

PRACTICE TEST 17

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. post B. though C. how D. ghost
2. A. chicken B. chimney C. chorus D. children
3. A. predicts B. begins C. controls D. believes
4. A. visited B. limited C. appeals D. divided
5. A. boy B. thumb C. book D. both

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

6. When it rains heavily, John usually _____ to work by car.
A. went B. goes C. was going D. is going
7. You stayed home last night, _____?
A. had you B. are you C. didn't you D. did you
8. I am very busy now. I wish I _____ a day off.
A. have B. were C. will have D. had
9. Try _____ mistakes when writing an article.
A. not to make B. not make C. to not make D. make not
10. My grandmother is used to _____ up early in the morning.
A. get B. getting C. got D. to be getting
11. Will you be angry if I _____ your books without asking for permission?
A. borrows B. borrowed C. borrow D. had borrowed
12. This is the first time I have seen this car. Where _____?
A. was it make B. was it made C. it made D. did it make
13. Laura, you and the kids just have dinner without waiting for me. I _____ work late today.
A. may B. may not C. wouldn't D. would
14. Two hours _____ long enough for me to do the test.
A. haven't been B. isn't C. aren't D. weren't

15. The bus only stops here to _____ passengers.
A. come out B. pick up C. look out D. get on
16. Can you turn off _____ television, please? I'm doing my homework.
A. a B. the C. an D. some
17. My father usually buys a newspaper _____ the morning.
A. of B. at C. on D. in
18. Sandy is starting a new job next Monday. She's quite _____ about it.
A. excited B. exciting C. excite D. excitement
19. We bought some _____ glasses.
A. German lovely old C. German old lovely
B. lovely old German D. old lovely German
20. He rarely worked hard _____ he passed the exam.
A. because B. but C. so D. however
21. _____, Mike decided to settle in Paris.
A. Because he didn't speak French C. Though he didn't speak French.
B. Despite he didn't speak French D. Because of not speaking French
22. Her daughter won an international dancing _____.
A. competition B. compete C. competitively D. competitive
23. The young teacher was _____ great efforts to help the kids.
A. making B. doing C. taking D. putting
24. I am sorry that I can't _____ your invitation.
A. do B. put C. accept D. have
25. On my present salary, I just can't _____ a car which costs over \$3,000.
A. pretend B. afford C. select D. adopt
26. We need a teacher _____ native language is English.
A. which B. who C. that D. whose

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 questions.

27. Training for the Olympics requires an enormous amount of work.
A. a really common B. a huge C. an unusual D. a quite small

28. Smoking has been banned in public places in some countries because of its harm to people's health.

- A. made illegal B. unlimited C. permitted D. given away

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 questions.

29. The novel "The Two Fates" is really a great one. I am into it.

- A. like B. hate C. am interested in D. am keen on

30. We offer a quick and secure service of transferring money in less than 24 hours.

- A. slow B. open C. comfortable D. unsure

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

31. John is asking a passer-by for direction.

John: "Can you show me the way to the nearest post office, please?"

Passer-by: "_____."

- A. No way! I hate him C. Just round the corner over there.
B. About 1 kilometre D. Look it up in a dictionary!

32. Trung and Phong are talking about the importance of English.

– Trung: "Why do you think most people learn English?" – Phong: "_____."

- A. All of them are C. Very often it's to get a better job
B. I heard it was very good D. Because I like it

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

33. Mary's sister study biology, he wants to be biologists.

- A B C D

34. Pompei is completely destroyed in A.D 79 by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

- A B C D

35. You'll need to be a little more imaginable if you want to hold their attention.

- A B C D

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best option for each of the blanks from 36 to 40.

We know that there is (38) _____ life on Mars. The Viking robot missions to the Red Planet proved that the mission was due (36) _____ one man for the most part. Percival Lowell, a rich American businessman, suggested that Mars contained life. He was fascinated by Mars. He spent 23 years studying it. He was so (37) _____ involved in the search for Martian life that he built his own laboratory. It housed a huge telescope. At 7,000 feet (2.13km) above sea level in a dry climate, it was a perfect site to view Mars. Lowell believed that he saw a network of lines (39) _____ Mars. He also thought that the lines were built by intelligent life. There was also the chance that water was on the planet. He drew many maps in his notebooks. His idea (40) _____ the public's attention. People soon believed that life on Mars could exist.

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| 36. A. a little | B. no | C. many | D. a few |
| 37. A. to | B. of | C. at | D. down |
| 38. A. deep | B. depth | C. deeply | D. deepen |
| 39. A. cross | B. crossing | C. to cross | D. cross |
| 40. A. made | B. achieved | C. absorbed | D. drew |

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 from 41 to 45.

Forces other than damaging winds are also at work inside tornadoes. Sometimes, as the writhing, twisting **funnel** passes over a house, the walls and ceiling burst apart as if a bomb had gone off inside. This explosion is caused by the low air pressure at the center of a tornado.

The pressure at the center of a tornado is usually 13 pounds per square inch. However, inside the house the air pressure is normal, about 15 pounds per square inch. The difference of 2 pounds per square inch between the inside and outside pressure may not seem like much. But suppose a tornado funnel passes over a small building that measures 20 by 10 by 10 feet. On each square inch of the building, there is 2 pounds of pressure from the inside that is not balanced by air pressure outside the building. On the ceiling, that adds up to an unbalanced pressure of 57,600 pounds. The pressure on the four walls adds up to 172,800 pounds.

If windows are open in the building, some of the inside air will rush out through them. This will balance the pressure inside and outside the building. But if the windows are shut tightly, the enormous inside pressure may cause the building to burst.

Unfortunately, heavy rain and hail often occur in thunderstorms that later produce tornadoes. So people frequently shut all windows to protect their property. This may cause far worse damage later. For the same reason, tornado cellars must have an air vent. Otherwise, the cellar door might be blown out when a tornado passes over it.

41. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. How tornadoes can be prevented
- B. When tornadoes usually occur
- C. Where tornadoes are formed
- D. Why tornadoes cause so much damage

42. According to the passage, tornadoes can destroy buildings because the _____.

- A. force of a tornado increases the air pressure in a building
- B. air pressure at the center of a tornado is over 172,000 pounds.
- C. weight of a tornado can crush a building's roof when it passes overhead
- D. air pressure inside a tornado is less than the air pressure inside a building

43. In line 2, the word "**funnel**" refers to which of the following?

- A. a bomb
- B. a house
- C. a tornado
- D. an explosion

44. According to the passage, the pressure on a building during a tornado can be relieved by _____.

- A. closing the cellar
- B. strengthening the roof and walls
- C. using a fan for ventilation
- D. opening the windows

45. Which of the following is NOT true when opening the windows during a tornado?

- A. some of the inside air will rush out through the windows.
- B. The enormous inside pressure may cause the building to burst.
- C. Opening the windows will balance the pressure inside and outside the house.
- D. Opening the windows may not cause far worse damage after the tornado.

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

46. Somebody accused me of stealing her money.
- A. I was accused by somebody of stealing her money.
 - B. I was accused of stealing her money.
 - C. I was accused of having stolen her money by somebody.
 - D. I am accused of stealing her money.
47. "If I were you, I would not choose to write about such a sensitive topic," the teacher said.
- A. The teacher advised me against writing about such a sensitive topic.
 - B. The teacher advised me on writing about such a sensitive topic.
 - C. I was ordered by the teacher not to write about such a sensitive topic.
 - D. I was blamed for writing about such a sensitive topic by the teacher.
48. Most people get fewer colds in the summer than in the winter.
- A. A person is more likely to get a cold in the winter than in the summer.
 - B. More people have summer colds than winter colds.
 - C. People get colder in the summer than in the winter.
 - D. The winter is much colder than the summer.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

49. Jim is my best friend. I borrowed his car yesterday.
- A. Jim, whose car I lent yesterday, is my best friend.
 - B. Jim, whose car I borrowed yesterday, is my best friend.
 - C. Jim, who is my best friend, borrowed my car yesterday.
 - D. Jim, his car I borrowed yesterday, is my best friend.
50. We do not visit the museum. We have no time.
- A. If we have time, we will visit the museum.
 - B. If we had time, we would visit the museum.
 - C. If we had had time, we would have visited the museum.
 - D. If we have time, we visit the museum.