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01. What does the expression Cold War refer to?
   A) The political, ideological and military counter-positions of the USA and the USSR after the Second World War
   B) The intervention in Siberia by the powers of the Triple Entente during the First World War
   C) The Italian campaign in Russia during the Second World War
   D) The tension in the Middle East
   Correct answer: A

02. Why did the Church accuse Galileo Galilei of heresy?
   A) His heliocentric theory clashed with the values preached by the Catholic Church
   B) He practised the Protestant religion
   C) Because of his theories on the experimental method
   D) Because of his studies on pendulum motion
   Correct answer: A

03. Which is the correct historical sequence of the following events?
   B) The Discovery of America - The American Revolution - The Protestant Reformation - The Congress of Vienna
   C) The Discovery of America - The Protestant Reformation - The Congress of Vienna - The American Revolution
   D) The American Revolution - The Discovery of America - The Protestant Reformation - The Congress of Vienna
   Correct answer: A

04. Which strategy did Hitler adopt to lift Germany out of the economic crisis which originated in the Peace Treaties following the First World War?
   A) Financing huge public construction works and encouraging the arms industry
   B) Founding the Third Reich
   C) Reuniting all German-speaking people in one single large State
   D) Writing Mein Kampf
   Correct answer: A

05. What is meant by the term Holocaust?
   A) The genocide carried out by the Nazis and their allies against the Jews
   B) The proclamation of race laws by Nazi Germany
   C) The transformation of concentration camps into death camps
   D) Hitler's suicide in April 1945
   Correct answer: A

06. The invasion of the Bay of Pigs:
   A) was an attempt to overthrow the regime of Fidel Castro
   B) happened during the presidency of George Bush senior
   C) led to the construction of the Tijuana border wall between Mexico and California
   D) decreed victory for the United States over the Confederate States in America
   Correct answer: A

07. The Wars of the Roses involved:
   A) The Houses of Lancaster and York
   B) The Guelfs and the Ghibellines
   C) The Tudors and the Windsors
   D) The Hapsburgs and Lorraine
08. “That’s one small step for a man, but a giant leap for mankind”. Who spoke these words?
   A) Neil Armstrong, during the moon landing
   B) Lumiere, on the occasion of the first cinematic projection, in Turin
   C) Pasteur, regarding the invention of the pasteurisation process
   D) Pope Leo XIII, on issuing the encyclical *Rerum novarum*

Correct answer: A

09. What is meant by the expression *Industrial Revolution*?
   A) The radical change to the means of production which began at the end of the 1700s
   B) The strikes which took place in the early 1900s to obtain a reduction in factory working hours
   C) The overproduction which was a result of abandoning artisan methods
   D) The building of new housing for workers near the factories

Correct answer: A

10. What is meant by *the winning of the West*?
    A) The movement by the frontier pioneers towards the Pacific coast after the American War of Independence
    B) The extermination of the prairie Indians
    C) The nineteenth century gold rush
    D) The contention between France and Germany over possession of Alsace and Lorraine

Correct answer: A

11. What is meant by the term *destalinisation*?
    A) A set of measures which characterised USSR policy after the death of Stalin
    B) The policy of five-year plans established by Stalin
    C) The end of the Stalinist purges
    D) The closure of the gulags

Correct answer: A

12. The fall of the Berlin Wall…
    A) allowed for the reunification of Germany and is considered the symbol of the end of the Communist regimes in Europe
    B) reunited East and West Berlin, which had been divided for almost 100 years
    C) is linked to an initiative by groups of university students
    D) brought the Chancellor Angela Merkel to power

Correct answer: A

13. Which of the following statements about the *iron curtain* is NOT correct?
    A) It was established during the course of the Second World War
    B) It is an expression coined by Winston Churchill
    C) It divided Western Europe from Eastern Europe
    D) It reflected the division into two spheres of influence: Soviet and Anglo-American

Correct answer: A

14. What was the Gothic line?
    A) The German line of defence between Versilia and Rimini, during the Second World War
    B) The style which figured in the visual arts between 1300 and 1400
    C) The narrative genre in the late 18th century, characterised by elements of Romanticism and horror
    D) The line of advance by the barbarian hordes in the early Middle Ages

Correct answer: A

15. What is meant by the expression *Ground Zero*?
    A) An area in the southern part of Manhattan where the World Trade Centre complex once stood.
16. The term _Perestrojka_ means:
   A) The series of political-economic reforms started by Gorbačëv in the mid-80s
   B) The new transparency of communication and information by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
   C) The renovation of hundreds of buildings, in preparation for the Football World Cup, which takes place in Russia in 2018
   D) The new alliance with Saudi Arabia established by Putin
   Correct answer: A

17. What is _Fordism_?
   A) The organisation of work introduced at the beginning of the 20th century, based on assembly lines, mass production and cost reduction
   B) The film genre started by John Ford
   C) The system of industrial organisation put into practice by Ford in the 1990s
   D) The production system characterised by _just in time_ and _lean production_
   Correct answer: A

18. What is _Intifada_?
   A) Popular Arab insurgency aimed at ending the Israeli presence in Palestine
   B) A type of veil worn by Islamic women
   C) A traditional head-covering in middle-eastern and Arab culture
   D) A term in Arabic meaning "if God wishes it"
   Correct answer: A

19. What is meant by protectionism?
   A) An economic policy which tends to protect national productivity by means of the imposition of tariffs on foreign products
   B) An economic policy based on free trade
   C) A series of laws aimed at prohibiting the production, sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks
   D) The protection of endangered species
   Correct answer: A

20. The Girondins’ club, formed in 1795, was:
   A) one of the main political groupings prominent during the French Revolution
   B) a secret society during the Italian Reunification era
   C) a futuristic literary movement
   D) a Renaissance arts and crafts guild
   Correct answer: A

PHILOSOPHY [21-40]

21. What are the features of the philosophical-cultural movement known as _Positivism_?
   A) Faith in science and scientific-technological progress
   B) The centrality of man and the positive relations that man can instigate
   C) The antithesis of Negativism
   D) The coincidence of virtue and goodness with pleasure
   Correct answer: A

22. According to Descartes, the expression "_cogito ergo sum_":
   A) expresses the indisputable certainty that man has of himself as a thinking being
   B) highlights the freedom of thought of each human being
   C) is linked to Classical philosophy, particularly that of ancient Rome
   Correct answer: A
liberates thought from theology

Correct answer: A

23. Which of the following statements about Jean-Paul Sartre is NOT correct?

A) He is counted among the foremost thinkers of the Enlightenment
B) He was an exponent of existentialism
C) His key philosophical work is *Being and Nothingness*
D) He wrote several novels, including *Nausea*

Correct answer: A

24. Which of the following statements regarding the inductive method and deductive method is NOT correct?

A) They are synonyms
B) Induction is a process which leads from the particular to the universal
C) Deduction begins with the universal and arrives at the particular
D) In philosophy a distinction is made between the inductive methods of Bacon and Aristotle

Correct answer: A

25. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?

"Thus, from the consideration of ourselves, and what we [.....] find in our own constitutions, our reason leads us to the knowledge of this certain and evident [.....] that there is an eternal, most [.....], and most knowing being; which whether any one will please to call God, it [.....] not!" (J. Locke, An essay concerning human understanding)

A) infallibly - truth - powerful - matters
B) certainly - mistake - powerful - thinks
C) eternally - truth - powerless - needs
D) infallibly - lie - powerless - matters

Correct answer: A

26. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?

The status of truth in the [.....] sense, as correspondence to the facts, and its role as a regulative principle, may be compared to that of a mountain peak usually wrapped in clouds. A [.....] may not merely have difficulties in getting there – he may not know when he gets there, because he may be unable to distinguish, in the clouds, between the main summit and same [.....] peak. Yet this does not affect the objective existence of the summit, and if the climber tells us "I have some doubts whether I reached the actual summit", then he does, by implication, recognize the objective [.....] of the summit. The very idea of error, or of doubt (in its normal straightforward sense) implies the idea of an objective truth which we may fail to reach. (K. Popper, *Conjectures and Refutations*)

A) objective - climber - subsidiary - existence
B) subjective - climber - excellent - existence
C) known - biker - secondary - reality
D) objective - climber - minor - life

Correct answer: A

27. Which of the following statements does NOT concern Freud?

A) He formulated the theory of archetypes
B) The psyche is determined by three factors: the id, the ego and the super-ego
C) The fundamental principles determining the psyche are: Eros and Thanatos
D) He wrote *The Interpretation of Dreams*

Correct answer: A

28. "All that is real is rational; and all that is rational is real" is a proposition of Hegel's, which means:

A) reason is real in so far as it manifests itself in concrete form, everything in existence is a concrete manifestation of reason
B) man is incapable of understanding irrationality in its entirety
C) reason and sentiment necessarily coexist
D) reality is rational, non-reality is irrational

Correct answer: A

29. What did Socrates mean by the statement "I know that I know nothing"?
A) The awareness of not knowing is a stimulus to continue the search
B) There are limits to human knowledge
C) The wisest must spread knowledge
D) People must refer to the teachings of the masters

Correct answer: A

30. The Aristotelian syllogism:

A) is composed of three statements: two premises and a conclusion
B) it is a typically inductive form of reasoning
C) it is a probabilistic type of logic
D) it is logical reasoning which leads to an absurd conclusion

Correct answer: A

31. “The rhombus is a quadrilateral” was, for Kant, an example of:

A) an analytic a priori judgment
B) a synthetic a posteriori judgment
C) a synthetic a priori judgment
D) an immediate judgment

Correct answer: A

32. What is the central concept of Kant’s moral philosophy?

A) The categorical imperative
B) Pure reason
C) The aesthetic judgment
D) The present imperative

Correct answer: A

33. “Mankind, having been unable to cure death, poverty and ignorance have, in order to be happy, considered it preferable to not think about it.” This thought of Pascal recalls the principle of:

A) divertissement
B) negation
C) desperation
D) reality

Correct answer: A

34. Why is Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s Discourse on Inequality remembered?

A) It deals with the subject of the degeneration of humanity from a primitive, natural state to modern society
B) It deals with the subject of the Superman
C) It sets out the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity
D) It stigmatises the claim of “living in the best of all possible worlds”

Correct answer: A

35. What is the name of the philosophical school which appeals to experience as a norm of truth?

A) Empiricism
B) Syncretism
C) Scepticism
D) Utilitarianism

Correct answer: A

36. What is meant by the expression free will?

A) The philosophical-theological concept used to indicate the freedom of man: man’s actions derive from his autonomous choices
B) the concept underlying liberal theories
C) An alternative means to ordinary justice, used for resolving disputes
D) the founding concept of the Lutheran Reformation
37. Dionysian and Apollonian spirit, western decadence, the death of God, active nihilism and the Superman are concepts at the basis of the philosophy of:

A) F. W. Nietzsche  
B) Martin Heidegger  
C) Epicurus  
D) L. A. Feuerbach

Correct answer: A

38. What is meant by the term Neo-kantianism?

A) The widespread revival of interest in Kant between 1800 and 1900  
B) The innovative capacity of Kant’s thought  
C) The negation of Kant’s thought  
D) The development of Kant’s thought in his last works

Correct answer: A

39. Two bastions of John Stuart Mill’s philosophy are:

A) civil liberty and representative democracy  
B) civil liberty and absolute monarchy  
C) freedom and evolution  
D) freedom and utility

Correct answer: A

40. Marx saw philosophy as:

A) a means of promoting the emancipation of the proletariat  
B) a support for the revolution of ’68  
C) the ‘opium of the people’  
D) a means of preventing wars

Correct answer: A

GEOGRAPHY [41-50]

41. Geographical coordinates:

A) locate a point on the Earth’s surface  
B) are North, South, East, West  
C) are only expressed in degrees  
D) are X, Y, Z

Correct answer: A

42. Longitude:

A) is the distance measured in degrees from the Greenwich Meridian along the parallel arc where the point under consideration is located  
B) is followed by the indication North/South  
C) has sea-level as a reference  
D) has the Monte Mario meridian in Rome as a term of reference

Correct answer: A

43. Physical geography:

A) studies the physical features of the Earth and the natural processes which occur in the atmosphere, the geosphere and the hydrosphere  
B) studies physics as applied to geography  
C) studies the reciprocal relationship between man and the environment  
D) is concerned with map-making

Correct answer: A
44. What is meant by the expression active population?

A) The section of the population which is able to work  
B) Those looking for their first job  
C) Those who have reached the age of majority  
D) People involved in social work  

Correct answer: A

45. Why was the Suez Canal built?

A) to connect the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea and thus the Indian Ocean  
B) to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans  
C) to exit the Mediterranean via the Pillars of Hercules  
D) to connect the Pacific Ocean with the Indian Ocean  

Correct answer: A

46. What is the Big Bang?

A) a scientific theory expounded during the 20th Century which deals with the origin of the universe  
B) a theory linked to the origin of species  
C) a scientific theory now abandoned concerning the origin of the universe  
D) the theory of acquired characteristics proposed by Lamarck  

Correct answer: A

47. Which of the following statements does NOT concern plate tectonics?

A) Planet Earth has finished its evolutionary course  
B) The majority of scientists believe in this model of the Earth’s dynamics  
C) It explains seismic activity and orogeny  
D) It explains the distribution of fossil plants and animals during the geological eras  

Correct answer: A

48. What is the main cause of the increase in greenhouse gases?

A) the excessive amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere  
B) a rise in humidity  
C) the existence of heavily forested areas  
D) the increase in temperatures linked to the seasons  

Correct answer: A

49. What is meant by the term relocation?

A) The transfer of entire industrial plants from countries with highly-paid workforces to countries where the costs are considerably lower  
B) the identification of a geographical position by means of a device  
C) The phenomenon of colonies declaring their independence after the Second World War  
D) The trend of leaving metropolitan areas to move to rural ones  

Correct answer: A

50. The function of population policy is:

A) to alter the birth rate  
B) to take action in favour of the aging population which is constantly increasing  
C) to reduce to numbers of migrants arriving by sea  
D) wealth redistribution  

Correct answer: A

51. In architecture, what are the features of the so-called International Style?

A) Simple geometrical shapes, the use of reinforced concrete, steel, large windows and absence of decorative features  
B) It strongly evokes Greek and Roman architecture  

ART [51-55]
The use of particularly sinuous and elaborate forms which recall the Baroque style

Construction techniques linked to local tradition

Correct answer: A

52. Why did the Impressionists not gain the widespread approval of critics at the time?

A) because of the choice of everyday subjects, very distant from academia
B) because of the repetitive nature of the subjects chosen
C) because they used strong and contrasting background colours
D) because they frequently depicted nudes

Correct answer: A

53. Art Nouveau in France, Modern Style in England, the Liberty style in Italy are characterised by:

A) the use of curved lines, floral motifs, and the use of new materials
B) the marked references to the Classical period
C) the primacy of colour and daring colour combinations
D) artwork made using several materials

Correct answer: A

54. The painting called The Ideal City [la Città ideale] is:

A) an icon of the Italian Renaissance
B) a plan for cities in the future
C) belongs to the Veduta style of painting
D) strongly recalls the Classical era, in particular the Athens Acropolis

Correct answer: A

55. The Venus de Milo is:

A) an ancient Greek sculpture of Aphrodite which is in the Louvre in Paris
B) An alternative name for Botticelli’s Birth of Venus in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence
C) a woman philosopher active in Athens in the 5th Century BC
D) an opera by Wagner

Correct answer: A

56. Considered the father of the Italian language, he wrote Convivio and Vita Nova.

A) Dante Alighieri
B) Alessandro Manzoni
C) Giovanni Boccaccio
D) Luigi Pirandello

Correct answer: A

57. Agatha Christie is famous for having been:

A) a writer of detective novels
B) one of the architects of Modernism
C) A British Prime Minister in the 1980s
D) a winner of the Nobel prize for Physics

Correct answer: A

58. What does George Orwell mean by the expression Big Brother?

A) the body with the power to monitor everyone’s’ lives
B) a popular reality show
C) the importance of learning from one’s older brothers
D) a spiritual guide

Correct answer: A

59. The Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters is:
A) a collection of epitaphs from a cemetery in the Midwest
B) a film in three episodes set on the Spoon river area
C) a collection of stories in the picaresque, 'on the road' genre
D) a folk rock album

Correct answer: A

60. The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry is:

A) a novel about reaching maturity
B) an essay emphasising the superiority of republics over monarchies
C) an anthology of poetry
D) a courtly romance

Correct answer: A

CINEMA [ 61-65 ]

61. What is the name of the cinematographic style where the protagonists come from the lower classes, and deals with the Italian post-war economic situation, often using non-professional actors and featuring long outdoor shots?

A) Neorealism
B) "White telephone" films
C) Film noir
D) New Wave

Correct answer: A

62. In the film Modern Times, Charlie Chaplin:

A) gives a comic treatment to the alienation of modern life and the relationship between men and machines
B) makes a parody of Nazism
C) deals with the theme of the modern family: single parent and extended families
D) contrasts three generations

Correct answer: A

63. Apocalypse Now, Full Metal Jacket, Born on the Fourth of July, We were soldiers are all films which deal with the following theme, although in different ways:

A) the Vietnam War
B) the Apocalypse
C) differences in social status
D) negative aspects of progress

Correct answer: A

64. Soldier blue, Little Big Man, Jeremiah Johnson, Dances with wolves are all films which narrate stories of:

A) American Indians
B) war
C) hippies
D) gangsters

Correct answer: A

65. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire were:

A) an American singing, dancing and acting couple, active in the 1930s-40s
B) a notorious couple of American outlaws in the 1930s
C) a famous couple who were French physicists
D) two French existentialist philosophers

Correct answer: A

THEATRE AND MUSIC [ 66-70 ]

66. In his play Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller:

A) portrays the dark side of the American Dream
B) deals with the theme of exploitation in the cotton plantations
C) recounts a troubled love story set in Revolutionary France
D) treats the subject of disability

Correct answer: A

67. The play which recounts the story of two families opposed to one another (the Montagues and the Capulets), and the love story of two young people who belong to these families, is:

A) Romeo and Juliet
B) West Side Story
C) I Promessi Sposi
D) Othello

Correct answer: A

68. The opera Don Giovanni by Mozart tells the story of:

A) a licentious nobleman who spends his time seducing women
B) a Dominican father in spiritual retreat
C) a Mafia boss
D) a powerful and petty-minded squire who lived in Italy in the seventeenth century

Correct answer: A

69. Which of the following statements about Henrik Ibsen is NOT correct?

A) He was a famous Norwegian painter
B) He influenced twentieth century drama
C) Some of his female characters are memorable
D) His works have a bourgeois setting

Correct answer: A

70. Saturday Night Fever is:

A) a musical from 1977 which features a dance competition to the sound of More Than a Woman by the Bee Gees
B) a documentary about the Woodstock Festival
C) a film set in Los Angeles starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts
D) a film set in New York which deals with the theme of vigilante justice

Correct answer: A

71. What is Chrome OS?

A) An operating system such as Microsoft Windows
B) A web browser such as Firefox
C) A web-based app
D) A smartphone app

Correct answer: A

72. What is RAM?

A) The memory used by a PC to run programs
B) A part of the CPU (Processor)
C) An external hard-drive such as a USB flash drive
D) The card containing the computer’s BIOS

Correct answer: A

73. What extension does a Microsoft Word 2007 file have?

A) DOCX
B) PPTX
C) JPG
D) XLSX

Correct answer: A
74. Which of the following statements about a DVD burner is correct?
   A) It can read and write normal CDs as well
   B) It can only read and write DVDs but not CDs
   C) It can only read normal CDs
   D) It can only write normal CDs

Correct answer: A

75. What is meant by the term streaming?
   A) The flow of audio/video data from a source to one or more users through a communication network
   B) Downloading copyright-protected videos from the internet
   C) All websites which transmit high-quality videos
   D) A software program for high-quality reproduction of videos

Correct answer: A

76. What is a word processor?
   A) A program for processing text
   B) A processor specifically designed for office use
   C) A software program for surfing the web
   D) A graphics processing unit for 3D

Correct answer: A

77. A company’s private network is also called:
   A) Intranet
   B) Extranet
   C) Internet
   D) ADSL

Correct answer: A

78. What hardware is used to convert paper texts and images for use on a PC?
   A) A scanner
   B) A printer
   C) A plotter
   D) A mouse

Correct answer: A

79. Which of the following options from (A) to (D) indicates the correct statements?
   To move a file from one folder to another on a PC with Windows 10 installed:
   1) use the cut and paste function
   2) use the copy and paste function
   3) drag the file from one folder to another while holding down the SHIFT key
   4) drag the file from one folder to another while holding down the CTRL key

   A) 1-3
   B) 1-2
   C) 1-4
   D) 2-4

Correct answer: A

80. The folders in a computer with a Windows operating system may contain:
   A) other folders and files
   B) only folders
   C) only files
   D) a maximum of 100 files

Correct answer: A

Rispondete alle successive domande 81 e 82 SOLO se espressamente indicato dalla Commissione.
81. Put the following great thinkers in their correct chronological order:

A) Plato - Galileo Galilei - Immanuel Kant - Karl Popper
B) Plato - Galileo Galilei - Karl Popper - Immanuel Kant
C) Galileo Galilei – Plato - Immanuel Kant - Karl Popper
D) Galileo Galilei - Immanuel Kant - Karl Popper – Plato

Correct answer: A

82. Painting *en plein air*, capturing the changing moment, using pure colours and abandoning chiaroscuro are typical features of:

A) Impressionism
B) Cubism
C) the work of Caravaggio
D) Abstractionism

Correct answer: A