

IELTS Task 1 Prepositions Practice Test

PART A: Fill in the blanks

Choose the correct preposition from the box to complete the sentences. Each word may be used more than once.

[in, on, by, at, from, to, over, between, with, of]

1. The percentage of car owners rose sharply ____ 2000 and 2010.
2. There was a significant increase ____ the number of students enrolling in 2012.
3. The proportion of men in higher education remained stable ____ the given period.
4. Sales dropped ____ 50% in just two months.
5. The figure peaked ____ around 80%.
6. There was a gradual decline ____ 2010 ____ 2015.
7. The data shows fluctuations ____ the second half of the year.
8. Employment rates were lowest ____ 1998.
9. The graph illustrates changes ____ the price of oil.
10. The number of visitors fell ____ 1.5 million to 1.2 million.

PART B: Choose the correct option

11. The amount of rainfall increased steadily ____ the summer months.
A. in B. by C. over D. from
12. The population of the city remained unchanged ____ a decade.
A. over B. during C. at D. since
13. The temperature dropped suddenly ____ midnight.
A. at B. on C. in D. by
14. Exports reached their highest point ____ 2015.
A. in B. on C. by D. with

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15. The chart compares the literacy rates ____ five different countries.

A. in B. for C. with D. among

PART C: Sentence Rewriting (Use a suitable preposition)

16. The number of online shoppers increased (____) 30% in five years.

-> Rewritten: There was a 30% increase _____ online shoppers in five years.

17. Oil production declined from 5 million barrels to 3 million barrels.

-> Rewritten: Oil production dropped _____ 2 million barrels.

18. The percentage of students remained unchanged during the period.

-> Rewritten: There was no change _____ the percentage of students during the period.

19. The diagram shows the process of recycling paper.

-> Rewritten: The process illustrated is concerned _____ recycling paper.

20. There was a sharp rise in internet use between 2005 and 2010.

-> Rewritten: Internet use rose sharply _____ 2005 _____ 2010.