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01. The Marshall Plan…
   A) was a USA political-economic plan for the reconstruction of Europe after the Second World War
   B) set aside aid for Japan, which had been devastated by atomic bombs
   C) was the plan, set up in Bandung in 1955, to aid the countries in the Southern hemisphere
   D) was the USA plan designed to reintegrate veterans of the Vietnam War into society
   Risposta corretta: A

02. Why is *Pearl Harbor* remembered?
   A) For the sudden / surprise attack of the Japanese on the US fleet based in Pearl Harbor, which took place in 1941
   B) It is a port in Hawaii, which was a theatre for Cold War tensions
   C) It was where the meeting between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt, which decided the post-war political framework, took place in 1945
   D) It was where an important conference of non-aligned countries took place during the Cold War
   Risposta corretta: A

03. Which is the correct historical sequence of the following events?
   A) the Counter-Reformation - the Age of Enlightenment - the Napoleonic Era - Proclamation of Italian Unification
   B) the Age of Enlightenment - the Counter-Reformation - the Napoleonic Era - Proclamation of Italian Unification
   C) the Napoleonic Era - the Age of Enlightenment - the Counter-Reformation - Proclamation of Italian Unification
   D) the Counter-Reformation - the Napoleonic Era - Proclamation of Italian Unification - the Age of Enlightenment
   Risposta corretta: A

04. What strategy did Roosevelt adopt to resolve the Great Depression in the United States, which began in 1929?
   A) launching a socio-economic reform plan, called the New Deal
   B) putting pressure on banks to undertake financial speculation
   C) adopting prohibition laws to combat widespread alcoholism
   D) implementing a tax reform that also reduced rates for higher incomes
   Risposta corretta: A

05. How do we define the political behaviour, widespread in the USA between the end of the 1940s and the beginning of the 1950s, which was characterised by a climate of suspicion and persecution of those considered to be subversives?
   A) McCarthyism
   B) Liberalism
   C) Protectionism
   D) Stalinism
   Risposta corretta: A

06. The Schengen Agreement established...
   A) rules encouraging the free movement of citizens within the “Schengen area”
   B) the European Economic Community (EEC)
   C) the European Union
   D) a European Common Market
   Risposta corretta: A

07. Who were the *Samurai*?
   A) the Japanese belonging to a privileged caste who devoted themselves to the arts of war
   B) high-level dignitaries in Imperial China
   C) the lowest Indian caste
Who does the term “the desaparecidos” refer to?

A) people arrested by the police in Latin American military regimes, of whom all trace was lost  
B) people who were executed in war zones between Italy and Yugoslavia, whose bodies were concealed in ravines  
C) people who were shot during the Spanish Civil War  
D) people killed by the Mafia whose bodies have never been found  

Which of the following statements does NOT concern the Belle Époque?

A) it was the period between the two World Wars  
B) amongst the more affluent classes, the custom of taking holidays arose, and therefore hotels were built and thermal spas developed …  
C) the increase of consumption coincided with the first big department stores and the possibility of paying by instalments  
D) the quality of life improved, due to a range of new discoveries.  

The European Restoration

A) began with the Congress of Vienna  
B) is used to indicate Napoleon’s politics  
C) began the process of formation of the nation states  
D) refers to the rebuilding of the cities bombarded during the Second World War  

What does the expression The Cuban Revolution refer to?

A) the overthrow of the dictator Fulgencio Batista and the rise to power of Fidel Castro  
B) one of the periods of grave tension between the United States and The Soviet Union during the Cold War  
C) the agricultural revolution which marked the transfer from monoculture to more modern and productive pluricultural techniques.  
D) the movement which led to the exclusion of Ernesto Che Guevara from Cuba  

Which of the following statements about the UN is NOT correct?

A) its headquarters are in Brussels  
B) it was founded in 1945 with the aim of keeping the peace between nations  
C) it has a military contingent made up of the Blue Helmets  
D) it endeavours to preserve the international order, above all by peaceful means  

Which of the following statements regarding the Normandy landings is NOT correct?

A) it brought about the end of fascism in Italy  
B) it was preceded by a long airborne offensive  
C) it began on 6 June 1944, known as D-Day  
D) it was one of the biggest amphibious landing operations in history  

The Watergate affair, which happened in 1972 and led to the resignation of President Nixon, originated in:

A) the discovery of bugging operations taking place against the Democratic Party, carried out by men linked to the Republican Party  
B) the problematic end to the Vietnam War  
C) the Helsinki Accords to limit nuclear arms  
D) the policy of rapprochement towards The Republic of China (Taiwan)  

15. The term ‘decolonisation’ means:

A) the historical process by which previously colonized people and countries achieved independence after the Second World War
B) the process, typical of globalisation, by which production is outsourced to various places
C) the exploitation of excolonies, by exerting pressure through new requirements of an economic kind
D) the tendency for western countries to maintain political influence over former colonies

Risposta corretta: A

16. The Russian term Glasnost ...

A) was used by Michail Gorbacev to refer to the new, transparent way of communicating, without hiding the difficulties
B) is linked to the Chernobyl disaster, which was immediately announced to the press
C) indicates the control over the means of information exercised by the Soviet Communist Party
D) indicates the whole set of political and economic reforms started by Michail Gorbacev in the mid 1980s

Risposta corretta: A

17. Why were the Nuremberg Trials established in 1945?

A) to try Hitler’s closest collaborators, who had committed crimes against humanity
B) because the city of Nuremburg was not known for its adherence to Nazism
C) because the Geneva Convention had not yet come into force
D) because site inspections of the extermination camps near Nuremburg were required

Risposta corretta: A

18. What is passive resistance?

A) The non-violent method of political opposition which consists of the refusal to obey laws which are considered unjust, but nevertheless accepting the penalty for such disobedience laid down by law
B) The struggle conducted in European countries against Nazis and fascists during the Second World War
C) Hostility shown against minorities who do not want to integrate in their own country
D) A feminist movement which became established towards the end of the 19th Century in England.

Risposta corretta: A

19. What does the term jihad mean?

A) holy war against infidels in order to spread Islam
B) the dress worn by Afghan women
C) the period during which Muslims abstain on a daily basis from food, drinks and sexual relations
D) the journey made by the Tuareg along the caravan roads

Risposta corretta: A

20. The end of the Great War led to...

A) the fall of the Central Powers (Quadruple Alliance)
B) the Bolshevik revolution in Russia
C) the right to vote for women in Italy
D) the immediate ascent to power of Hitler in Germany

Risposta corretta: A

21. What is meant by the expression scholastic philosophy?

A) the philosophy which, in the medieval age, reconciled Christian faith and rational thought
B) philosophy as a school subject, according to Ministry teaching programmes
C) the philosophical teachings of Thales of Miletus
D) denotes an area of poor philosophy

Risposta corretta: A

22. “Religion is the opium of the people”. Who made this statement?

A) Marx
B) Gandhi
23. Which of the following statements concerning Aristotle is **NOT** correct?
   A) his Allegory of the Cave is famous
   B) he was a student of Plato
   C) he was the originator of formal logic which he expressed in the deductive form of the syllogism
   D) he founded the peripatetic school of Athens

Risposta corretta: A

   A) Hegel
   B) Kant
   C) Hamlet
   D) Schelling

Risposta corretta: A

25. Vico's *New Science* …
   A) identified the laws governing the development of human society (historical cycles)
   B) is a work written during the Renaissance
   C) is an essay setting out the main discoveries of the 20th Century
   D) asserts that knowledge can be reached only through science

Risposta corretta: A

26. “Thoughts without content are empty, intuitions without concepts are blind”. What did Kant mean with these words?
   A) sensitivity and intellect are interdependent and indispensable to knowledge
   B) he wants to clearly distinguish between thoughts and intuitions
   C) that the main branch of philosophy is metaphysics
   D) that in order to reach knowledge one must look with the *eyes of the mind*

Risposta corretta: A

27. According to social Darwinism...
   A) social inequality is produced by a natural law which identifies the individuals who are better adapted to dominate and those more adapted to being oppressed
   B) the struggle for survival is no longer necessary
   C) future societies will be multicultural
   D) it is time social inequality came to an end

Risposta corretta: A

28. Schopenhauer's philosophical standpoint …
   A) is strongly pessimistic
   B) is set out in *A Critique of Pure Reason*
   C) adheres to Hegelian panlogism
   D) leads to the *élan vitale*, which he asserts is at the basis of reality

Risposta corretta: A

29. ’Man is a rope stretched between the beast and the Superman’. Who made this statement?
   A) Nietzsche
   B) Hobbes
   C) Heidegger
   D) D'Annunzio

Risposta corretta: A

30. Hegel’s dialectic..
A) stands for the form of the development of thought, through a triadic process of thesis, antithesis and synthesis
B) takes the form of a struggle among the social classes
C) is merely theological speculation
D) is a method of research which operates through a dialogue of question and answer

Risposta corretta: A

31. Monad theory was developed by

A) G. W. von Leibniz
B) Baruch Spinoza
C) Giordano Bruno
D) Jeremy Bentham

Risposta corretta: A

32. What does Kant mean by the term ‘transcendental’?

A) that it does not derive from experience, a priori
B) a synonym of the transcendent of scholastic philosophy
C) that it derives from experience, is empirical
D) that it is a characteristic of aesthetic judgment

Risposta corretta: A

33. Ontology…

A) is the branch of philosophy which studies the nature of being and its forms
B) has the id as a subject of philosophical speculation
C) in ancient philosophy, it studies the original principle of all things
D) it studies divine things and their relationship with human and natural ones

Risposta corretta: A

34. In his work «On the Spirit of the Laws» (De l'esprit des lois), Montesquieu…

A) sets out the theory of the separation of powers
B) expresses his preference for the republican form of government
C) sets out the principles of Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité
D) indicates that Rome under the Republic was the best system of government there had ever been

Risposta corretta: A

35. Which branch of philosophy indicates utility as the criterion of moral action and the foundation of values?

A) Utilitarianism
B) Functionalism
C) Epicureanism
D) Empiricism

Risposta corretta: A

36. Cesare Beccaria's work On Crimes and Punishments…

A) argues that the death penalty serves no purpose
B) gained broad agreement on the part of the Catholic Church
C) argues that punishments should be exemplary, regardless of the individual cases
D) was written in the second half of the 19th Century

Risposta corretta: A

37. The unconscious, repression, libido are concepts underlying the thought of:

A) Freud
B) Nietzsche
C) Fromm
D) Sartre

Risposta corretta: A
38. What is meant by the term positivism?
   A) in the 19th Century, the branch of philosophy which viewed science as the unique guide to human life
   B) an optimistic attitude in feeling, thinking and living
   C) the lifestyle approved and followed by Spinoza
   D) the theory which holds that, in the struggle for survival, individuals capable of adapting will survive
   Risposta corretta: A

39. A critique of Hegel and the stages of life (aesthetic, ethical, religious) are the cornerstones of the thought of:
   A) Kierkegaard
   B) Schopenhauer
   C) Marx
   D) Kant
   Risposta corretta: A

40. Which of the following statements concerning Existentialism is NOT correct?
   A) Kant was its source of inspiration
   B) it is a line of philosophical thought which developed over the course of the 20th Century
   C) Sartre is one of its main proponents
   D) it emphasises the precariousness of individual human life
   Risposta corretta: A

GEOGRAPHY [ 41-50 ]

41. A planisphere is:
   A) a geographical map which represents the whole of the earth's surface on one plane
   B) a geographical map which is exclusively political
   C) a map which represents plans of the most important cities in the world
   D) a map which is used exclusively for maritime navigation
   Risposta corretta: A

41. In geography and cartography, the term hemisphere refers to:
   A) a half of the Earth, especially one of the halves above and below the equator
   B) a star chart analog computing instrument in the form of two adjustable disks
   C) either half of the lateral halves of the brain
   D) a map used for maritime navigation
   Risposta corretta: A

42. Latitude:
   A) together with longitude, is used to determine the position of a specific point on the Earth's surface
   B) is followed by the indication East/West
   C) is expressed exclusively in degrees without submultiples
   D) is measured in reference to the Greenwich meridian
   Risposta corretta: A

43. Human geography:
   A) is the branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth’s surface
   B) is a branch of astronomical geography
   C) has its origins in plate tectonics
   D) concerns the tides
   Risposta corretta: A

44. Which of the following statements does NOT concern the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?
   A) it also includes unpaid economic activity
   B) it is a measure of the economic well-being of a nation
   C) it includes products made by foreign workers within a country
   Risposta corretta: A
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45. In ancient times, the name “The Pillars of Hercules” was given to …
   A) the Straits of Gibraltar
   B) the area around the Nile delta
   C) the island of Crete, the scene of one of the labours of Hercules
   D) the region of the Atlas mountains

Risposta corretta: A

46. What is orography?
   A) the study of the characteristics of mountain systems
   B) the study of the oceans and terrestrial waters
   C) the study of the relationship between mountains and water-courses
   D) the study of fossils

Risposta corretta: A

47. Which of the following statements does NOT concern the polar aurorae?
   A) in the polar zones they are visible every day, just like the dawn
   B) they are identified as northern [borealis] or southern [australis], according to which hemisphere they are observed from
   C) the aurorae may be coloured green, red or blue
   D) they are an optical phenomenon caused by the Earth’s atmosphere

Risposta corretta: A

48. The Maghreb …
   A) includes the North African regions west of Egypt
   B) is situated to the south of the Sahara
   C) is a Berber dish prepared in a tajine
   D) is a hot desert wind, filled with sand

Risposta corretta: A

49. Patagonia is ..
   A) a region of South America, divided between Argentina and Chile
   B) a mountain chain in America which runs from north to south along the coast of the Pacific Ocean
   C) a highway system which runs along the Pacific coast of the American continent
   D) a glacier located in South America

Risposta corretta: A

50. The tundra …
   A) is a typical sub-polar environment characterised by the presence of mosses and lichens
   B) is typical of hot, sandy desert regions
   C) together with the taiga, gives rise to prairie vegetation
   D) features coniferous forests

Risposta corretta: A

ART [ 51-55 ]

51. In architecture, what are the characteristic features of the *Baroque* style?
   A) the use of curved lines and exuberant decoration
   B) strong reference to Classical architecture
   C) the use of simple geometrical forms and the lack of ornament
   D) symmetry and perfect proportions

Risposta corretta: A

52. What are the characteristic features of the *Fauve* school of painting?
CEILS

A) simplification of shapes, no use of perspective or chiaroscuro, the use of vivid, unnatural colours
B) choice of themes with a strong social impact
C) the use of soft, very muted colours
D) it recalls the style of painting seen at Pompeii, because of the frequent use of red

Risposta corretta: A

53. Which of the following statements does NOT concern Abstract Art?

A) in Italy it is known as Futurism
B) it is an avant-garde artistic movement which originated in the early years of the 20th Century
C) the works go beyond the objective representation of reality
D) Kandinsky, Mondrian and Klee are among the most important artists in this genre

Risposta corretta: A

54. Botticelli’s La Primavera is...

A) a famous work of the Italian Renaissance, with a complex philosophical meaning
B) a painting on wood which includes only female figures
C) it is displayed at the Louvre museum
D) a work which was commissioned by the Sforza family

Risposta corretta: A

55. Michelangelo’s David is...

A) a marble sculpture situated in the Gallery of the Academy [Museo dell’Accademia] in Florence
B) a life-sized marble sculpture
C) a bronze statue situated in the Loggia dei Lanzi in Florence
D) a work of sculpture created in the 18th Century

Risposta corretta: A

LITERATURE [ 56-60 ]

56. Conan Doyle wrote a series of stories and novels whose protagonist is a detective called:

A) Sherlock Holmes
B) Hercule Poirot
C) Miss Marple
D) Salvo Montalbano

Risposta corretta: A

57. Oscar Wilde’s novel The Picture of Dorian Gray...

A) has the veneration of beauty as its main theme
B) is a classic love story
C) it is a story with a happy ending
D) is set in Turner’s studio

Risposta corretta: A

58. In Truman Capote’s Breakfast at Tiffany’s …

A) the main character, in search of her place in the world, leads a dissolute life
B) the story is about some famous New York jewellers
C) the action is set in an exclusive Manhattan restaurant
D) a young Italian couple finds it difficult to settle in the US metropolis

Risposta corretta: A

59. In his Divina Commedia, Dante…

A) undertakes a journey beyond the grave where he meets many famous people
B) reworks Aristophanes’ play in a modern setting
C) alternates triplets with sections in prose
D) is guided by Cicero, who accompanies him in the Inferno and Purgatory

Risposta corretta: A
60. Jonathan Livingston Seagull is …
   A) a short story by R. Bach
   B) an essay about the flight of birds
   C) a pirate tale set in the twentieth Century
   D) a science fiction story

Risposta corretta: A

61. A British director whose well-known films include Rebecca, Notorious, Psycho, Rear Window, The Birds …
   A) Alfred Hitchcock
   B) David Lean
   C) Ken Loach
   D) Joseph Losey

Risposta corretta: A

62. A science fiction film series, conceived and directed by George Lucas:
   A) Star Wars
   B) Star Trek
   C) Indiana Jones
   D) Stargate

Risposta corretta: A

63. Children of a Lesser God, Forrest Gump, Le huitième jour, Rainman are all films which deal, in different ways, with the subject of:
   A) disability
   B) difficult childhoods
   C) religion
   D) abuse of women

Risposta corretta: A

64. Harry Potter is …
   A) a fantasy series about a school for magicians and witchcraft
   B) a spy series about the exploits of a British Secret Service agent
   C) a series about some young entrepreneurs and the success of their start-up
   D) a series set in Lilliput

Risposta corretta: A

65. “After all, tomorrow is another day” is the retort made by …
   A) Scarlett O’Hara in the closing scene of Gone with the Wind
   B) Rose, after being saved by one of Titanic’s lifeboats
   C) Massimo Decimo Meridio in The Gladiator
   D) The android in Blade Runner

Risposta corretta: A

66. In The Threepenny Opera, Bertolt Brecht …
   A) portrays the environment of the London underworld
   B) sets the story at the time of the Thirty Years’ War
   C) sets the story in the Caucasus
   D) sets the story in China

Risposta corretta: A

67. A play by Shakespeare set in a fairy-tale time and place:
A) A Midsummer Night's Dream
B) Romeo and Juliet
C) The Merry Wives of Windsor
D) Hamlet

Risposta corretta: A

68. In Giuseppe Verdi’s opera *La traviata* …
   A) the story tells of Violetta, a young woman who leads an easy life of luxury because she knows that her life will be short
   B) the protagonist is the priestess Norma who, unknown to everyone, has two children
   C) one of the famous arias is ‘La donna é mobile’
   D) the part of the protagonist is sung by a contralto

Risposta corretta: A

69. Which of the following statements about Mozart is NOT correct?
   A) He had a long and happy life
   B) He began to play and compose music while still a child
   C) M. Forman’s film *Amadeus* was inspired by his life
   D) *The Magic Flute*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Don Giovanni* are among his well-known works

Risposta corretta: A

70. *Mamma mia*… is …
   A) a musical of ‘99 with songs by Abba
   B) a musical of ‘77 with songs by the Bee Gees
   C) a film in which the child protagonist loses his mother in a shopping centre
   D) a famous song by Claudio Villa

Risposta corretta: A

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY [ 71-80 ]

71. What is the function of “TASK MANAGER” in a Windows 10 PC?
   A) To monitor the processes which are running on the computer
   B) To explore the present files and folders
   C) To check the present devices
   D) To set the screen resolution

Risposta corretta: A

72. Is it always possible to copy data from a DVD-ROM (not video) to a hard disk?
   A) Yes
   B) Only where a DVD burner is available
   C) No, because DVDs have write-protection
   D) No, not in any case

Risposta corretta: A

73. Given the following email address: mario.rossi@gmail.com, the domain is:
   A) gmail.com
   B) @gmail
   C) mario.rossi
   D) mario.rossi@

Risposta corretta: A

74. What extension does a Microsoft Excel 2007 file have?
   A) XLSX
   B) PPTX
   C) DOCX
   D) PST

Risposta corretta: A
75. What is a mailing list?
   A) an email address which allows messages to be sent to multiple recipients
   B) a list of email addresses in a non-editable domain
   C) an address book containing a list of email addresses
   D) an archive of email addresses that cannot be changed

Risposta corretta: A

76. What is a link on a webpage?
   A) a connection to a file or another web page
   B) a connection between two audio files on the web
   C) a connection between two video files on the web
   D) a connection between two text files on the web

Risposta corretta: A

77. Which of the following statements about energy saving for a PC is false?
   A) it increases computer performance
   B) it lowers the PC speed to save power
   C) it lowers the screen brightness to save power
   D) it increases battery life

Risposta corretta: A

78. What are FAQ?
   A) a set of answers to frequently asked questions
   B) a quiz with questions which have to be answered
   C) questions which are still in need of answers
   D) a multiple choice quiz

Risposta corretta: A

79. An executable file or program on a windows PC has this extension:
   A) EXE
   B) ESE
   C) PRG
   D) FES

Risposta corretta: A

80. Where is a computer’s CPU physically connected?
   A) on the motherboard
   B) on the monitor
   C) on the video card
   D) on the audio card

Risposta corretta: A

Answer questions 81 & 82, ONLY if specifically instructed to do so by the Commission.

81. What is the bootstrap of a PC?
   A) The initial phase of loading the operating system
   B) The initial phase of loading a program
   C) The phase of blocking a program
   D) The procedure for switching off a PC

Risposta corretta: A

82. Rejection of Baroque art and a return to the classical principle of the ideal of beauty are typical features of …
A) Neoclassicism
B) classical art
C) Bernini
D) Impressionism

Risposta corretta: A