

Test

for Reading Authentic Materials in English

This test is divided into 5 parts.

Part I : Vocabulary

Part II : Error Identification

Part III : GRAMMAR

Part IV : Signs & Symbols

Part V : Reading

Part I : VOCABULARY

Directions : Choose the correct answer by marking X on the letters A, B, C, D or E.

1. I can't understand why people buy _____ because they don't contain real news, just gossip.
A. a newspaper
B. a tabloid
C. a political news
D. a magazine
E. a sports news
2. I think I prefer _____ because they are really good fun to watch and often have a catchy tune or song to go with them.
A. cold call
B. cartoons
C. a magazine
D. TV commercials
E. pop-ups
3. I hardly ever pay attention to adverts in the _____ because they aren't very attractive.
A. magazine
B. newspaper
C. TV commercials
D. tabloid
E. The Gardians
4. The provided diagram shows data on _____ categories in energy producing sectors in Europe starting from 1925 and till 1985.
A. employment
B. employer
C. boss
D. fruit juice
E. employee
5. The given _____ represent the proportion of male and female employee in 6

broad categories, divided into manual and non-manual occupations in Freedonia.

- A. bar charts
B. pie charts
C. table
- D. circle graph
E. line graph
6. The chart gives information on _____ of 4 European countries on six consumer products namely Germany, Italy, Britain and France.
- A. information
B. products
C. total products
- D. consumer
E. expenditures
7. The supplied bar graph compares the number of male and female graduated in three _____ while the table data presents the overall literacy rate in these countries.
- A. developing countries
B. to be developing
C. to being developed
- D. developed countries
E. to have developed
8. The bar graph and the table _____ depict the water use in different sectors in five regions.
- A. regions
B. data
C. sectors
- D. reasons
E. water use
9. My aunt brought a present. She was excited to _____ it to my sister.
- A. bring
B. carry
C. like
- D. take
E. get
10. The practical joke upset a few of the boys. A _____ is not always funny.
- A. fun
B. question
C. trick
- D. jogging
E. answer
11. Safety was a serious subject. Our committee discussed the _____.
- A. topic
B. object
C. heading
- D. thing
E. matter
12. An unknown teenager came to the park. The class avoided the _____.

- A. parker
B. companion
C. friendship
- D. stranger
E. member
13. The directions on the bottle were "once a day". Medicines always come with a _____.
- A. label
B. chart
C. notice
- D. notice
E. note-taking
14. It was a box wrapped in brown paper. A _____ had come in the mail.
- A. bag
B. plastic bag
C. box
- D. package
E. basket
15. Louis began to lose the feeling in his fingers. His hands became _____.
- A. shaky
B. stiffed
C. drifted
- D. ached
E. numb
16. His visit was not expected. The students enjoyed the _____.
- A. surprise
B. pleasant
C. dull
- D. worried
E. easy

Part II : Error Identification

Directions : Mark X on the letters A, B, C, D or E which is grammatically wrong.

17. Although most of its (A) land is (B) uninhabitable, Alaska is larger (C) than any (D) state. No error. (E)

ANS. (D) any other state

18. The members of the jury was (A) unmoved by (B) the defendant's plea for leniency (C) and returned a verdict (D) of guilty. No error. (E)

ANS. (A) were

19. A fan of musicals (A), Marla enjoyed (B) the movie Into the Woods more (C) than her friend (D). No Error.

ANS. (D) friends did

20. Due to (A) an accident on I-285 (B), John missed (C) a meeting with (D) an important client. No error. (E)

ANS. (A) Because of

21. If she would have (A) spent more time studying than (B) she did partying, Jane might not (C) have had (D) to attend summer school. No error. (E)

ANS. (A) had spent

22. The writing workshop had fewer (A) attendees and the most (B) problems than any other event (C) I attended at the convention (D). No error. (E)

ANS. (B) more

23. The reason Steve chose (A) the least prestigious university was that (B) they (C) offered him the greatest number (D) of scholarships. No error. (E)

ANS. (C) it

24. A group of underprivileged students (A), led by a charismatic senior, has staged (B) a protest against (C) the proposed increase in (D) tuition yesterday. No error. (E)

ANS. (B) no yesterday

25. Whoever (A) sells the most (B) protection agreements during (C) the month of December will receive (D) a holiday bonus. No error. (E)

ANS. (A) Who/Whoever

26. I had (A) the strangest sense of (B) déjà vu when (C) I met my daughter's (D) new chemistry teacher. No error. (E)

ANS. (E) -

Part III : GRAMMAR

27. I've been so busy all week. I don't want to do anything at the weekend – I'll just stay at home and _____.

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| A. have a relax | D. make a rest |
| B. make it easy | E. make a test |
| C. take it easy | |

28. What time do you go to _____ every day?

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| A. work | D. office |
| B. job | E. worksite |
| C. workplace | |

29. It's a good idea, but it's _____ that the boss will agree with you.

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| A. improbably | D. unprobably |
| B. likely | E. seem like |
| C. unlikely | |

30. We nearly missed the plane—we were only just _____.

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| A. timely | D. in time |
| B. in time for | E. out of time |
| C. on time | |

31. You can't smoke here – please _____ your cigarette.

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| A. put out | D. put away |
| B. put down | E. put off |
| C. put up with | |

32. She's capable of _____ forget my own name.

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| A. making me to | D. making me |
| B. having to | E. having me |
| C. having made | |

33. She was _____ hang up when I answered the phone.

- A. by
B. about to
C. thinking of
- D. considering
E. to
34. I think I'm _____ against.
- A. having plotted
B. being plotted
C. plotting
- D. have plotted
E. having been plotted
35. In 1998 she published the book _____ make Cheryl Dawn a household name in the US.
- A. that was to
B. which
C. would
- D. that might have
E. what
36. I'm anxious _____ to get home in time to meet his granddad.
- A. that he
B. for him
C. about him
- D. he has
E. to him
37. They had the luck to be present when history _____ .
- A. had made
B. about to make
C. made
- D. was being made
E. had been made
38. My neighbours are so noisy. They _____ always move furniture around first thing in the morning.
- A. might
B. do
C. should
- D. will
E. may
39. We _____ regret that our presentation has been cancelled.
- A. very
B. would like to
C. much
- D. have
E. may be
40. Mrs. Brown's death came as no surprise, as she was said _____ ill for a long time.





- A. to be
B. to have been
C. she had been
- D. she was
E. she cleaned
41. Where do you think _____ to spend my summer holidays?
A. I should
B. a good place
C. I might
D. I must
E. might be the best place
42. She didn't marry James, because her parents _____ .
A. wanted her
B. were against
C. were against it
D. haven't liked him
E. have to against
43. Thanks for having me! I've had _____ with you guys.
A. so fun
B. such fun
C. good time
D. so good time
E. too fun
44. _____ at the top of the hill, I could see the whole town.
A. Standing
B. Being stood
C. I had been standing
D. As I stand
E. To standing
45. The future of the planet doesn't look too good, but there isn't much _____ .
A. I can make about it
B. I can do about it
C. can I do about it
D. I can't do about it
E. I to can do
46. Most of my colleagues supported the idea, but a few were _____ it.
A. for
B. against
C. opposed
D. behind
E. denied
47. Whenever I visited her, my grandma _____ my favourite cake for me.

- A. would make
B. use to make
C. would have made
- D. have made
E. would have to make
48. There is going to be less unemployment this year, or so the newspaper _____.
A. tells
B. thinks
C. write
D. says
E. asks
49. Their business hasn't taken off as expected, _____, they are happy that the number of their customers is increasing.
A. furthermore
B. inasmuch as
C. nonetheless
D. however
E. moreover
50. I wish you _____ checking my e-mails. You're invading my privacy.
A. will stop
B. have stopped
C. would stop
D. are going to stop
E. will to stop
51. Please, let me know why _____ the meeting.
A. you didn't attend
B. didn't you attend
C. you didn't attend to
D. you didn't go
E. you didn't to attend
52. Avoid _____ questions that are too personal in a job interview.
A. you should answer
B. having answered
C. to answer
D. answering
E. being answered
53. Jim hasn't met the new boss yet, and _____.
A. me too
B. neither I have
C. neither have I
D. I haven't
E. I haven't neither
54. It took a long time _____ accepted.

- A. or the theory to be D. while the theory became
B. until the theory E. unlike to be the theory
C. the theory was
55. There are strict rules against students ____ their mobile phones at the school premises.
- A. using D. having used
B. want to use E. used
C. are using
56. I couldn't get in touch with her, even though I'd tried all possible _____ of communication.
- A. ways D. tools
B. thing E. method
C. means
57. Due to lacking _____ , we couldn't open the new store as scheduled.
- A. interest rates D. funds
B. expenses E. money
C. shares
58. I congratulated Josh on _____ given the job.
- A. was D. that he
B. having been E. to been
C. had been
59. Even though Jack had made a fortune, he _____ working as a consultant.
- A. was going on D. had gone
B. went on E. be gone
C. went to
60. I stopped _____ a phone call on my way home.
- A. making D. for make
B. for making E. to making
C. to make

Part IV : Signs & Symbols

Directions : Choose the most common signs found with purposes.

61.  A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
 C. This sign tells you not to park here.
 D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.
62.  A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
 C. This sign tells you not to park here.
 D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.
63.  A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
 C. This sign tells you not to park here.
 D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.
64.  A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
 C. This sign tells you not to park here.
 D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.



- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
- B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
- C. This sign tells you not to park here.
- D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
- E. This sign tells you to ask for help.



- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
- B. This sign tells you be quiet.
- C. This sign tells you not to park here.
- D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
- E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.



- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
- B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
- C. This sign tells you escalator goes.
- D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
- E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.



- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
- B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
- C. This sign tells you not to park here.
- D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
- E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.



- 69.
- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 - B. This sign tells you not to get closer.
 - C. This sign tells you not to park here.
 - D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 - E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.



- 70.
- A. The sign that shows way to escape.
 - B. This sign tells you not to smoke.
 - C. This sign tells you there's the fire equipment.
 - D. This sign tells you to wear eye protection.
 - E. This sign tells you it's dangerous.








Where can you see these signs?




- 71.
- A. at hospital
 - B. at school
 - C. at the train station
 - D. at the hotel
 - E. in the office



- 72.
- A. at hospital
 - B. at school
 - C. at the customs
 - D. at the hotel
 - E. in the office

73.  A. at hospital D. at the hotel
B. at school E. at the airport
C. at the train station
74.  A. at hospital D. at the playground
B. at the store E. in the pond
C. at the train station
75.  A. at hospital D. at the hotel
B. at school E. in the office
C. at the train station
76.  A. at the park D. at the hotel
B. at school E. in the office
C. at the train station
77.  A. at hospital D. in the park
B. at school E. in the office
C. at the train station
78.  A. on the road side D. at the hotel
B. at school E. in the office
C. at the train station
79.  A. at hospital D. at the hotel

80.  80. B. at school E. in the office
 C. at the train station
- A. at hospital D. at the mall
 B. at school E. in the office
 C. at the train station

Part V : Reading

Read the following ads. Choose the best answer.

HELP WANTED

FT sales person needed to work M-F, 7 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Exp. required. Hourly pay with benefits of health insurance and 1 week paid vacation. Must at least 18 yrs. old. Apply in person to Best Buy, 2016 Briarfield, Newport News. Ask for Mrs. Rosemund. Application accepted Mon. – Wed., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

81. What is one of the benefits of this job?
- A. Experience D. medical coverage and paid vacation
 B. Medical coverage E. one week paid vacation
 C. Experience and medical coverage
82. What is the requirement for this job?
- A. Must be under 18 years old D. Must be over 18 years old & experience
 B. Must have health insurance E. Must work Monday to Friday
 C. Must work Monday-Wednesday
83. What must you do to be hired for this job?
- A. Must apply online D. Must apply in person & ask Mrs. Rosemund
 B. Must send a resume E. Must not have experience
 C. Must meet Mrs. Rosemund
84. What information does this ad **not** given?
- A. When to apply D. Where to apply
 B. Benefits E. health insurance
 C. Amount to pay

HELP WANTED. WAITERS & WAITRESSES

PT workers need for Sat. & Sun. Must be able to work afternoons and evenings. 2hr+ tips. Must be friendly, reliable, neat clean. No exp.nec. Apply in person at Red Robin Restaurant, Patrick Henry Mall, Newport News before Feb. 20. Ask for manager.

85. Is the job full-time or part-time?
- A. a part-time job
 - B. a full-time job
 - C. an hour job
 - D. a job only 2 hours
 - E. a job with tips
86. What days will you work if you get this job?
- A. Sunday
 - B. Saturday & Sunday
 - C. only Sunday
 - D. weekends
 - E. weekday
87. What time will you work if you get this job?
- A. in the afternoon
 - B. in the evening
 - C. afternoons & evenings
 - D. 1:00 p.m.
 - E. 5:00 p.m.
88. What the requirements for this job?
- A. Must be friendly.
 - B. Must be neat & clean
 - C. Must be reliable
 - D. Must be friendly, neat & clean
 - E. Must be reliable and clean
89. Where is this job?
- A. a new restaurant
 - B. Newport News
 - C. Patrick Henry Mall
 - D. The Mall
 - E. Red Robin Restaurant
90. How do you apply for this job?
- A. in person
 - B. via mail
 - C. By post
 - D. by letter
 - E. by phone

Find the subject and main verb in each of the following sentences and answer the questions.

NEW YORK (UPI) - Firefighters returning to the scene of a minor blaze yesterday found thousands of gallons of highly toxic chemicals in an abandoned Brooklyn manufacturing company.

91. What are the main subject and verb of this news?

- A. Firefighters found
- B. Thousands of gallon found
- C. Firefighters abandoned
- D. Firefighters blazed
- E. Brooklyn found

92. This story is about...

- A. a small fire.
- B. the finding of dangerous chemicals.
- C. a manufacturing company which produces dangerous chemicals.
- D. Firefighters died.
- E. Toxic waste found.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) – Five Muslim fundamentalists convicted of the assassination of President Anwar Sadat were executed early Thursday, hour after a clemency plea was rejected by Hosni Murabak, Sadat’s successor.

93. What are the main subject and verb of this news?

- A. Fundamentalists were seized.
- B. The assassination of Murabak.
- C. The plea was rejected.
- D. Fundamentalists were executed.
- E. The successor was killed.

94. This story is about...

- A. the execution of five assassins.
- B. the conviction of five assassins.
- C. the replacement of Anwar Sadat by Hosni Mubarak.
- D. the accusation of Murabak.
- E. Murabak rejected the plea.

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) - The first planeload of medicines and medical equipment assembled by international relief agencies was sent to Phnom Penh Thursday from Ho Chi Minh City.

95. What are the main subject and verb of this news?

- A. International agencies sent.
- B. The equipment loaded.
- C. Medicines and medical equipment was sent.
- D. The equipment assembled.
- E. The medicines assembled.

96. This story is about...

- A. the assembling of medicines and medical equipment.
- B. the sending of medicines and medical equipment.
- C. the opening of an air route between Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City.
- D. the loaded medicines from Ho Chi Minh City.
- E. the equipment assembled by international agencies.

TOKYO (AP) - A Japanese-Chinese from Manchuria, separated from his family since the end of World War II, met his parents in Osaka Thursday in a tearful reunion that coincided with the 3rd anniversary of Japan's surrender to the Allied Forces.

97. What are the main subject and verb of this news?

- A. the reunion met the parents.
- B. the Allied Forces met.
- C. the surrender coincided.
- D. Manchuria met his parents.
- E. A Japanese-Chinese met his parents.

98. This story is about...

- A. the reuniting of a man with his parents.
- B. the end of World War II.
- C. the 33rd anniversary of Japan's surrender.
- D. the surrender reunion.
- E. the Allied Forces met.

SANTA FE, New Mexico (Reuter) - Princess Anne, asked how she felt being an aunt with the birth of a son to her brother, Prince Charles, and the Princess of Wales, told reporters, "That's my business!"

99. What are the main subject and verb of this news?

- A. Princess Anne was told.
- B. Princess Anne told.
- C. Princess Anne was asked.
- D. the Princess of Wales asked.
- E. Princess Anne be asked.

100. This story is about...

- A. the aunt of Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales.
- B. the birth of prince.
- C. a statement by Princess Anne.
- D. the reporter asked Princess Anne.
- E. The Princess Anne told.