

Grade 8- Midterm 2- PRACTICE TEST 2

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. aquatic B. radioactive C. accent D. rage
2. A. cholera B. loch C. chemicals D. discharge

Mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. iconic B. adoptee C. geography D. biology
4. A. botanical B. official C. Taiwanese D. aquatic

Mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

5. Being equipped with sufficient knowledge and skills, the rescue workers could confidently help set up camps to provide aid to the flood victims.

- A. with B. rescue C. help D. to

6. Thanks to the rainstorm, the forest fire was put in. However, it also put the animals at risk of flooding.

- A. Thanks B. in C. risk D. flooding

7. As a result, they have been taken to a safe place where temporary accommodations will be provided for them.

- A. As B. temporary C. accommodations D. be provided

8. An interesting feature is that by the time we had arrived at the canyon, the volcano had stopped erupting.

- A. by B. had arrived C. had stopped D. erupting

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

9. To some extent, being _____ to radioactive substances, children are vulnerable to birth defects.

- A. exposed B. led C. resulted D. affected

10. Surveys have shown that oil spills lead _____ the deaths of aquatic creatures.

- A. in B. about C. to D. with

11. If I _____ you, I _____ rush into a public shelter to avoid being flooded.

- A. was/won't B. were/ wouldn't
C. were/will D. were/ would

12. Admittedly, English is a(n) _____ language of many nations in the world.

- A. unique B. useful C. mother D. official

13. Undoubtedly, Scottish men often wear _____ when they take part in traditional festivals.

- A. long skirts B. kilts C. masks D. fake teeth

14. _____ to evacuating the village in time, we can save many lives.

- A. Thanks B. Leading C. Have D. Decided

15. To be specific, the mudslide _____ the whole village and the hurricane _____ the town nearby.

- A. erupted/hit B. buried/struck C. collapse/struck D. collapsed/hit

16. With regard to economic effects, the _____ has put the national job market on the verge of collapse.

- A. earthquake B. rescue C. aid D. floods

17 The lighting of the torch _____ peace and friendship among the nations of the world.

- A. icons B. symbolizes C. iconic D. leaves

18. The photo exhibition _____ place in our school on 8th March.

- A. has taken B. takes C. is taking D. will take

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to complete each of the following exchanges.

19. Peter: "Are you too tired to continue?" Daisy: _____.

- A. Absolutely not! B. Amazing! C. What an exhausting job! D. Unbelievable!

20. Most people had moved to safe areas when the storm broke.

Jill: _____.

- A. That's a relief. Did it cause any damage to property? B. That's bad news!
C. What breathtaking scenery! D. No, it is just temporary accommodation!

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

21. In Scotland, some of the centuries-old castles are considered haunted houses, which is a rather puzzling situation.

- A. confusing B. answerable C. thoughtful D. easy

22. High level of contaminants have been found in the groundwater, causing concerns about possible health risks to nearby neighborhoods.

- A. pollutants B. debris C. herbicides D. waste

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

23. After the flood, it took weeks for the water level to go down.

- A. drought B. tsunami C. wildfire D. storm

24. Debris from the tornado was scattered over a large area.

- A. thrown B. flown C. cleared D. poured

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Natural disasters include all types of severe (25) _____, which have the potential to pose a significant (26) _____ to human health and safety, property, critical infrastructure, and homeland security. Natural disasters occur both seasonally and without warning, subjecting the nations to frequent periods of insecurity, disruption, and economic (27) _____.

Winter storms occur when a significant amount of snow or (28) _____ accumulates over a short period of time, (29) _____ roads, disrupting communications systems, causing power outages, and threatening life safety.

Ninety percent of natural disasters within the United States involve flooding. Consequently, (30) _____ lead to more economic damage and loss of life and property than any other natural hazard.

More than one thousand tornadoes (31) _____ the United States every year, causing significant disruption to transportation, power, gas, water, and communication services.

Each year, the United States experiences dozens of severe earthquakes, any of which can bring (32) _____ the collapse of hundreds of buildings.

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| 25. A. pollution | B. weather | C. diseases | D. floods |
| 26. A. threat | B. impact | C. effect | D. influence |
| 27. A. development | B. improvement | C. fail | D. loss |
| 28. A. ice | B. soil | C. rains | D. gas |
| 29. A. crossing | B. preventing | C. blocking | D. building |
| 30. A. volcanoes | B. droughts | C. floods | D. mudslide |
| 31. A. hit | B. strikes | C. buried | D. raged |
| 32. A. about | B. in | C. with | D. on |

Mark letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best option to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

33. The boss of that factory should tell employees to start the process of sewage treatment before dumping.

- A. If I were the boss of that factory, I would tell employees to start the process of sewage treatment before dumping.
- B. If I were the boss of that factory, I would tell employees to dump untreated sewage
- C. If I were the boss of that factory, I would tell employees not to dump sewage which was treated with chemicals.
- D. If I was the boss of that factory, I would tell employees to dump sewage.

34. She had lived in the UK before she went to Canada.

- A. She lived in the UK after she had gone to Canada
- B. After she had lived in the UK, she went to Canada
- C. After she lived in the UK, she had gone to Canada
- D. She has lived in the UK before going to Canada

35. The flight was delayed because of a tropical storm.

- A. The flight was delayed as a result of a tropical storm
- B. The flight was delayed due to a tropical storm.
- C. The flight was delayed since there was a tropical storm.
- D. All are correct.

36. The strong wind and heavy rain caused several accidents.

- A. The strong wind and heavy rain resulted in several accidents.
- B. Several accidents were brought about by the strong wind and heavy rain.
- C. The strong wind and heavy rain are the main causes of several accidents.
- D. All are correct.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct sentence that is built from the words and phrases given.

37. Thousands/people/just/evacuated/their homes

- A. Thousands of people have just evacuated from their homes
- B. Thousands of people have been just evacuated from their homes.

- C. Thousands of people have just been evacuated from their homes
- D. Thousands of people have been just evacuated from their homes

38. If/ I/win/ a million/pound, I/pay/visit/Scotland/tomorrow.

- A. If I won a million pounds, I will pay a visit to Scotland tomorrow.
- B. If I win a million pounds, I would pay a visit to Scotland tomorrow.
- C. If I won a million pounds, I would pay a visit to Scotland tomorrow.
- D. If I won a million pounds, I would to pay a visit to Scotland tomorrow.

39. They /spend /2 days/ the flooded area /before /rescue workers /arrive.

- A. They had spend 2 days in the flooded area before the rescue workers arrived.
- B. They had spent 2 days in the flooded area before the rescue workers arrived.
- C. They had spent 2 days on the flooded area before the rescue workers had arrived.
- D. They spent 2 days in the flooded area before the rescue workers had arrived.

40. I /have/ meeting/ 15th, but I/free /following day.

- A. I **have** a meeting on the 15th, but I'm free on the following day.
- B. I **will have** a meeting on the 15th, but I will free on the following day.
- C. I don't **have** a meeting on the 15th, but I'm free on the following day.
- D. I **have** a meeting at the 15th, but I'm free in the following day.