

PRACTICE TEST 9

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. wheat B. spread C. disease D. reason
2. A. chamber B. bachelor C. machine D. challenge

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. private B. package C. remote D. promise
4. A. recognise B. attendant C. tradition D. delicious

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

5. Fish were among the earliest forms of life. Fish _____ on earth for ages and ages.
A. existed B. are existing C. exist D. have existed
6. The current constitutional problem is _____ by the top legal minds in the country.
A. studying B. being studying
C. being studied D. been studied
7. The professor told me that I was doing well, _____ my final grade was awful!
A. so B. therefore C. in spite of D. yet
8. I must hurry. I want to get home _____ to see the football match on television.
A. on time B. in time C. by time D. at time
9. It's very noisy in the new neighbourhood; _____, we enjoy living there.
A. therefore B. but C. so D. however
10. An arrangement between the two couples ensured there was always someone to _____ the children.
A. take care B. keep up C. bring in D. look after
11. Please read the _____ carefully before you fill out the form.
A. instructions B. advices C. labels D. proposals

12. There is a greater _____ between New York and Tokyo than there is between New York and Washington D.C.

- A. space B. length C. distance D. journey

13. Because it is expensive to eat at a restaurant every day, it is more _____ to buy groceries and make your own meals.

- A. economic B. economical C. economist D. economics

14. Neptune is about thirty times as far from the Sun _____.

- A. like the Earth is B. such as the Earth
C. as is the Earth D. where is the Earth

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. Like most presidents before him, the new U.S. president will reside in the White House.

- A. live B. work C. sleep D. grow

16. During the seven-day journey by the sea, the ship traveled to three different countries.

- A. flight B. transfer C. route D. voyage

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. You don't need to be carrying light things and getting out in this weather.

- A. empty B. heavy C. easy D. ugly

18. The exit to the front of the building was locked, so we had to use the back doors instead.

- A. staircase B. window C. entrance D. escalator

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

19. -"How would you like your steak cooked?"

- "_____"

- A. Well done, please. B. A little bit cheaper, please.
C. I'd like it hot, please. D. Cook it immediately, please.

20. - "_____"

- "Don't mention it. It was the least I could do."

- A. I'm terribly sorry for being late.
- B. Thank you so much for your help.
- C. It's a pleasure to meet you.
- D. Well, I'll see you later then.

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.

Kandimalal is a large crater in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, 145 kilometres from the town of Halls Creek. Scientists say that Kandimalal was formed about 300,000 years ago when a meteorite struck the earth.

Measuring some 880 metres across and about 60 metres deep, Kandimalal is the second largest meteorite crater in the world. The crater used to be 150 metres deeper, but it has since been filled with wind-blown sand from the Great Sandy Desert. Although the area is arid, rainfall collects in the centre of the crater, and this allows trees to grow there.

Kandimalal has long been a part of the dreaming of the local Djaru people. One of the stories says that a rainbow serpent slithered through the earth and came to the surface in the centre of the crater.

The first time Kandimalal was seen from above was in 1947 during an aerial survey of the region. The area around the crater became a national park in 1969 and has since become popular with tourists who have four-wheel drive vehicles.

21. Scientists believe that Kandimalal was formed by _____.
- A. a volcano
 - B. a meteorite
 - C. heavy rainfall
 - D. wind-blown sand
22. According to the text, how do the trees in the crater get enough water?
- A. The Djaru people look after the area.
 - B. There is an underground river system.
 - C. The tourists bring water into the crater.
 - D. Rain gathers in the middle of the crater.
23. According to the text, what did the rainbow serpent do?
- A. It fell into the crater.
 - B. It filled the crater with sand.
 - C. It came up through the crater.

D. It slithered around outside the crater.

24. In 1947, people saw a new view of Kandimalal _____.

A. by flying over it

B. by climbing into it

C. by walking around it

D. by driving through it

25. What is the main purpose of the text?

A. to explain how to get to Kandimalal

B. to provide information about Kandimalal

C. to encourage tourists to visit Kandimalal

D. to help protect the environment around Kandimalal

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

Most people are fascinated with whales and would long to see one up close. Whales are mammals. Like man, they (26) _____ in air so they must come to the surface at regular intervals. They also give birth to their young alive. The young calf stays with its mother for over a year, feeding on the milk produced by its mother. Whales vary in (27) _____, from nine-metreminke whale to the thirty-metre blue whale that often weighs as much as 150 tonnes.

Man first hunted whales for the oil in their blubber, a thick layer of fat (28) _____ keeps them warm. This oil was used as fuel, for example, in the lighting of candles. It was vital in illuminating homes and businesses in the 19th century. Whale oil was also used as a lubricant for the machines in factories (29) _____ the Industrial Revolution.

Today, whale oil is used for making margarine and for softening leather. The poorer quality meat is made into animal food.

Wildlife experts say that whales are in (30) _____ of extinction if the hunt for whales continues. The number of blue whales for instance, has fallen to about three thousand.

26. A. drink

B. breathe

C. laugh

D. jump

27. A. shape

B. colour

C. size

D. age

28. A. which

B. who

C. where

D. when

29. A. among

B. about

C. into

D. during

30. A. damage B. death C. danger D. injury

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

31. I think she ought join some clubs so she can meet people who have similar interests.
A. ought join B. can meet C. who D. similar interests
32. They played so good game of tennis last night that they surprised their audience.
A. so good game B. that C. surprised D. audience
33. Mr Brown didn't remember bringing his passport when he went to the consulate.
A. didn't B. bringing C. when D. went to
34. Some of the most important books for my report is not available in the school library.
A. Some of B. for C. is not D. the school library
35. I'm still not sure I really understand it despite Tom explained it in detail.
A. not sure B. despite C. explained D. in detail

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

36. My uncle no longer ride his motorbike to the countryside at the weekend.
A. My uncle got used to riding his motorbike to the countryside at the weekend.
B. My uncle used to ride his motorbike to the countryside at the weekend.
C. My uncle is used to riding his motorbike to the countryside at the weekend.
D. My uncle was used to ride his motorbike to the countryside at the weekend.
37. "Why don't you take an intensive English course?" he said to me.
A. He suggested that I should take an intensive English course.
B. He recommended taking an intensive English course.
C. He urged me that I must take an intensive English course.
D. He prevented me from taking an intensive English course.
38. We are hoping that the newly discovered cave will attract more tourists.
A. That the newly discovered cave is being hoped will attract more tourists.

- B. More tourists will be attracted by the newly discovered cave we are hoping that.
- C. The newly discovered cave will be attracted more tourists by that we are hoping.
- D. It is being hoped that the newly discovered cave will attract more tourists.
39. I cannot go on a trip around the world because I don't win the lottery.
- A. If I win the lottery, I can go on a trip around the world.
- B. I could not go on a trip around the world if I didn't win the lottery.
- C. If I won the lottery, I would go on a trip around the world.
- D. I cannot go on a trip around the world if I don't win the lottery.
40. Everyone stayed late at work last week apart from Billy.
- A. Billy was the only person who didn't stay late at work last week.
- B. Billy was among all the people who stayed late at work last week.
- C. Everyone who stayed late at work last week included Billy.
- D. Everyone liked Billy who stayed late at work last week.