

The placement test for the 12th grade student

Name: _____

Grade: _____

VARIATION A

60 minutes

PART I

GRAMMAR

(26 items x 1 mark each = 26)

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Did you have a good time _____ Christmas?
A) to B) over C) for D) at E) by
2. Fishermen earn _____ living by catching fish from the sea.
A) they B) their C) them D) themselves E) theirs
3. Everyone has to do _____ own research.
A) their B) his C) them D) him E) its
4. In the Sonara Desert, the day time temperatures _____ to 50 degrees Celsius.
A) rises B) rising C) to rise D) risen E) rise
5. Mr. Tuvshin _____ trouble with his car, so he has to take the bus to work these days.
A) having B) had had C) to have D) is having E) was having
6. Mr. Gochoo sometimes wishes he _____ better qualified for his job.
A) was B) can C) will D) would E) were
7. The planning team seldom _____ before 6.00 am.
A) met B) are meeting C) were meeting D) have been met E) to meet
8. The use of computers _____ increased in recent years.
A) did B) has C) will D) have E) are
9. Yesterday Tulgaa _____ a street when a truck turned the corner very fast and almost hit him.
A) has been crossing B) has crossed C) had crossed
D) was crossing E) crosses
10. By the time we arrived at the theatre, the movie _____.
A) has already started B) was already started C) already started
D) has been started E) had already started
11. Suren's children are used to _____ after school every day. They don't have to walk home.
A) picking up B) be picked up C) pick up D) being picked up E) picked up
12. The new boss hopes _____ his assignment before the deadline.
A) finish B) to finish C) finished D) finishing E) finishes

13. If I could speak Spanish, I _____ next year studying in Mexico.
A) would have spent B) had spent C) will spend
D) should spend E) would spend
14. Everyone who wants to go should be _____ to get a ticket.
A) able B) wish C) have D) must E) managing
15. This receipt should _____ to your application form J-56.
A) attach B) be attached C) be attaching D) have attached E) to attach
16. After the contract _____, everybody celebrated.
A) signed B) was signed C) had signed D) was signing E) signed by
17. Mr. Tengis is the kind of manager _____ will always try to listen to his workers.
A) who B) whom C) when D) which E) whose
18. Each of the reference _____ available in the school library.
A) books on that list are B) books on this list were C) book on that list is
D) book on that list is E) books on that list is
19. This exercise will give you _____ practice.
A) farther B) had better C) as better D) a lot E) much more
20. "There is too much noise in this room. I can't understand what _____."
A) is the professor saying B) the professor is saying C) is saying the professor D) that the professor is saying E) the professor are saying
21. Since I bought my son a set of drums, the noise _____ my wife and me crazy, but I suppose we _____ will get used to it pretty soon.
A) drove B) are driving C) had been driving
D) will be driving E) has been driving
22. The merchant looked _____, but she wasn't. I discovered when I got home that she had cheated me.
A) honest B) honestly C) honesty D) fairly E) honesties
23. I have decided what to do for my holiday. _____ to Huvsgul lake.
A) I am going to go B) I will go C) I shall go
D) I will be going to E) I will have gone to
24. I wish it _____ winter so that I could go skiing.
A) is B) were C) will be D) had been E) be
25. Telmen's father bought him _____ bicycle that he wanted for _____ his birthday.
A) -/the B) a/- C) the/- D) the/a E) -/a
26. Most restaurants in my city have two separate dining areas. Customers can sit _____ in the smoking area _____ in the nonsmoking area.

A) had/better B) whether/or C) neither/or D) would/rather E) either/or

Vocabulary (18 items x 1 mark each = 18)

Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

27. When I was hiking in the mountains I _____ on a snake.
A) carried B) surprised C) went D) tripped E) stepped
28. They stopped along the road to watch the _____ birds feeding in the grass.
A) color B) colors C) colorfully D) coloring E) colorful
29. If you don't know a word, you should _____ in the dictionary.
A) look around B) see it C) look it up D) look it over E) look through
30. Mary looked up the fastest train to Glasgow in the _____.
A) dictionary B) timetable C) program D) catalogue E) referendum
31. Turn _____ the light when you leave the room, please.
A) in B) through C) over D) under E) off
32. You can't tell what someone is like just from their _____.
A) personality B) appearance C) character D) looking E) face off
33. Would you prefer _____ potatoes or chips?
A) poached B) ground C) mashed D) powdered E) pickled
34. The manager can speak five languages _____.
A) good B) fluency C) free D) fluently E) fluent
35. _____ Paul brings the money for our lunch, we'll go right down to the cafeteria.
A) Now that B) Since C) Until D) Whatever E) As soon as
36. Is the hamburger for you to eat here, or to _____ ?
A) outside B) go out C) sit down D) carry on E) takeaway
37. Mr. Sambuu had his money stolen and couldn't _____ his hotel bill.
A) pay out B) pay C) pay off D) pay in E) pay for
38. This clock _____ on two small batteries.
A) goes B) moves C) runs D) has E) drives
39. As the little boy cried, large _____ rolled down his cheeks.
A) sweat B) drips C) water D) streams E) tears
40. I like street markets, because you shop in the open _____.
A) prices B) sunshine C) air D) bargains E) barter

41. I've got a headache, and I don't feel very _____.
A) well B) health C) sorry D) simple E) nervous
42. After the wedding ceremony, guests attended a _____ in the hall downstairs.
A) lounge B) reservoir C) reception D) anniversary E) lunch
43. Tennis is a sport that _____ a lot of pleasure.
A) demands B) takes C) requires D) provides E) obtains
44. The flight was _____ because of bad weather conditions that developed after takeoff.
A) late B) cancel C) taking off D) overbooked E) lately

COMMUNICATION

(6 items x 2 marks each = 12)

A. Look at the NOTICE BOARDS. Someone asks you what it means. Choose the best answer

45.

cyclist dismount here

A) We sell bikes here.
B) Cyclists should ride a cycle here.
C) You can hire a cycle here.
D) Cyclists should train here.
E) Cyclists should get off their bikes here.
46.

flats to let

A) This is a private flat.
B) This flat is for sale.
C) Renting flat is not available.
D) A flat is vacant for renting.
E) Let's share the flat.
47.

do not alight from the bus whilst it is in motion

A) This is a coach.
B) Don't get off the bus while it's moving.
C) Don't get off the bus while it's at the station.
D) You mustn't stop the bus.
E) The bus is in motion.
48.

no through road for motor vehicles

A) There is no way out at the other end for cars.
B) Start going more slowly.
C) You may drive through this road.
D) This is the road for public transportation.
E) There is a junction ahead.
49.

fishing : permit holders only

A) Fish is served here.
B) These fish can hurt people.
C) People with special cards are allowed to fish here.
D) These fish permit holders only.

E) People with special permission may not fish here.

50.

no admission to
unaccompanied
minors
- A) No admission ticket please.
B) Minor operation is underway.
C) People unaccompanied by a guide will not be admitted.
D) You are not allowed to enter without a ticket.
E) Young people under 18 can only come if they are with an adult.

B. Choose the best response. (6 items x 2 marks each = 12)

51. Lucy : Oh, no! Someone has broken into my apartment! What should I do?
Jimmy : _____
Lucy : I'll call them now.
A) Yes, of course. C) Oh, clean up this mess.
B) You are supposed to touch everything before you call the police.
D) You ought to call the police. E) You had better not call the police.
52. Paul : Ted, I'd like you to meet Sandra. She's an old friend of mine.
Ted : _____
A) Well, that's possible. B) How old are you?
C) What a small world. D) Good night.
E) Hello. It's nice to meet you.
53. Bold : How much do I owe you?
Suren : _____
A) It costs a lot. B) 2,000 tugrugs.
C) You must pay at all costs. D) Too expensive.
E) Cheaper than you think.
54. Person A : Hello, could I speak to Barry Perkins, please?
Person B : _____
A) Saying. B) Talking. C) Discussing.
D) Telling. E) Speaking.
55. Employer : I will send you the application form by fax.
Applicant : _____
A) Let's go, then. B) You are welcome.
C) That's very kind. D) Go straight on.
E) That's funny.

56. Bayar : I moved to a new flat last week.

- Ganbat : _____
A) How long have you lived there?
B) Oh, really? What's she like?
C) Make yourself at home.
D) Oh really? What's it like?
E) Thanks. I'll be there on time.

READING

(6 items x 3 marks each = 18)

A. Read the following article : For questions 37-42, choose the best answer :

Writer John Buchan was born in Perth in Scotland in 1875. His father was a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and the year after John's birth, the family moved to Fife. They later moved to Gorbals in Glasgow and it is here that Buchan received his education, attending Hutcheson's Grammar School and the University of Glasgow.

By the time he went to Brasenose College, Oxford, Buchan had already written articles for various periodicals, and while there, he published his first novel, *Sir Quixote of the Moors* in 1895. He won several prizes for his studies, including the Newdigate Prize for poetry in 1898. He graduated with outstanding performance, but didn't receive a fellowship.

After becoming a barrister in 1901 Buchan's first job was as private secretary to Lord Milner, the high commissioner for South Africa. His time out there was spent on the reconstruction of the country's administration following the Boer War and confirmed Buchan's belief in imperialism. Returning to London in 1903, Buchan became the director of Nelson's, the publishers, giving him a chance to concentrate once again on his literary interests. In 1907, he married Susan Grosvenor, a union that proved to be an extremely happy one, blessed with four children. During the First World War, Buchan was a newspaper correspondent in France, an intelligence officer and then Director of Information. He later wrote *Nelson's History of the War*, and became the President of the Scottish History Society.

John Buchan's first real success as an author came in 1910 with *Prester John*, a fast-moving adventure story set in South Africa. This was followed by a series of popular adventurous stories with recurring heroes. Buchan himself referred to his stories as 'shockers', and books like *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and *Mr. Macnab*, with their romantic characters, and clearly presented backgrounds proved immensely popular.

In 1927, Buchan was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities. An extremely well-liked and respected man, Member of Parliament, barrister, publisher, soldier and creator of many adventure stories, Buchan's death in 1940 evoked a great deal of sorrow.

57. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A) John Buchan's family B) John Buchan's life C) John Buchan's studies
D) John Buchan's works E) John Buchan's politics

58. The word "periodicals" could best be replaced by ...

- A) paperbacks B) periods C) publications D) paraphrases E) paragraphs

59. Buchan himself referred to his stories as *shockers* ...

- A) because of their fast moving adventures. B) because of the various prizes he won.
C) because of their imperialist ideas. D) because of his diverse experiences.

- E) because of their popularity among people.
60. Buchan's first job in South Africa was :
- A) Intelligence officer B) High commissioner for South Africa
C) Director of Nelson's publishing D) Newspaper correspondent
E) Private secretary to Lord Milner
61. What is the reason to mention Buchan's story *Prester John* in this passage?
- A) To give an example of Buchan's diverse experiences.
B) To name a work that showed Buchan's imperialist ideas.
C) To name a work that brought Buchan fame as a writer.
D) To give an example of Buchan's first writing.
E) To give an example of his career in South Africa.
62. All the following statements are true EXCEPT :
- A) Buchan was an imperialist.
B) Buchan's family settled in Gorbals after having moved a few times.
C) Buchan attended Hutcheson's Grammar School.
D) Buchan received a fellowship. E) Buchan won a Newdigate Prize for poetry.

(d)..... of seats. The main figure in that party is called the (e)..... . The Commons is elected for a maximum period of 5 years, although the Prime Minister may call a general (f)..... at any time within that (g)..... .

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| 0. <i>example</i> | 1. on | 2. at | 3. in |
| a. | 1. contains | 2. includes | 3. consists |
| b. | 1. Lords | 2. Kings | 3. Aristocrats |
| c. | 1. constituency | 2. area | 3. state |
| d. | 1. minority | 2. majority | 3. politician |
| e. | 1. queen | 2. dictator | 3. Prime Minister |
| f. | 1. election | 2. vote | 3. policy |
| g. | 1. party | 2. period | 3. hour |

GOOD LUCK

PART II

2.1 (7 items x 1 mark each = 7)

Match the ideas correctly.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| a. kind of airport | _____ | 1. far from family and friends |
| b. disadvantage of studying abroad | _____ | 2. get a good night's sleep the night before |
| c. step to organizing a camping trip | _____ | 3. to fall or to slip |
| d. disadvantage of large cars | _____ | 4. international |
| e. change brought by computers | _____ | 5. difficult to park |
| f. kinds of home accident | _____ | 6. check weather report |
| g. method to prepare for taking exams | _____ | 7. information easier to obtain |

2.2 (7 items 1 mark each = 7)

Look at this text about politics in the U.K., and then choose a word that best fits in each blank :

Parliament (0) the UK (a) of two chambers ; the House of Commons and the House of (b)..... . In the House of Commons there are 650 Members of parliament, each representing one (c) The ruling party in the Commons is the one which gains a