

PRACTICE TEST 14 - Time allotted: 60 min.

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.

1. A. tricked B. faced C. collapsed D. claimed
2. A. exchange B. champagne C. champion D. charge

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.

3. A. describe B. dentist C. surface D. factor
4. A. contaminate B. communicate C. vegetarian D. remarkable

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

5. It's against the law to kill the black rhinoceros. They _____ extinct.
A. became B. are becoming C. become D. have become
6. Because of the light, the city seemed _____ from the way that I had remembered it
A. different B. differently C. to different D. to be differently
7. Bogota, _____ is the capital city of Columbia, is a cosmopolitan city.
A. that B. which C. where D. when
8. Henry denied _____ a whole bag of chocolate chip cookies before lunch.
A. having ate B. to have eaten C. eating D. to eat
9. Don't ask me to decide. I'm not very good _____ making decisions.
A. on B. at C. in D. about
10. When the weather is cold, I usually _____ my jacket.
A. warmup B. put on C. tidy up D. giveaway
11. You're too trusting. It's one of the hard facts of life that not everyone is as _____ as you are.
A. polite B. clever C. obedient D. honest
12. He came here to return the book he had _____ from me last month.
A. sold B. bought C. lent D. borrowed
13. He has applied for several different jobs, but is yet to find full-time _____.
A. employment B. employer C. employee D. employable
14. I don't understand this sentence. Can you _____?
A. explain to me this word B. explain me this word
C. explain this word to me D. explain to me for this word

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. Because she owes me money my neighbor tends to keep away from me when she sees me outside.

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| A. prevent | B. avoid |
| C. attack | D. surprise |

16. The children have seen various kinds of animals and birds at the zoo.

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| A. plentiful | B. similar |
| C. different | D. abundant |

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. Because of the blizzard weather, my departure to New York will be delayed.

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| A. release | B. transfer |
| C. schedule | D. arrival |

18. In the 1920s, amateur theater performances benefited poor families and other charitable causes.

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| A. professional | B. inexperienced |
| C. profitable | D. untrained |

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

19. - " _____ ?"

- "Actually, it's a little too hot for me. I prefer cold weather."

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| A. What's the weather like today | B. Is it hot or cold for you |
| C. It's a nice day, isn't it | D. Do you like cold weather |

20. - "Excuse me. _____ ?"

- "You go three blocks to Washington Street, then turn right. It's on the corner, across from the bank."

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| A. Could you tell me when the library opens today |
| B. Could you tell me where the library is |
| C. Could you tell me whether the library is opened |
| D. Could you tell me how the library is now |

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.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau

Jacques-Yves Cousteau was born in 1910 in Saint-André-de-Cubzac, in France. He was a famous scientist, underwater explorer, French naval officer, author and documentary filmmaker.

As a child he was **fascinated** with building things and especially with movies. He saved his pocket money and

bought himself a movie camera. After he finished school, he joined the French Naval Academy. It was during this time in the French Navy that he began his underwater explorations. He tried to build a machine that would allow people to stay underwater longer.

During World War II, he worked with French engineer Émile Gagnan as they tried to perfect the aqualung, a cylinder of compressed air connected to a face mask. This now meant that divers could stay underwater for several hours without a heavy diving suit or being connected back to a ship.

In 1950, Cousteau bought the ship Calypso to help his explorations. To help pay for these explorations, Cousteau made movies and a number of television films: *The Silent World* (1956) and *World Without Sun* (1966). Each won an Academy Award as the best documentary feature of the year. Cousteau wrote many books, including a series entitled Undersea Discoveries of Jacques-Yves Cousteau. One of the world's greatest ocean explorers, Jacques-Yves Cousteau died in June 1997.

(Excel NAPLAN*-style Tests)

21. When was Jacques Cousteau born?

- A. 1950 B. 1910 C. 1956 D. 1997

22. Who was Jacques Cousteau?

- A. He was a famous scientist and underwater explorer.
B. He was an author and documentary filmmaker.
C. He was a French naval officer.
D. All of the above

23. Which word below is similar in meaning to "fascinated" in paragraph 2?

- A. spellbound B. bored C. hated D. fed up

24. What would be considered Jacques Cousteau's greatest diving achievement?

- A. writing books B. making films
C. perfecting the aqualung D. buying the Calypso

25. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Jacques Cousteau?

- A. He was a famous scientist and explorer.
B. He joined the French Naval Academy.
C. He bought the Calypso in 1950.
D. He won three Academy Awards for his films.

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.

People who own dogs consider them as members of the family. Dogs are known for their loyalty and strong

(26) _____ of alertness. Besides the police, many hospitals and homes also use dogs in their treatment programmes and have been successful in their implementation. Children recover from illnesses faster and elderly people feel (27) _____ depressed or helpless after playing with dogs. Dogs are also very much needed by the blind.

However, owning a dog is no easy task. It needs your constant (28) _____ and affection. Besides feeding and bathing, a dog needs daily exercises and play time too. It also needs to go for (29) _____ check-ups at the animal clinic. For young dogs, you need to put in time for training.

Before buying a dog, you need to sit down and ask yourself some questions. Do you have enough room and time for it? What is the main reason for buying a dog? When you travel, who will care for it (30) _____ your absence? Owning a dog is a long-term commitment.

(Wong & Shen - Close Fast Forward - SAP)

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| 26. A. look | B. image | C. sense | D. point |
| 27. A. less | B. more | C. fewer | D. smaller |
| 28. A. caution | B. imagination | C. decision | D. attention |
| 29. A. different | B. regular | C. urgent | D. occasional |
| 30. A. about | B. within | C. among | D. during |

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

31. They suggested to spend the summer holiday on an island in the Pacific Ocean.
 A. to spend B. on C. an island D. Pacific Ocean
32. If he worked more slowly, he didn't make so many mistakes.
 A. worked B. slowly C. didn't D. so many
33. Lack of sanitation in restaurants are a major cause of diseases in some areas of the country.
 A. of sanitation B. are C. cause of D. some
34. If you need to keep fit, then why not take on a sport such as badminton or tennis?
 A. to keep B. take on C. such as D. or tennis
35. They decided having a picnic in the country as it was a sunny day.
 A. having B. in the C. as D. sunny

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

36. *Quang had his brother fix the ball yesterday.*

- A. Quang had the ball to fix yesterday by his brother.
- B. Quang had the ball to be fixed by his brother yesterday.
- C. Quang got the ball fixed yesterday by his brother.
- D. The ball was fixed by Quang had his brother yesterday.

37. *They're twins, but they don't have many interests in common.*

- A. Despite they're twins, they don't have many interests in common.
- B. They don't have many interests in common though they're twins.
- C. Although they're twins, but they don't have many interests in common.
- D. They don't have many interests in common because they're twins.

38. *That's the most delicious meal I've ever had.*

- A. I have ever had some more delicious meal than that.
- B. That meal isn't so delicious as the meal I've ever had.
- C. That meal was as delicious as the meal I've ever had.
- D. I have never had a more delicious meal than that.

39. *They wanted to know where I came from.*

- A. "We want to know where do you come from,"they said.
- B. "Where did you come from?" they asked.
- C. "Where do you come from?" asked they.
- D. "We wanted to know where I came from," they said.

40. *Unfortunately, we do need to work today, and I don't like it.*

- A. I wish that we didn't need to work today.
- B. If we worked today, I would like it.
- C. I hope that we won't need work today.
- D. We don't need to work today.