

PRACTICE TEST 17

Time allotted: 60 min.

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

1. A. effect B. unique C. affect D. visual
2. A. accessible B. directory C. manufacture D. experiment

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

3. A. gym B. garbage C. giant D. generous
4. A. widespread B. heuting C. disease D. treatment

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

5. Flower oils are _____ of the ingredients used in making perfume.
A. among expensive B. among the most expensive
C. being most expensive D. very expensive
6. I met a lot of new people at the conference _____ names I can't remember.
A. whose B. which C. who D. whom
7. The little boy failed to give _____ reason for his absence from school last Monday.
A. satisfactory B. correct C. adequate D. right
8. I will lend you the book providing that you _____ it not later than Sunday.
A. will return B. return C. is returning D. returned
9. It is _____ to fail a job interview, but try again.
A. disappoint B. disappointing
C. disappointedly D. disappointment
10. New York Harbour, _____, is one of the largest and finest harbours in the world.
A. where is ice-free in all seasons B. that is ice-free in all seasons
C. which is ice-free in all seasons D. it is ice-free in all seasons there
11. The last family _____ was on the occasion of Grandma's birthday two years ago.

A. anniversary B. collection C. meeting D. gathering

12. Last month two terrible storms _____ the central provinces of Viet Nam.

A. struck B. collapsed C. erupted D. buried

13. Cold temperatures, short growing seasons, and heavy snows prevent _____ at high elevations.

A. grow trees B. trees are growing
C. trees growing D. trees growth

14. _____ is helping to break new ground in drug research.

A. Computers are being used more
B. When using computers more
C. An increase in the use of the computers
D. The increasing use of the computer

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

15. My sister's eyes resemble our mother's eyes. They both have brown eyes.

A. run after B. look like C. feel like D. look for

16. I couldn't understand what the child said because his words were in the wrong sequence.

A. order B. spelling C. sound D. writing

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

17. On Saturday night I'd like nothing more than sitting in my cozy little room reading a book.

A. inexpensive B. warm C. uncomfortable D. dirty

18. You're lending them money again? You must be out of your tiny mind!

A. wealthy B. foolish C. reliable D. smart

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

19. - " _____ "

- "At 28 Tran Quoc Hoan Rd."

A. What a nice house! B. When were you born?

- C. What's your surname? D. Where are you living now?
20. -"How do you find York, Nam?"

- "_____"

- A. I just came here yesterday. B. Oh. It's ancient and very nice!
- C. I think it was built in 71 B.C. D. Oh, it's a city in England.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 21 to 25.

The Old Woman and the Doctor

An old woman became almost totally blind from a disease of the eyes. After consulting a doctor, she made an agreement with him in the presence of witnesses that she would pay him a high fee if he cured her. However, if he failed, he would receive nothing. The doctor **prescribed** a course of treatment and visited her on a regular basis to apply ointment to her eyes. With each visit, he took away with him some article from the house, until at last, when he visited her for the last time and the cure was complete, there was nothing left. When the old woman saw that the house was empty, she refused to pay him his fee. After repeated refusals on her part, he sued her before the magistrates for payment of her debt. On being brought into court, she was ready with her defense. "**The claimant,**" she said, "has stated the facts about our agreement correctly. I promised to pay him a fee if he cured me, and he, on his part, promised to charge nothing if he failed. Now, he says I am cured; but I say that I am blinder than ever, and I can prove what I say. When my eyes were bad, I could see well enough to know that my house contained a certain amount of furniture and other things. But now, when according to him I am cured, I am entirely unable to see anything there at all."

21. Why did the woman refuse to pay the doctor?
- A. She claimed he charged her nothing.
- B. She claimed he had received his payment.
- C. She claimed he did not cure her.
- D. She claimed he stated the agreement incorrectly.
22. What does the word "**prescribed**" mean as it is used in the text?
- A. advised a medical treatment
- B. wrote down directions
- C. wrote down ahead of time
- D. gave rules for one's visit
23. What role does the magistrate play in this story?

- A. He will determine the best way to fix the woman's eyes.
- B. He will perform a marriage ceremony.
- C. He will judge if a crime has been committed.
- D. He will determine if payment is due.

24. The underlined phrase "**The claimant**" in the story refers to _____.

- A. the old woman
- B. the doctor
- C. the witnesses
- D. the magistrates

25. What is the moral of the story?

- A. Through evil doing, one loses any reward for the good he has done.
- B. We would often be sorry if our wishes were gratified in the end.
- C. Wealth unused might as well not exist.
- D. Things are not always as they seem.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

On the topic of cutting down trees, not everyone is in agreement. There seem to be different views on this topic, and these (26) _____ a number of factors. For example, people who enjoy walking in the forests would like to prevent people from cutting down trees. Also, we need trees for our oxygen and according to (27) _____, if we continue to cut them down, we will certainly destroy our planet.

On the other hand, people who (28) _____ a living out of timber think they have a right to cut down trees. I think this is fine provided that they plant new trees to replace the ones they cut down. (29) _____, a lot of illegal logging also takes place and these trees are not replaced.

As far as I am concerned, the best approach would be to manage our forests more carefully so that we only cut down trees (30) _____ it helps other trees survive and remain healthy, or as part of a replanting program.

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| 26. A. go with | B. depend on | C. deal with | D. turn down |
| 27. A. conservationists | B. teachers | C. physicists | D. artists |
| 28. A. get | B. take | C. have | D. make |
| 29. A. Unfortunately | B. Unhappily | C. Generally | D. Miserably |
| 30. A. unless | B. whether | C. when | D. though |

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

31. People usually wear clothing with two basic purposes: warmth and decoration.
A. wear B. with C. basic D. warmth
32. Many of the houses damaging in the storm belonged to the poor villagers.
A. Many of B. damaging C. in the storm D. the poor
33. Alike other forms of energy, natural gas may be used to heat homes, cook food and even run automobiles.
A. Alike B. may be C. heat D. cook
34. My uncle is now a businessman, so he has got only a few time for entertainment.
A. is now B. so C. a few D. for
35. Although her severe pain, she tried to walk to the auditorium to attend the concert.
A. Although B. severe C. to walk D. to attend

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

36. You might fall if you're not careful.
A. Unless you are careful, you might not fall.
B. If you are careless, you cannot be easy to fall.
C. Be careful or else you will have a fall.
D. You are not careless and you could not fall.
37. I spoke slowly and clearly. I wanted the foreigner to understand me.
A. I spoke slowly and clearly so that the foreigner could understand me.
B. I spoke so slowly and clearly that I wanted the foreigner to understand me.
C. I spoke not only slowly but also clearly and the foreigner understood me.
D. The foreigner could understand me easily as I spoke slowly and clearly.
38. "Please don't tell anyone my new address, Tom," said Jane.
A. Jane told Tom to tell everyone her new address.
B. Jane asked Tom not to tell anyone her new address.

- C. Jane said to Tom and anyone else her new address.
- D. Tom wanted Jane to know his new address.
39. I think you'll find the house easily, as the directions are quite clear.
- A. I think you'll find the house easily if the directions are clear.
- B. I think the directions are not clear, but you'll find the house easily.
- C. The house is quite clear on the map, so you don't have to find it.
- D. The directions are quite clear, so you ought to find the house easily.
40. It is impossible to cross the road in the rush hour because of the traffic.
- A. People usually find it difficult to cross the road in the rush hour.
- B. People cannot cross the road in the rush hour because of the traffic.
- C. In the rush hour people are not allowed to cross the road because of the traffic.
- D. The traffic makes it possible for people to cross the road in the rush hour.