

# Empower B1 Listening test

Time 20 minutes

## Questions 1 – 5

You will hear five short conversations. For each question, choose the correct picture.  
You will hear each conversation twice.

1 What did the man refuse to do?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

2 What was the woman doing when her phone rang?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

3 What has the man stopped doing recently?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

4 How did the man travel around when he was on holiday?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

**5 Which person does the woman feel closest to?**



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

**Questions 6 – 10**

You will hear a conversation between Alice and Mark, about celebrities.

Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, choose **YES**. If it is incorrect choose **NO**.

|                                                                     | YES                      | NO                       |
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| 6 Mark and Alice both think famous people have a lot of advantages. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Alice and Mark agree about why celebrities wear dark glasses.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Mark turns down Alice's offer of a book.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Mark believes Alice would enjoy being a famous person.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Mark changes his opinion about being famous at the end.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Questions 11 – 15**

You will hear a woman called Karen talking about a journey she made.

For each question, choose the correct answer **A**, **B** or **C**

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| 11 Why did Karen go to Jakarta?                               | A to do a job                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | B to visit friends             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | C for a holiday                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 How did Karen learn about Indonesia before she went there? | A from the internet            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | B from a book                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | C from a friend's letter       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 What did Karen dislike about Jakarta?                      | A the weather                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | B the traffic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | C the buildings                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 What reminds Karen of Jakarta?                             | A her photographs              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | B her sandals                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | C a sculpture                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 When Karen returns to Indonesia, she's hoping to           | A visit a number of islands.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | B see more of Jakarta.         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                               | C experience the rainy season. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# Empower B1 Reading test

Time 30 minutes

## Questions 1 – 10

For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

1. A: "It's really hot in this room." B: "Wait. I \_\_\_\_\_ the window."

- a. I'll open                      b. I'm going to open                      c. I'm opening                      d. open

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets on Friday.

- a. was buying                      b. bought                      c. have bought                      d. bought

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ in this village all my life.

- a. live                      b. I'm living                      c. I've lived                      d. was lived

4. A: "Why are you so dirty?" B: "Because I \_\_\_\_\_ the basement."

- a. clean                      b. I've cleaned                      c. was cleaning                      d. cleaned

5. The new sofa isn't \_\_\_\_\_ the old one.

- a. as nice as                      b. as nice than                      c. as nicer than                      d. the nicest as

6. I want to watch \_\_\_\_\_ TV. Have you seen \_\_\_\_\_ remote?

- a. the / the                      b. – / the                      c. the / a                      d. the / –

7. My Christmas present was very \_\_\_\_\_. I got a pair of socks.

- a. amazing                      b. amazed                      c. disappointing                      d. disappointed

8. I went into the room and the computer wasn't there. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- a. took                      b. was taking                      c. had taken                      d. was taken

9. He said to the police that his car \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. stole                      b. had stolen                      c. was stole                      d. had been stolen

10. Tom lives in a mansion. He \_\_\_\_\_ rich.

- a. must be                      b. should be                      c. can be                      d. isn't

## Questions 11 – 15

Read the text below and choose the correct answer for each gap.

## Insect bites

Insect bites are common and generally cause the skin to feel slightly uncomfortable. In the UK, there are a number of animals (11) ..... may bite humans, including mosquitoes and spiders.

Usually, bites are not dangerous but sometimes a person may (12) ..... an allergy to the bite. People like this (13) ..... get in touch with a doctor immediately as it is important to get treatment quickly. If it is difficult to breathe or the symptoms are (14) ....., then don't delay. Go to a hospital straight away.

On most occasions, however, bites can be dealt with very easily at home. Wash the affected area of skin and try to (15) ..... touching it, even though it feels itchy.

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| 11. A who     | B that | C what    |
| 12. A do      | B have | C make    |
| 13. A might   | B need | C must    |
| 14. A serious | B ugly | C anxious |
| 15. A avoid   | B miss | C refuse  |

### Questions 16 – 20

Look at the text in each question.

What does it say?

For each question, circle the correct letter **A**, **B**, or **C**.

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| 16 |  <p><b>Royal Theatre</b></p> <p>We ask you to turn off all electronic devices.</p>                                           | <p><b>During the show,</b></p> <p>A) no devices are allowed in the theatre.</p> <p>B) do not leave your phone switched on.</p> <p>C) the volume on your phone should be low.</p>                                  |
| 17 |  <p><b>GLB Trains</b></p> <p>Your opinions are important - Comment Forms are available online and at the ticket office.</p> | <p>A) The company wants to know what you think of its services.</p> <p>B) If you have a complaint, you can tell staff at the ticket office.</p> <p>C) Go to the station office to hand in your comment forms.</p> |
| 18 |  <p><b>Attention Drivers!</b></p> <p>We're replacing all the street lights.</p> <p>We regret there may be long delays.</p> | <p>A) An earlier accident has caused a long traffic jam.</p> <p>B) Traffic is queuing because there are workers here.</p> <p>C) This part of the road is dangerous because there are no lights.</p>               |

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| 19 |   | <p>A) The hotel needs people to start work now.</p> <p>B) If you are looking for a job, you might find one here.</p> <p>C) When the hotel opens, you can apply for work.</p>                                                                          |
| 20 |  | <p>A) Visit this website for information about the various loans you can apply for.</p> <p>B) You'll be able to borrow some money from this company if you contact them.</p> <p>C) BestDeal4Me loans are similar to those offered by other banks.</p> |

### Questions 21 – 26

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, circle the correct answer **A**, **B**, or **C**.

## How to Study – Online or in the Classroom?

Some people prefer the traditional way of learning – in a classroom, with a teacher and other students. However, more people are turning to studying online. Gonzalo Lopez, who wanted to study business in English, was one of these. His first course was in a classroom, but he realized it might take longer to progress than he thought at first. He couldn't afford to stay at college and so, having good IT skills, he began an online course. Gonzalo says his online teacher was good, but he doesn't think studying on your own is as enjoyable as being with your friends in class.

Muneera Farzath has another opinion. Sometimes she got to lessons early or stayed on after they finished, because she said it was difficult for her to study with so much happening in the classroom. She didn't dislike the people in class with her, but says that studying online is more peaceful. Muneera also thinks there are advantages to studying alone with a teacher who has got time just for you. She says she's a slow learner and the teacher has made some suggestions about maybe buying apps that would help her.

After three months studying online, Gonzalo Lopez returned to study at college. Although he had thought the online and college courses were similar, Gonzalo, who is Spanish, found it difficult to study online in English. In the classroom, with English students, it was easier.

My personal experience is of studying Arabic in a classroom and online. And I can see the advantages and disadvantages of each type of course. If it's possible for you, I'd recommend doing a bit of both. If you do this, you'll have the best chance of success.

- 21** Why did Gonzalo change to an online course?
- A** to learn technology skills
  - B** to have longer lessons
  - C** to save money
- 22** What do we learn about Muneera's time in the classroom?
- A** She got annoyed with some students.
  - B** She found it hard to concentrate.
  - C** She had to leave the lessons early.
- 23** What does Muneera now have which she didn't have before?
- A** a personal one-to-one teacher
  - B** some free apps for studying
  - C** a chance to study more quickly
- 24** What problem did Gonzalo have with online studying?
- A** the subject
  - B** the course
  - C** the language
- 25** Which statement explains the writer's opinion?
- A** Work hard and you'll succeed using either way.
  - B** A combination of the two ways of studying is best.
  - C** Most people will turn to learning online in future.