

**I- Reading:****A- Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

The two most common causative agents of infectious diseases are the virus and the bacterium. They both are tiny to be seen by the naked eye, they can cause similar symptoms and are often spread in the same way. Bacteria are living organisms, but viruses aren't. A bacterium is a single complex cell. It can survive on its own, inside or outside the body. This allows bacteria to live in many places- soil, water, plants and the human body. Most bacteria aren't harmful; we have many bacteria on and inside our body, especially in the gut to help **digest** food. They also serve many vital roles in nature by decomposing organic matter and by converting nitrogen to chemicals usable by plants. On the other hand, viruses are smaller and aren't cells. Unlike bacteria, they need a host such as a human or an animal to multiply. Viruses only grow and reproduce inside the host cells they infect. Their life involves the **hijacking** of the biochemical activities of a living cell. Viruses and bacteria differ in how they cause infections. Viruses infect a host cell and then multiply by the thousands, leaving the host and infecting other cells of the body. Bacteria, on the other hand, have a more varied operation and will often infect when the right opportunity arises.

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (60 marks)**

- Viruses and bacteria have the same size and cause similar symptoms.
  - Viruses and bacteria are both living organisms that are spread in the same way.
  - Viruses and bacteria play such crucial roles in nature.
  - Viruses and bacteria cannot be detected by the naked eye.
- Both viruses and bacteria can multiply in the same conditions.
  - Viruses can multiply independently inside and outside the body, while bacteria cannot.
  - Bacteria can multiply independently inside and outside the body, while viruses cannot.
  - Both b and c
- While viruses are always harmful, some bacteria can be harmless.
  - Both bacteria and viruses are always harmful.
  - While bacteria are always harmful, viruses can sometimes be harmless.
  - Both a and c
- Viruses and bacteria ..... in how they cause infections.
  - vary
  - are similar
  - differ
  - None
- The underlined word "hijacking" in the text means:**
  - attacking to control something
  - a sign that something exists, especially bad
  - acting as the cause of something
  - not relating to other things
- The underlined word "digest" in the text means:**
  - to act as the cause of something
  - to divide something into two parts
  - to inquire about something
  - to change food you have just eaten into substances that your body can use.

**B- Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

Nationality Law is the law governing the **acquisition**, transmission and loss of Syrian citizenship. Syrian citizenship is the status of being a citizen of the Syrian Arab Republic and it can be obtained by birth or naturalisation. The Syrian nationality is determined predominantly by paternity (father). The place of birth is irrelevant, and being born in Syria does not grant an automatic right to Syrian nationality. Birth to a Syrian mother does not automatically confer nationality. If a Syrian woman marries a foreign husband, their children will have the foreign husband's nationality and have no claim to Syrian nationality, even if they were born and raised in Syria. The legal ramifications are that these persons face a number of obstacles, one of which is their inability to work in the public sector. It is also harder and more **restrictive** for foreigners to own real estate in Syria.

The other way to acquire Syrian nationality is through naturalisation. Non-nationals who have resided in the country for over 5 years and fulfilled a number of other requirements can apply for naturalisation. The requirements are eased for individuals from another Arab country, such as the requirement to be able to speak and read Arabic fluently. A foreign woman who marries a Syrian man can naturalise on the basis of that marriage, but a foreign husband cannot acquire Syrian citizenship on the basis of marriage to a Syrian wife.

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (60 marks)**

7. Which group of people can't apply for Syrian naturalization?

- a. Non-nationals who have stayed in Syria for over 5 years.
- b. Non-nationals who speak and read Arabic fluently.
- c. Foreign women who are married to Syrian men.
- d. Foreign husbands who are married to Syrian wives.

8. The obstacles that face persons who are born to a Syrian woman and a foreign husband are ....

- a. inability to work in public sectors.
- b. inability to marry a Syrian woman.
- c. inability to own real estate.
- d. Both (a) and (c).

9. Which of the following isn't true about Syrian citizenship?

- a. Individuals who aren't able to speak and read Arabic fluently cannot apply for Syrian naturalization.
- b. Being born in Syria grants an automatic right to Syrian nationality.
- c. Syrian citizenship is obtained by birth or naturalization.
- d. A foreign woman married to a Syrian man can get Syrian nationality.

10. Which information is not mentioned in the text?

- a. The ability of Syrians to unilaterally abandon their Syrian nationality.
- b. How non-Syrian nationals can obtain Syrian citizenship.
- c. The consequences non-Syrians residing in Syria encounter.
- d. Both a and c.

11. The underlined word "*acquisition*" in the text means:

- a. additional results of something you do
- b. to state that something is legally yours
- c. to make a proposal into a law
- d. the process by which you gain something

12. The underlined word "*restrictive*" in the text means:

- a. to make a proposal into a law
- b. to state that something is legally yours
- c. to officially state that a law is no longer effective
- d. limiting

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**II- Use of English**

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (130 marks)**

13. .... mustn't waste work time chatting.

- a. Employ
- b. Employment
- c. Employees
- d. Employability

14. There are many symptoms of transition shock including: anger, ..... and extreme homesickness.

- a. boring
- b. bored
- c. boredom
- d. both a & b

15. .... is when someone has the passion to serve their country.

- a. Resistance
- b. Patriotism
- c. Civilization
- d. Elections

16. The council strives to..... the expectations and aspirations of a community in delivering top-quality services.

- a. raise
- b. meet
- c. give
- d. lose

17. His sudden outbursts have made him a real ..... and a socially unwanted.

- a. by the book
- b. pain in the neck
- c. on a roll
- d. on the mend

18. Ahmed is often cruel ..... his dog.

- a. in
- b. to
- c. from
- d. of

19. You can't ..... everyone you meet in life.

- a. give pumpkins
- b. break bread with
- c. be on the mend with
- d. join the ranks of

20. Uncooked meat is an ..... type of food for so many people in my society.

- a. infamiliar
- b. iffamiliar
- c. unfamiliar
- d. disfamiliar

21. The police officer told the suspect to ..... and to tell him exactly where he was the night before.

- a. stop assembling the case
- b. continue beating around the bush
- c. stop beating around the bush
- d. continue going under the knife

22. In the word "*mnemonic*", the silent letter is .....

- a. m
- b. n
- c. e
- d. i

23. The word ..... is the word that has the correct stressed syllable.

- a. MISbehave
- b. aggresSIVE
- c. COMfortable
- d. INsecure

24. "The bandage was wound around the wound." The underlined word wound means:

- a. noun (an injury in the skin)
- b. verb (twisted or wrapped around)
- c. verb (moved or curved around)
- d. verb (closed around something)

25. I've just got a fax from Mr. Ramos in Paris. Could you read it and translate it for me, please?

- a. Sure. I will wait outside.
- b. Sure. I don't think it will start on time anyway.
- c. Can you make it the week after?
- d. Yes, of course. Do you want me to write the reply too?

26. " Someone tells you that their dog can sing pop songs." What is the possible response?  
a. I'm not surprised. b. Do you seriously expect me to believe that?  
c. No wonder. d. Congratulations.
27. You want to talk to the company manager. The operator answers your call. (*Ask the operator to put you through to the manager.*)  
a. Can I talk to the manager? b. I'm afraid the manager can't talk right now.  
c. Perhaps I can talk to the manager. d. I'll have to think about talking to the manager.
28. What ..... to do when you leave school next year?  
a. do you intend b. will you intend c. could you intend d. would you intend
29. Huda ..... her mother before she went to school.  
a. is going to help b. is helping c. will help d. had helped
30. Joe has inherited a lot of money. He ..... a new villa next month.  
a. bought b. buys c. is going to buy d. will buy
31. My sister broke her leg while she..... .  
a. is running b. was running c. runs d. had run
32. You would have some money in your pocket if you ..... it so generously.  
a. wouldn't spend b. didn't spend c. hadn't spent d. don't spend
33. Hani never answers my emails. If only he..... more of my emails.  
a. wouldn't answer b. had answered c. would answer d. will answer
34. .... the students ..... the teacher knows where Hani is.  
a. Both / and b. But also/Not only c. Neither/ nor d. Either/and
35. In the library, you ..... put the books back on the shelf after you finish reading.  
a. should b. must c. don't have to d. had to
36. "What is the time?" He asked me what .....  
a. was the time b. the time is c. is the time d. the time was
37. All students ..... the teacher asked gave correct answers.  
a. whose b. where c. which d. whom
38. By 1906, Gandhi had organized his first civil ..... campaign in South Africa against racial discrimination.  
a. obedience b. obedient c. disobedient d. disobedience
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III. Writing:

A- Ask about the underlined word in each sentence: (12 marks)

39. I was discussing the project with my classmates.
40. I took my father's jacket.
41. My friends have won the competition.
42. Our school always held a music concert every three months.
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B- Identify one mistake in each line then write it correctly on the answer sheet: (8 marks)

43. If they were in debt, they wouldn't quit them job.  
A B C D
44. He asked me why I had left early?  
A B C D
45. My brother is used to work at night.  
A B C D
46. Jane has been studying with her friends since the last four hours.  
A B C D
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C- Composition: (30 marks)

Write a composition of no more than 80 words about women's role in the Syrian society. The following prompts may help you.

1. Family                      2. Achievements and contributions                      3. Female figures from the Syrian society

**GOOD LUCK**