

## 【英検<sup>®</sup>準 1 級】小問集合 1/4

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時間: 15(18)分

To complete each item, choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

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- (1) The long-term benefit of trust often (     ) short-term profit in business. Even if a risky deal looks attractive, many managers choose the safer option.  
① captivates ② declares ③ outweighs ④ grasps
- (2) Please write your email address in a (     ) way on this form. If your handwriting is unclear, the staff may not be able to contact you later.  
① tentative ② legible ③ tragic ④ spacious
- (3) He was sentenced to (     ) for fraud after a long investigation. Although it was his first offense, the judge said the damage to victims was too serious to ignore.  
① circulation ② commencement ③ aviation ④ imprisonment
- (4) A small but (     ) group protested outside city hall throughout the night. They shouted slogans continuously and refused to leave even after the police asked them to disperse.  
① illogical ② fanatical ③ mellow ④ holistic
- (5) The bridge was (     ) constructed with thick steel beams and strong bolts. While other structures collapsed in the storm, this one remained stable and safe for traffic.  
① fondly ② sturdily ③ loyally ④ vastly
- (6) Good teachers do more than explain facts; they (     ) curiosity in their students. By giving careful feedback and asking

questions, they help learners think independently.

① swallow ② nurture ③ tickle ④ litter

(7) The report warns that carbon ( ) could double by 2050 if no action is taken. It also suggests that cleaner energy and stricter regulations would reduce pollution significantly.

① collisions ② settlements ③ emissions ④ withdrawals

(8) The research station is so ( ) that supplies arrive only once a month. Because there is no nearby hospital, the staff must prepare carefully for emergencies.

① swift ② virtual ③ remote ④ blunt

(9) Despite repeated criticism from colleagues, she ( ) with her plan until it succeeded. In the end, her steady effort proved that her approach was more effective than expected.

① diluted ② persisted ③ corrected ④ fainted

(10) The editor improved the ( ) of the article by cutting unnecessary details and reorganizing key points. As a result, even readers unfamiliar with the topic could follow the argument easily.

① preference ② shelter ③ clarity ④ appetite

(11) Sales showed a sharp ( ) after the scandal was reported on TV. To regain customers, the company apologized publicly and introduced stricter rules for quality control.

① ramp ② suite ③ dip ④ coma

(12) Checking his phone during meals had become a ( ) habit for him. Even when his family asked him to stop, he reached for it automatically without thinking.

① sacred ② habitual ③ stale ④ miserly

- (13) He bought expensive shoes to impress others at the party, but the gesture felt ( ). After all, he cared more about appearance than about having a meaningful conversation with anyone.  
① crafty ② unsound ③ vain ④ inopportune
- (14) Her conclusion sounded ( ) and well organized at first. However, when the data was examined closely, it became clear that her main claim lacked solid evidence.  
① rational ② downcast ③ steep ④ lawless
- (15) The university ( ) met to discuss changes to the curriculum next year. After several heated debates, they voted to add more writing courses for first-year students.  
① retainer ② seizure ③ faculty ④ custody
- (16) The athlete trained carefully to ( ) his performance throughout the season. Without proper rest and nutrition, even talented players may lose their strength halfway through the year.  
① sustain ② impair ③ dispatch ④ mistrust
- (17) Nurses often work on ( ) shifts at large hospitals. For one week they may work days, and the next week they switch to late nights, which can be exhausting.  
① exerting ② devoting ③ dissolving ④ rotating
- (18) On ( ), he apologized immediately, though he still disagreed with her opinion. Later, he admitted that he should have thought more carefully before speaking.  
① vacuum ② impulse ③ pessimism ④ pitch
- (19) The hikers were fined for ( ) on private land near the forest. They claimed they were lost, but the owner said warning signs had been placed clearly along the path.  
① endorsing ② convening ③ swaying ④ trespassing

- (20) She managed to ( ) her rival by predicting his next move in advance. Instead of reacting emotionally, she stayed calm and used logic to control the situation.  
① update ② inflame ③ outsmart ④ shepherd
- (21) After a sleepless night, I felt ( ) and could not focus at work. I tried drinking coffee, but it only made me more irritated and less productive.  
① sly ② steady ③ weary ④ hasty
- (22) When the alarm rang, the firefighters ( ) the burning building without hesitation. They searched each floor quickly and rescued two people who were trapped near a stairway.  
① tucked in ② whipped up ③ plunged into ④ wheeled out
- (23) My old laptop often ( ) when I run heavy software for video editing. Sometimes it freezes completely, and I have to restart it several times before it works normally again.  
① peels away ② dies down ③ acts up ④ falls apart
- (24) Because of the typhoon, they decided to ( ) the outdoor event at the last minute. Although many people were disappointed, safety had to come first in such dangerous weather.  
① opt for ② pay up ③ call off ④ get by
- (25) Many desert plants can ( ) very little water for months at a time. They store moisture in thick stems and survive until the next rainy season arrives.  
① rip up ② roll around ③ wash down ④ live on

- 20 点以上:かなり安定(語彙は強み)
- 16~19 点:合格圏(準 1 級 OK)
- 13~15 点:要強化(語彙が足を引っ張る)
- 12 点以下:基礎語彙・語法の再構築が必要