SAMPLE PRACTICE TEST 1

Read the text and answer the questions by choosing the best answer a, b, c or d.

The Development of the Camera

In 1877, George Eastman, who worked in a bank, wanted to take photographs on holiday. **(11)** _____, he was very disappointed to discover that the only cameras available were very large and heavy, and also required **(12)** _____ use of complicated equipment. Eastman realised that many other people wanted to take photographs but were prevented from doing so. What was needed was a simple, hand-held camera, and so in his spare time, he began to experiment. After many hours of planning and **(13)** _____ of hard work, he was finally ready to open a factory, hoping he would succeed **(14)** _____ producing an easy-to-use camera in 1888. It was a small rectangular box and inside was a roll of special paper. This paper was sensitive to light and replaced the heavy pieces of glass that **(15)** _____ before. When the roll was finished, the camera **(16)** _____ be sent back to the factory in New York which was the only place where the photographs were developed and printed at that time. The following year, a transparent film was **(17)** _____ which enabled people to print the photos easily as it was better than the paper roll. This could be removed **(18)** _____ the photographer and taken to a local centre for developing. The camera was a huge success and within a few years Eastman became **(19)** _____. But he was a generous man and during his lifetime, he gave away millions of dollars to support many **(20)** _____ institutions.

11. a. However	b. Despite	c. Therefore	d. Since
12. a. a	b. the	c. and	d. that
13. a. piece	b. deal	c. plenty	d. slice
14. a. on	b. at	c. from	d. in
15. a. had been used	b. were using	c. would be used	d. has used
16. a. could	b. had to	c. might	d. should
17. a. invented	b. explained	c. organised	d. investigated
18. a. as	b. from	c. of	d. by
19. a. miserable	b. peaceful	c. wealthy	d. mysterious
20. a. educated	b. educational	c. educating	d. educate

LIVEWORKSHEETS

21. Since early in the morning Liz _____ Maths problems from her study book without having a break and she _____ twenty of them already.

a. has been solving/ has done b. solved/ did

c. had been solving/ did d. was solving/ had done

22. When we _____ to the airport yesterday, I realised I _____ my passport at home!

a. get/left b. had got/was leaving

c. got/ had left d. got/ had been leaving

23. A: Are you still taking end-of-the-year exams?
B: Yes, but by this time next week I _____ my last one!

a. finish b. will finish c. will have finished d. am finishing

24. Don't worry! I _____ him your message as soon as he _____ home.

a. am giving/came b. have given/ will come

c. will give/ comes d. would give/ is coming

25. A: Shall we meet at seven o'clock?
B: No, I'm sorry. I _____ on my project at that time. Let's meet tomorrow.

a. will be working b. have been working c. will have worked d. work

26. The roof _____ a week ago but it is still leaking and we have to get it repaired again.

a. had been repaired b. was repaired

c. was being repaired d. repaired

27. The island, _____was once a prison, now offers stunning natural beauty and serene beaches.

a. where b. what c. which d. that

28. Julia found _____ bag in the corridor. She took ____ bag to the lost and found. _____ staff there asked her some questions and took notes.

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

29. A: I can't believe how far I've come. If I _____ hard, I wouldn't have achieved my goals and dreams.

B: That's true. Hard work really pays off. You should be proud of yourself.

a. didn't work b. hadn't worked c. weren't working d. don't work

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30. You haven't eaten anything since yesterday afternoon. You _____ be really hungry!

a. might b. could c. must d. may

31. While I was recording the video lesson, I lost my Internet connection, but luckily I _____ save my work.

a. needed to b. have to

c. was able to d. should

32. Listen to my advice! The _____ you study for your exams, the _____ grades you will get.

a. much / better b. more / highest

c. better / good d. more / better

33. My uncle is a _____ man. He lent us some money so that we could pay our rent for this month.

a. generous b. enthusiastic c. easy-going d. proud

34. The _____ of this ancient artefact is still unknown, but we will consult a/ an _____ to unravel its mysteries.

a. evidence/ historian b. origin/ expert

c. value/ visitor d. destruction/ volunteer

35. After a/an _____ audition, the director promised to _____ the talented actor for a second round of casting.

a. rewarding/ catch on b. mountainous/ catch up

c. challenging/ call back d. ambitious/ look at

36. Despite the evidence against him, John maintained his _____ and refused to be the criminal.

a. punishment b. innocence c. violence d. permission

37. She took on a _____ job as a barista. This _____ her while she was searching for her dream career opportunity.

a. remarkable/ stressed b. confident/ trained c. creative/ embarrassed d. temporary/ motivated

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38. During the _____ to the archeological site, the tour group was interrupted when one of the participants was unexpectedly _____ by local authorities.

a. reservation/ punished
b. trip/ released
c. holiday/ sentenced
d. excursion/ arrested

39. His self-diagnosis based on a single Google search was _____, as he convinced himself that his mild headache was a/an _____ of a rare tropical disease.

a. ridiculous/ symptom
b. ordinary/ treatment
c. conclusive / recovery
d. evident/ explanation

40. After careful consideration, the school administration decided to _____ to the teachers' innovative project, recognizing its potential to enhance students' learning experience.

a. show true colours
b. be as good as gold
c. fall out with
d. give the green light

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