) nine hundred and ninety-six
C) one thousand and ninety-nine
D) nine hundred and ninety-nine
53. 603 _____
A) six hundred and thirteen B) six hundred and thirty
C) six hundred and three D) six hundred and nine
54. 387 _____
A) three hundred and eighty-seven
B) three hundred and eighteen
C) three hundred and eighty
D) three hundred and eighty-eight
55. I liked the movie _____ I didn't like the book.
A) until B) but C) so D) when
56. I went to university, _____ Sandy didn't.
A) until B) so C) but D) and
57. She married _____ she was just eighteen.
A) when B) until C) but D) and
58. We were together nearly every day _____ we left school twelve years later.
A) when B) until C) so D) and
59. I didn't see Sandy very often _____ we talked on the telephone.
A) and B) but C) until D) when
60. We stopped for three-quarters of an hour _____ New York Airport.
A) at B) in C) over D) on
61. Where is your mother? Is she _____ the hairdresser's again?
A) in B) on C) at D) *
62. I'll finish the work _____ two weeks.
A) by B) for C) since D) in
63. I'll be home _____ 7 o'clock.
A) by B) in C) on D) since
64. He lived with Nomads _____ the Sahara desert for two years.
A) over B) on C) in D) of
65. I won't stay _____ bed; I'll just lie down _____ the bed for an hour.
A) in / in B) at / in C) at / on D) in / on
66. I last saw her _____ the car park.
A) in B) under C) on D) *
67. He grows corn _____ his farm.
A) over B) with C) at D) on
68. They lived in Spain _____ the Second World War.
A) during B) for C) since D) at
69. She opened her mouth so the doctor could look _____ her throat.
A) to B) on C) at D) for
70. I cut myself _____ a knife.
A) by B) with C) in D) over
71. You'd better go _____ the next plane to London.
A) at B) in C) by D) on
72. She said hello _____ everyone except me.
A) to B) * C) at D) of
73. She is worried _____ her exams.
A) of B) about C) with D) *
74. Tell us _____ your holiday.
A) * B) of C) about D) with
75. Mr. Collins always talks _____ himself.
A) to B) with C) at D) in
76. Is it possible for me to keep it _____ Tuesday?
A) by B) at C) since D) until
77. Who's the man _____ the funny hat?
A) in B) from C) at D) to
78. Will you come _____ bus or _____ a late train?
A) by-by B) on-in C) by-on D) in-by
79. I saw an accident _____ my way home.
A) on B) at C) in D) to
80. The doctor gave me a prescription _____ my cough.
A) with B) to C) at D) for
81. I usually stay at home _____ night.
A) at B) with C) in D) over
82. I called you _____ seven o'clock yesterday.
A) in B) on C) at D) of
83. Can't you come _____ your bicycle?
A) in B) with C) on D) by
84. She arrived _____ Friday.
A) in B) on C) at D) over
85. We'll go _____ Rio _____ June.
A) * - in B) at - on C) to - on D) to - in
86. I was born _____ September 9th.
A) in B) on C) at D) of
87. John and Mary are talking _____ the telephone.
A) * B) to C) on D) with
88. Classes began _____ last week.
A) in B) * C) at D) on
89. They took my temperature _____ the operation.
A) before B) by C) * D) of
90. Do you want sugar _____ your tea?
A) with B) on C) by D) *
91. I'm afraid _____ falling trees.
A) from B) of C) with D) at
92. She didn't get a passing grade _____ her test.
A) from B) with C) at D) of
93. I sometimes listen _____ the radio or watch _____ TV.
A) of - on B) to - on C) * - to D) to - *
94. I always lie down _____ a swim.
A) by B) with C) on D) after
95. Did you stay _____ a tent on your last holiday?
A) in B) over C) on D) of
96. She put a bandage _____ the boy's cut finger.
A) at B) to C) on D) in
97. He has a pain _____ his leg.
A) on B) over C) in D) at
98. The Prime Minister arrived _____ Tokyo last night.
A) * B) in C) at D) to
99. I couldn't get _____ school in time.
A) to B) at C) * D) in
100. Ann stirred her coffee _____ a spoon.
A) with B) by C) in D) to

- Present Continuous
- Possessive pronouns (mine, yours, hers)
- Linking words (although, but)
- Prepositions

1. We ____ watching a good documentary ____ BBC World now.
A) are / in B) am / on C) are / on D) is / in
2. I always ____ credit card.
A) pay / by B) am paying / with
C) 'm paying / by D) pay / with
3. ____ you ____ a girl ____ fair hair?
A) Do / knowing / of B) Does / know / of
C) Do / know / with D) Are / knowing / with
4. ____ she got a dress ____ white?
A) Does / in B) Has / on C) Have / in D) Has / in
5. ____ is reading a letter ____ bed now.
A) She / in B) I / in C) You / on D) He / at
6. A: What ____ you ____?
B: I'm a lecturer.
A) do / do B) are / do C) is / do D) do / doing
7. A: What ____ she ____ now?
B: I don't know.
A) does / do B) do / do C) is / doing D) is / do
8. A: ____ are we ____?
B: To the class.
A) When / going B) Where / go
C) When / go D) Where / going
9. A: Oh no! It _____. We can't go out.
B: It always _____ here in March.
A) is snowing / snows B) snows / 's snowing
C) 's snow / snows D) snows / snows
10. I _____. Because it's my happiest day today.
A) jumping B) jump C) 'm jumping D) jumped
11. Benedit and Nina are _____ only salads.
Because vegetarians don't _____ meat.
A) eat / eat B) eating / eating
C) eat / eating D) eating / eat
12. Sorry, I _____ understand you. I _____ speak Russian.
A) do / don't B) do / do
C) don't / don't D) am / am
13. A: Why _____ we _____ to a park?
B: A good idea!
A) do / go B) don't / go
C) aren't / going D) are / going
14. What _____ you _____ to know?
A) do / want B) are / wanting
C) do / wanting D) are / want
15. A: _____ she _____ a problem now?
B: No. She _____ how to solve.
A) Is / solve / doesn't / know
B) Does / solve / isn't / knowing
C) Is / solving / doesn't / know
D) Does / solving / doesn't / know
16. Can you translate this letter _____ English _____ Chinese _____ me?
A) from / into / for B) into / from / for
C) from / in / her D) for / from / in
17. We watched the program called Hard Talk _____ CNN. Because we are interested _____ politics.
A) in / to B) on / from C) on / in D) off / of
18. _____ child _____ playing in _____ yard.
A) Who's / is / our B) Whose / is / our
C) Whose / is / ours D) Whose / are / our
19. A: _____ are you doing under the trees?
B: I'm _____ my keys.
A) What / looking off B) Whom / looking in
C) When / looking up D) What / looking for
20. _____ hair is blonder than _____.
A) Her / yours B) Hers / yours
C) Her / your D) Hers / your
21. _____ is hiding behind _____ car?
A) Whose / my B) Who's / mine
C) Who / my D) Whose / mine
22. I am _____ English.
A) study B) to study C) studying D) studied
23. She's _____ jeans.
A) wearing B) wear C) to wear D) wore
24. I am _____ tennis this afternoon.
A) play B) playing C) to play D) played
25. We are not _____ outside.
A) go B) went C) going D) to go
26. Where are you _____?
A) go B) going C) to go D) went
27. "Are you _____ a good time?"
"Yes, we _____."
A) having / are B) have / is
C) having / do D) have / aren't
28. I _____ from Switzerland.
A) come B) coming C) to come D) came
29. Is my English _____ better.
A) gets B) get C) getting D) to get
30. Jane's _____ her friend tonight.
A) sees B) seeing C) see D) saw
31. He _____ as a clerk in a bank.
A) working B) work C) works D) to work
32. "Why are you _____ a suit?" "You usually wear jeans."
A) wears B) wore C) wear D) wearing
33. I read _____ bed.
A) at B) in C) to D) under
34. We've got this jumper _____ red
A) in B) to C) with D) at
35. He's talking _____ Mandy.
A) with B) to C) at D) for
36. There's a girl _____ fair hair.
A) with B) on C) at D) out
37. I'm looking _____ jumper.
A) at B) for C) on D) in
38. I always pay _____ credit card.
A) in B) on C) at D) by
39. He's _____ down.
A) sit B) sitting C) sits D) sat