

# Test 3a

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c* or *d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. After a few days, the cheese began to \_\_\_\_\_ a pungent smell.  
☐ a) give off  
☐ b) let off  
☐ c) send off  
☐ d) put out
2. —Which one can I have?  
—Take your \_\_\_\_\_, mate. It's first come, first served.  
☐ a) choice  
☐ b) pluck  
☐ c) vote  
☐ d) pick
3. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ furnished: a bed, a wardrobe and a plain wooden chair.  
☐ a) sparsely  
☐ b) thinly  
☐ c) lightly  
☐ d) sketchily
4. Nadal's left knee, \_\_\_\_\_ was badly injured some time ago, is now all right.  
☐ a) which  
☐ b) what  
☐ c) that  
☐ d) it
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ with friends in the country when they heard the news. They left immediately.  
☐ a) stayed  
☐ b) had stayed  
☐ c) have been staying  
☐ d) had been staying
6. I put up with her parking on my spot for a while, but finally I had it \_\_\_\_\_ with her.  
☐ a) out  
☐ b) plain  
☐ c) mere  
☐ d) simple
7. I've \_\_\_\_\_ to tell her to clean the kitchen again. It's still filthy.  
☐ a) a mind and a half  
☐ b) two halves of a mind  
☐ c) half a mind  
☐ d) two minds
8. It was \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure to be working out of doors after five long years locked in a cell.  
☐ a) plain  
☐ b) sheer  
☐ c) mere  
☐ d) simple
9. He hadn't the slightest idea \_\_\_\_\_ hear from her again.  
☐ a) of how he will  
☐ b) of when he would  
☐ c) on how he would  
☐ d) on when he would
10. The Japanese used to buy American cars as a way to express themselves. \_\_\_\_\_ selling to Japanese consumers was ever easy.  
☐ a) Not that  
☐ b) No what  
☐ c) Not what  
☐ d) No that
11. His statement about \_\_\_\_\_ no truth in the allegations was difficult to believe.  
☐ a) there had been  
☐ b) there was  
☐ c) there having  
☐ d) there being
12. The manager was \_\_\_\_\_ to stress that the company had no intention of cutting jobs.  
☐ a) at pains  
☐ b) in pain  
☐ c) at great pain  
☐ d) pained

13. Hardly anyone had known, \_\_\_\_\_?

- ☐ a) had one
- ☐ b) hadn't they
- ☐ c) had they
- ☐ d) had he

14. Sorry I'm late. I was \_\_\_\_\_ in the traffic.

- ☐ a) held out
- ☐ b) held up
- ☐ c) kept up
- ☐ d) let down

15. The school authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the child's behaviour on a total lack of discipline.

- ☐ a) blame
- ☐ b) attribute
- ☐ c) accuse
- ☐ d) ascribe

16. He hadn't expected \_\_\_\_\_ such an outcry.

- ☐ a) to be
- ☐ b) to have
- ☐ c) there to be
- ☐ d) it being

17. —If they invite you to dinner, don't take wine. They're teetotal.  
—Are they? I'll \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) take that on account
- ☐ b) bear that in mind
- ☐ c) keep that in view
- ☐ d) keep account of that

18. Nor, the officials claimed, \_\_\_\_\_ the way to peace.

- ☐ a) does the agreement pave
- ☐ b) the agreement paves
- ☐ c) the agreement doesn't pave
- ☐ d) the agreement isn't paving

19. The sound of a tap \_\_\_\_\_ kept me awake all night.

- ☐ a) dripping
- ☐ b) lapping
- ☐ c) seeping
- ☐ d) dropping

20. We're planning a party for Julia's birthday, but don't let \_\_\_\_\_. It's a surprise.

- ☐ a) on
- ☐ b) out
- ☐ c) off
- ☐ d) up

21. \_\_\_\_\_ bet on that horse, he would have won £22,000.

- ☐ a) Had he
- ☐ b) Was he to have
- ☐ c) Should he
- ☐ d) Were he to

22. If you park in the General Manager's space, you'll soon get your \_\_\_\_\_ orders.

- ☐ a) battle
- ☐ b) standing
- ☐ c) marching
- ☐ d) out of

23. The committee asked that the accident \_\_\_\_\_ investigated thoroughly.

- ☐ a) be
- ☐ b) would be
- ☐ c) should have been
- ☐ d) has been

24. He \_\_\_\_\_ his car repaired at the moment.

- ☐ a) has
- ☐ b) is having
- ☐ c) is making
- ☐ d) makes

25. I very much \_\_\_\_\_ his sarcastic comments.

- ☐ a) resented
- ☐ b) molested
- ☐ c) grudged
- ☐ d) objected

26. To everyone's surprise, Cynthia \_\_\_\_\_ her engagement just before the wedding.

- ☐ a) broke up
- ☐ b) broke off
- ☐ c) broke out of
- ☐ d) split up



27. —Did you see the way Jonathan spoke to his wife?

— Yes. It was \_\_\_\_\_, wasn't it? I never knew he was such a jealous type.

- ☐ a) a true eye-test
- ☐ b) an unblinkered eyepiece
- ☐ c) 20/20 hindsight
- ☐ d) a real eye-opener

28. The accused denied trying to blackmail his alleged victim \_\_\_\_\_ over £50,000 in unmarked bills.

- ☐ a) into handing
- ☐ b) out of handing
- ☐ c) to hand
- ☐ d) that he should hand

29. Accepting the job in Glasgow will mean \_\_\_\_\_ the family and moving to Scotland. We'll also have to find a new school for the children.

- ☐ a) dislodging
- ☐ b) supplanting
- ☐ c) transposing
- ☐ d) uprooting

30. Only 35% of \_\_\_\_\_ are still studying full time.

- ☐ a) 17-years-olds
- ☐ b) 17-year olds
- ☐ c) 17-year-olds
- ☐ d) 17-years olds

31. He's always \_\_\_\_\_ the government, but then he never votes in the elections.

- ☐ a) shooting off
- ☐ b) calling out
- ☐ c) running down
- ☐ d) calling off

32. —Why do you think we were chosen to make the presentation? I mean, we don't have much experience doing presentations.

—I don't know. It's just the \_\_\_\_\_, I suppose.

- ☐ a) luck of the draw
- ☐ b) draw of the luck
- ☐ c) stroke of the luck
- ☐ d) luck of the stroke

33. The problem is that council environmental health departments have \_\_\_\_\_. So there's simply too much work.

- ☐ a) too few staff
- ☐ b) too few staffs
- ☐ c) too little staff
- ☐ d) too few a staff

34. —Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the baby for a moment while I make a phone call?

—Of course. No problem at all.

- ☐ a) control
- ☐ b) settle
- ☐ c) mind
- ☐ d) attend

35. John wondered if she had undergone plastic surgery. She certainly looked a lot younger than her \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- ☐ a) fifty odd
- ☐ b) fifty-odd
- ☐ c) odd fifty
- ☐ d) fifty's odd

36. Whether France would be \_\_\_\_\_ off without the European Union is a moot question.

- ☐ a) good or better
- ☐ b) best or worst
- ☐ c) better or worse
- ☐ d) more or less than

37. He only took \_\_\_\_\_ golf because his doctor told him he would have to get some exercise. Now he thinks of nothing else.

- ☐ a) up
- ☐ b) over
- ☐ c) on
- ☐ d) off

38. Is this your first day here? Well, don't worry. You'll be spending a couple of weeks with someone who knows the \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ a) cords
- ☐ b) lines
- ☐ c) ropes
- ☐ d) hawsers

39. It's more than twenty years since I worked in Germany, so my German is pretty \_\_\_\_\_ now.

- ☐ a) rusty
- ☐ b) scratchy
- ☐ c) sloppy
- ☐ d) scruffy

40. They had been so helpful to her that \_\_\_\_\_ she could do was to say thank you.

- ☐ a) the last
- ☐ b) the least
- ☐ c) the less
- ☐ d) at least

41. —I'm not going to be treated like this. I've had enough! Do you hear?

—Now calm down. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) sink the ship
- ☐ b) make the waves
- ☐ c) hit the rocks
- ☐ d) rock the boat

42. I've been playing tennis for years. If this complete beginner beats me, I'll never \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) look up to it
- ☐ b) take after it
- ☐ c) cut down on it
- ☐ d) live it down

43. There were so many people \_\_\_\_\_ me in the crowd that I couldn't hold the camera steady.

- ☐ a) jerking
- ☐ b) jostling
- ☐ c) agitating
- ☐ d) colliding

44. When she left school Sheila wanted to go in for politics, and \_\_\_\_\_, involving herself in the nuts and bolts of local campaigns.

- ☐ a) so did she
- ☐ b) she went in
- ☐ c) so she did
- ☐ d) so she went

45. She's got \_\_\_\_\_ about people keeping their dogs under control. In fact, she's fanatical about it.

- ☐ a) a bull by the horns
- ☐ b) a cat in the bag
- ☐ c) ants in her pants
- ☐ d) a bee in her bonnet

46. —Where are we going to get the money?  
—Desmond will lend us a few pounds \_\_\_\_\_ he's been paid.

- ☐ a) so long
- ☐ b) whereas
- ☐ c) notwithstanding
- ☐ d) provided

47. A good friend is one who will \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're in trouble. You know what they say: a friend in need is a friend indeed.

- ☐ a) stand up to
- ☐ b) stand over
- ☐ c) stand by
- ☐ d) back up

48. The River Breem rises in the hills to the north, then \_\_\_\_\_ south-west to the sea.

- ☐ a) pours
- ☐ b) discourses
- ☐ c) drips
- ☐ d) flows

49. When I came \_\_\_\_\_ after the accident, I couldn't remember a single thing that had happened.

- ☐ a) about
- ☐ b) off
- ☐ c) round
- ☐ d) over

50. I used to be criticised a lot when I started this job but it doesn't bother me now. It's like water off a \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) duck's beak
- ☐ b) parrot's back
- ☐ c) duck's back
- ☐ d) parrot's beak