Sister Cities Young Scholars Program
PRE-SCREENING ENGLISH TEST, JULY 2012

School/Location: ______________________________ Name: ______________________

PART I

Choose the correct answer for each of the following.

1. Julie never ________ letters to her friends. She prefers to call them
   a) is writing       b) writes       c) write           d) have written

2. ________ the Smith family go to Sea World last year?
   a) Do             b) Are             c) Did           d) Were

3. I ________ TV when my sister called me from California.
   a) watching       b) watch       c) was watching       d) was watched

4. While we were driving on the freeway yesterday, we ________ seven accidents.
   a) were seeing    b) have seen   c) saw          d) have been seeing

5. Mark ________ get married when he finishes school.
   a) is going to   b) is           c) is not          d) will be

6. Lucy ________ the piano for 15 years. She still plays for a half hour every day.
   a) plays        b) has played   c) had played      d) played

7. Are you and John brothers?
   a) No, we weren't.   b) Yes, we do.   c) No, we aren't.   d) Yes, we don't.

8. Did Amy and Ted go to Beijing last year?
   a) Yes, they did.       b) Yes, they are.   c) Yes, they were.   d) Yes, they went.
9. Tomorrow is a holiday, and the school is closed. We __________ go to school.
   a) don't have to  b) must not  c) doesn't have to  d) hasn't got to

10. When I was a child, I __________ read very well, but now I read all the time.
    a) wouldn't  b) can't  c) couldn't  d) not able to

11. John __________ see a dentist because he has a bad toothache.
    a) could  b) should  c) shouldn't  d) must to

12. __________ the man wearing the black jacket?
    a) Where  b) Whose  c) Who is  d) Whom

13. Mary __________ sick with the flu since Tuesday
    a) was  b) been  c) has been  d) have been

14. Judy __________ at the electric company for 20 years.
    a) works  b) is working  c) has been working  d) has been worked

15. Before I went to bed last night, I __________ all my homework.
    a) will finish  b) have finished  c) finished  d) finish

16. Your house is beautiful. How long __________ here?
    a) you been living  b) have you lived  c) did you live  d) have you living

    a) is living  b) has been lived  c) has lived  d) has living

18. How long __________ English?
    a) have Ali been studied  b) has Ali been studying
    c) have Ali been studying  d) has Ali been studied
19. Kristi is putting on her coat. She __________.
   a) leaves            b) leaving            c) about to leave    d) is about to leave

20. I've only used this umbrella once since __________ it.
   a) I have bought     b) I bought        c) I was buying     d) I had bought

21. Regina is sleeping in class. She __________ tired.
   a) can be            b) maybe            c) must be          d) might be

   a) How far           b) How many miles   c) How long         d) How long distance

23. Dr. Rodriguez tried to give her patient __________, but she wouldn't listen.
   a) some advices      b) an advice       c) a little advice   d) many advices

24. There are __________ people who would prefer not to work with Alan.
   a) little            b) a few            c) a little          d) too much

25. How __________ do you have for the weekend?
   a) many homeworks    b) much homeworks  c) much homework    d) many homework
PART II

1. Choose the best sentence to complete the conversation.

26. When can we meet again?
   a) When are you free?  b) It was two days ago.  c) Can you help me?

27. Can I park here?
   a) Sorry, I did that.  b) It's the same place.  c) Only for half an hour.

28. My aunt is going to stay with me.
   a) How do you do?  b) For how long?  c) How was it?

29. What color will you paint the children's bedroom?
   a) I hope it was right.  b) We can't decide.  c) It wasn't very difficult.

30. I can't understand this email.
   a) Would you like some help?  b) Don't you know?  c) I suppose you can.

31. When do you study?
   a) at school  b) in the evenings  c) in the library

32. I'd like two tickets for tomorrow night.
   a) How much did you pay?  b) Afternoon and evening  c) I'll check for you.

33. Would you prefer lemonade or orange juice?
   a) Do you have anything else?  b) If you like.  c) Are you sure about that?

34. Let's have dinner now.
   a) You aren't eating.  b) There aren't any.  c) Tom isn't here yet.

35. Shall we go to the gym now?
   a) I'm too tired.  b) It's very good.  c) Not at all.
2. Choose the best word for each space.

36. The snow was __________ heavily when I left the house.
   a) dropping       b) landing       c) falling       d) descending

37. I can't find my keys anywhere - I __________ have left them at work.
   a) can           b) must          c) ought         d) would

38. When a car pulled out in front of her, Jane did well not to __________ control of her bicycle.
   a) miss          b) lose           c) fail          d) drop

39. When you stay in a country for some time you get used to the people's __________ of life.
   a) habit         b) custom        c) way           d) system

40. The builders are __________ good progress with the new house.
   a) getting       b) doing         c) making        d) taking

41. She is now taking a more positive __________ to her studies and should do well.
   a) attitude      b) behavior      c) manner        d) style

42. What differences are there __________ the English spoken in the UK and the English spoken in the US?
   a) among         b) between       c) beside        d) with

43. At 6 p.m. I started to get angry with him because he was late __________.
   a) as usual      b) in general    c) typically     d) usually

44. That old saucepan will come in __________ when we go camping.
   a) convenient    b) fitting       c) handy         d) suitable
45. Anyone ________ after the start of the play is not allowed in until the interval.
   a) arrives  b) has arrived  c) arriving  d) arrived

46. You should not have a dog if you are not ________ to look after it.
   a) prepared  b) adapted  c) arranged  d) decided

47. The farmhouse was so isolated that they had to generate their own electricity ________.
   a) current  b) supply  c) grid  d) power

48. His eyes were ________ bad that he couldn't read the number plate of the car in front.
   a) such  b) too  c) so  d) very

49. The company needs to decide ________ and for all what its position is on this point.
   a) here  b) once  c) first  d) finally

50. I'm sorry - I didn't ________ to disturb you.
   a) hope  b) think  c) mean  d) suppose

51. The singer ended the concert ________ her most popular song.
   a) by  b) with  c) in  d) as

52. Would you mind ________ these plates a wipe before placing them on the table?
   a) making  b) doing  c) getting  d) giving

53. I was looking forward ________ at the new restaurant, but it was closed.
   a) to eat  b) to have eaten  c) to eating  d) eating

54. ________ tired Melissa is when she gets home from work, she always makes time to say goodnight to the children.
   a) Whatever  b) No matter how  c) However much  d) Although
55. The shop didn't have the shoes I wanted, but they've ________ a pair especially for me.
   a) booked  b) ordered  c) commanded  d) asked

56. Do you have time to discuss your work now or are you ________ to leave?
   a) thinking  b) round  c) planned  d) about

57. It wasn't a bad crash and ________ damage was done to my car.
   a) little  b) small  c) light  d) mere

58. Before making a decision, Jack considered all ________ of the argument.
   a) sides  b) features  c) perspectives  d) shades

59. This new printer is recommended as being ________ reliable.
   a) greatly  b) highly  c) strongly  d) readily

60. When I realized I had dropped my gloves, I decided to ________ my steps.
   a) retrace  b) regress  c) resume  d) return
PART III
1. For questions 61 - 70, choose the word from the answers a) - d) that best fits each gap.
   For example, the choices to questions (0) are: a) expressed, b) directed, c) indicated and d) guided.
   The word that best fit the space (0) is c) indicated.

What we know about music and the brain

Work on the human brain has (0) __________ how different parts are centers of activity skills, feelings, perceptions and so on. It has also been shown that the left and right halves, or hemispheres, of the brain are (61) __________ for different functions. While language is processed in the left, or analytical hemisphere, music is processed in the right, or emotional hemisphere. (62) __________ of music like tone, pitch and melody are all probably processed in different parts of the brain. Some features of musical experience are processed not just in the auditory parts of the brain, but in the visual ones. We don't yet fully understand the (63) __________ of this.

The tempo of music seems to be (64) __________ related to its emotional impact, with fast music often (65) __________ as happier and slower music as sadder. It is the same with the major biological rhythm of the body: our heart (66) __________ quickens when we are happy, but slows when we are sad. Military music may have evolved from attempts to get us ready for (67) __________ by using fast drumming to (68) __________ our hearts to beat faster. Music is perhaps one of the most complex experiences the brain (69) __________ with, and it has become an absolutely vital part of our rituals and ceremonies. It has power beyond language to (70) __________ our moods and coordinate our emotional states.

61.  a) amenable        b) dependable       c) responsible       d) reliable
62.  a) Views          b) Aspects         c) Factors           d) Pieces
63.  a) expectations   b) implications   c) assumptions      d) propositions
64.  a) surely         b) plainly        c) evidently        d) directly
65.  a) felt           b) endured        c) encountered      d) touched
66.  a) pulse          b) speed          c) pace             d) rate
67.  a) battle         b) fight          c) quarrel          d) struggle
68.  a) activate       b) motivate       c) stimulate        d) animate
69.  a) manages        b) copes          c) bears            d) holds
70.  a) notify         b) report         c) associate        d) communicate
2. For questions 71 - 75, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences, and write it in the box below the three sentences.

For example

1) They say the new minister is a lovely person and very ________ to talk to.
2) My neighbors have not had a very ________ life, but they always seem cheerful.
3) It's ________ enough to see why the town is popular with tourists.

The answer is EASY

Write only the missing word IN CAPITAL LETTERS in the given box.

71. 1) I can't see the ________ of all this paperwork, can you?
2) I was so frustrated that I was on the ________ of giving up, but my piano teacher persuaded me to keep on practicing.
3) Now, let's move on to the final ________ for discussion at this meeting.

72. 1) I think it's ________ to say that not everyone in the boardroom agreed with the decision about the site of the new factory.
2) Rita complained that it was not ________ that she had a smaller company area than her colleagues.
3) My husband looks nothing like his brothers and sisters because he is so ________.
73. 1) The workers at the car factory are at present __________ in negotiation to improve their position.

2) As the business expended and more staff were required, the company __________ the services of a recruitment agency.

3) When my brother and his new girlfriend announced that they were __________, it took the whole family by surprise.

74. 1) The instructions were written in such a complicated way that Joe had to spend a long time figuring out how to get the printer __________.

2) First results indicated that the new drug was __________ and had no side effects.

3) John was annoyed to find the drink machine was not __________ yet again.

75. 1) Lisa is in __________ while I'm away from the office, OK?

2) They have introduced a small __________ for parking outside the station.

3) The protesters moved back quickly in reaction to a sudden __________ by the police.
3. For questions 76 - 80, use the word given to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given, and write your answer in the box.

For example

James would only speak to the head of department alone.

Given word: ON

James _________ to the head of department alone.

INSISTED ON SPEAKING

The gap can be filled with the words "insisted on speaking" so you write in the words to be added in the box.

Write only the missing word IN CAPITAL LETTERS in the given box.

76. If you need any help, you can always call me.

Given word: HESITATE

If you need any help, _________ me.

77. I know that it was wrong of me to shout in front of the customers.

Given word: RAISED

I know that I should _________ in front of the customers.
78. It hasn't rained quite as much this year as in previous years.

Given word: SLIGHTLY

This year, it has rained __________ did in previous years.

79. I don't mind whether we stay in or go out this evening, but John wants to go to the cinema.

Given word: DIFFERENCE

It doesn't __________ whether we stay in or go out this evening, but John wants to go to the cinema.

80. It's possible that the thieves entered the building by forcing a window at the back.

Given word: BROKEN

The thieves may __________ the building through a window at the back.