

C1 ENGLISH GRAMMAR TEST

2-Hour Comprehensive Examination

Time allowed: 120 minutes | Level: C1 | Core total: 110 points

Topics Covered

- Passive voice
- Gerunds vs. infinitives
- Phrasal verbs
- Separable and inseparable phrasal verbs
- Prepositions: in / on / at
- Error correction / redaction
- C1 grammar transformations and writing

Instructions

- Read every question carefully.
- Unless otherwise stated, there is only one correct answer.
- Pay attention to register, meaning, tense, word order, and grammatical accuracy.
- Do not use a dictionary.
- For transformation questions, do not change the meaning of the original sentence.
- In the final writing task, grammatical accuracy is more important than unnecessarily complicated vocabulary.

SECTION 1 — PASSIVE VOICE

Questions 1–20 | 20 points | Approximately 20 minutes

1. By the time the investigation was completed, several important documents _____ from the archive.

- A. had been removed
- B. have been removed
- C. were removing
- D. had removed

2. The company claims that all customer complaints _____ within 48 hours.

- A. deal with
- B. are dealt with
- C. are dealing with
- D. have dealt with

3. It is believed that the painting _____ during the Second World War.

- A. stole
- B. has stolen
- C. was stolen

- D. had stealing
4. The minister _____ to resign after the allegations became public.
- A. was reported
 - B. reported
 - C. has been reporting
 - D. was reporting
5. The new regulations _____ by the end of next month.
- A. will have implemented
 - B. will have been implemented
 - C. have been implementing
 - D. are implementing
6. When we arrived at the laboratory, the equipment _____ by technicians.
- A. was being inspected
 - B. had inspecting
 - C. has been inspecting
 - D. was inspected being
7. The suspect denied _____ access to the confidential files.
- A. having been given
 - B. having given
 - C. to have been given
 - D. being giving
8. The project was delayed because several key decisions _____ before construction could begin.
- A. needed to be made
 - B. needed making
 - C. needed to make
 - D. were needing made
9. The results of the study _____ next Friday.
- A. are expected to announce
 - B. are expected to be announced
 - C. expect to be announced
 - D. are expecting announcing
10. He _____ three times for the position but was unsuccessful each time.
- A. has interviewed
 - B. had interviewed
 - C. was interviewed
 - D. had been interviewing
11. The building _____ extensively before it was reopened to the public.
- A. renovated
 - B. had been renovated
 - C. had renovated

- D. was renovating

12. The researchers believe that the disease _____ by a previously unknown virus.

- A. may have been caused
- B. may have caused
- C. may be causing
- D. may have been causing

13. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. The problem is believed having been caused by human error.
- B. The problem is believed to have been caused by human error.
- C. The problem believes to have been caused by human error.
- D. The problem was believing to cause human error.

14. She was furious because she _____ that she would receive the promotion.

- A. had been led to believe
- B. had led to believe
- C. was leading to believe
- D. has been led believing

15. The decision _____ until all members of the committee have been consulted.

- A. will postpone
- B. will have postponed
- C. will be postponed
- D. is postponing

16. The documents _____ to the wrong department, which caused considerable confusion.

- A. had been sent
- B. had sent
- C. were sending
- D. have sending

17. The company is thought _____ financial difficulties for several years.

- A. to experience
- B. to have been experiencing
- C. having experienced
- D. being experienced

18. By the time the police arrived, the evidence _____.

- A. had destroyed
- B. had been destroyed
- C. was destroying
- D. has been destroyed

19. The proposal _____ considerable opposition when it was first introduced.

- A. met with
- B. was met with
- C. was meeting with

- D. had been met

20. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.

People say that the company has concealed important information from investors.

The company _____.

SECTION 2 — GERUNDS VS. INFINITIVES

Questions 21–40 | 20 points | Approximately 20 minutes

21. I can't afford _____ any more mistakes at this stage of the project.

- A. making
- B. to make
- C. make
- D. having made

22. She denied _____ the confidential information to the press.

- A. to leak
- B. leak
- C. leaking
- D. to have leaked

23. We regret _____ you that your application has been unsuccessful.

- A. informing
- B. to inform
- C. inform
- D. having informed

24. I remember _____ this issue with you several years ago.

- A. to discuss
- B. discussing
- C. discuss
- D. to have discussed

25. Please remember _____ the door when you leave.

- A. locking
- B. to lock
- C. lock
- D. having locked

26. He stopped _____ when the manager entered the room.

- A. talking
- B. to talk
- C. talk
- D. having talked

27. After working for several hours, she stopped _____ a cup of coffee.

- A. drinking
- B. to drink

- C. drink
- D. having drunk

28. I regret _____ so harshly to him yesterday.

- A. to speak
- B. speaking
- C. speak
- D. to have spoken

29. The company went on _____ despite the economic downturn.

- A. expanding
- B. to expand
- C. expand
- D. both A and B

30. After explaining the basic principles, the lecturer went on _____ the more complex aspects of the theory.

- A. discussing
- B. to discuss
- C. discuss
- D. having discussed

31. She tried _____ the file, but it was password-protected.

- A. opening
- B. to open
- C. open
- D. having opened

32. If you can't sleep, try _____ some relaxing music.

- A. listening to
- B. to listen to
- C. listen to
- D. having listened to

33. I didn't mean _____ you. I was simply expressing my opinion.

- A. offending
- B. to offend
- C. offend
- D. having offended

34. I distinctly remember _____ the email before leaving the office.

- A. sending
- B. to send
- C. send
- D. having to send

35. He denied _____ aware of the problem before the meeting.

- A. to be

- B. being
- C. be
- D. having to be

36. She was reluctant _____ responsibility for the mistake.

- A. taking
- B. to take
- C. take
- D. having taken

37. There is no point _____ about something that cannot be changed.

- A. to worry
- B. worry
- C. worrying
- D. having worried

38. I would rather _____ the matter privately.

- A. discussing
- B. to discuss
- C. discuss
- D. have discussing

39. He admitted _____ the instructions without fully understanding them.

- A. to follow
- B. following
- C. follow
- D. having to follow

40. Rewrite using the word in brackets. Do not change the meaning.

"I didn't intend to upset her." (MEAN)

I _____ her.

SECTION 3 — PHRASAL VERBS

Questions 41–60 | 20 points | Approximately 20 minutes

41. The negotiations _____ after neither side was willing to compromise.

- A. broke down
- B. broke up
- C. broke into
- D. broke off with

42. We need to _____ a solution before the deadline.

- A. come up with
- B. come across
- C. come down
- D. come into

43. I _____ an old friend while I was travelling in Spain.

- A. came across
- B. came up
- C. came over
- D. came out

44. The meeting was _____ until next Monday.

- A. put off
- B. put away
- C. put through
- D. put down

45. The new CEO intends to _____ several outdated procedures.

- A. do away with
- B. do up with
- C. do over
- D. do out

46. The researchers _____ several unexpected problems during the experiment.

- A. ran into
- B. ran over
- C. ran out
- D. ran away

47. We have _____ coffee. Could you buy some?

- A. run into
- B. run out of
- C. run over
- D. run through

48. She _____ her old car because maintaining it had become too expensive.

- A. got rid of
- B. got over
- C. got across
- D. got through with

49. The speaker managed to _____ her argument very clearly.

- A. get across
- B. get over with
- C. get away
- D. get through from

50. I don't understand what you're _____. Could you explain it again?

- A. getting at
- B. getting across
- C. getting through
- D. getting down

51. The company is trying to _____ the reasons behind the sudden decline in sales.

- A. find out
- B. find over
- C. find through
- D. find across

52. He _____ his resignation after the board rejected his proposal.

- A. handed in
- B. handed over
- C. handed out
- D. handed down

53. The manager _____ the responsibility for the failure to the previous administration.

- A. passed on
- B. passed away
- C. passed out
- D. passed through

54. She _____ an excellent opportunity because she was too hesitant to act.

- A. missed out on
- B. missed away
- C. missed through
- D. missed over

55. The government has promised to _____ the issue in greater detail.

- A. look into
- B. look after
- C. look over with
- D. look up to

56. Could you _____ the report before I send it to the client?

- A. look over
- B. look after
- C. look into
- D. look out of

57. He _____ his father in both appearance and personality.

- A. takes after
- B. takes up
- C. takes in
- D. takes over

58. The company was _____ by a much larger corporation.

- A. taken over
- B. taken after
- C. taken up
- D. taken out

59. She decided to _____ yoga after experiencing severe back pain.

- A. take up
- B. take over
- C. take after
- D. take in

60. The journalist refused to _____ pressure from the authorities.

- A. give in to
- B. give up to
- C. give out to
- D. give away from

SECTION 4 — SEPARABLE VS. INSEPARABLE PHRASAL VERBS

Questions 61–70 | 10 points | Approximately 10 minutes

61. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. Please turn on the lights.
- B. Please turn the lights on.
- C. Please turn on them.
- D. A and B are both correct.

62. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. I need to look into the matter.
- B. I need to look the matter into.
- C. I need to look into it.
- D. A and C are both correct.

63. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. She put her success down to hard work.
- B. She put down her success to hard work.
- C. She put it down to hard work.
- D. A and C are both correct.

64. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. He came across an interesting article.
- B. He came an interesting article across.
- C. He came across it.
- D. A and C are both correct.

65. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. Please fill the form in.
- B. Please fill in the form.
- C. Please fill it in.
- D. All of the above are correct.

66. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. She ran into an old colleague.
- B. She ran an old colleague into.

- C. She ran into him.
- D. A and C are both correct.

67. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. They called the meeting off.
- B. They called off the meeting.
- C. They called it off.
- D. All of the above are correct.

68. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. He takes after his mother.
- B. He takes his mother after.
- C. He takes after her.
- D. A and C are both correct.

69. Which sentence contains an incorrect use of a separable/inseparable phrasal verb?

- A. She switched the computer off.
- B. She switched off the computer.
- C. She switched it off.
- D. She switched off it.

70. Which sentence is correct?

- A. The manager called the meeting off because of the storm.
- B. The manager called off the meeting because of the storm.
- C. The manager called it off because of the storm.
- D. All three are correct.

SECTION 5 — PREPOSITIONS: IN / ON / AT

Questions 71–80 | 10 points | Approximately 10 minutes

71. The conference will take place _____ Monday morning.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. by

72. She was born _____ 1998.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. in
- D. by

73. I'll meet you _____ the entrance to the building.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. by

74. They arrived _____ the airport just before midnight.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. by

75. He is currently _____ university studying engineering.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. in
- D. by

76. There was a strange expression _____ her face.

- A. at
- B. in
- C. on
- D. by

77. The information is available _____ the company's website.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. by

78. We usually have lunch _____ noon.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. during

79. The company was founded _____ the beginning of the twentieth century.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. in
- D. by

80. He happened to be _____ the right place _____ the right time.

- A. in / at
- B. at / in
- C. on / at
- D. at / on

SECTION 6 — ERROR CORRECTION / REDACTION

Questions 81–90 | 10 points | Approximately 15 minutes

81. The decision is believed having been influenced by political pressure.

Correct sentence: _____

82. She suggested to postpone the meeting until next week.

Correct sentence: _____

83. I look forward to meet you next month.

Correct sentence: _____

84. The matter will be looked into by the committee.

Is this sentence correct? If not, correct it: _____

85. He explained that the mistake had been caused from a misunderstanding.

Correct sentence: _____

86. She turned off it because she didn't need it anymore.

Correct sentence: _____

87. The conference is going to take place in Friday afternoon.

Correct sentence: _____

88. They succeeded in to convince the board to reconsider the proposal.

Correct sentence: _____

89. The suspect is thought to have been leaving the country when he was arrested.

Is this sentence grammatically acceptable? Explain or correct it:

90. He denied to have leaked the information to the newspaper.

Correct sentence: _____

SECTION 7 — C1 GRAMMAR TRANSFORMATIONS

Questions 91–95 | 5 points | Approximately 10 minutes

91. People believe that the company deliberately concealed the evidence.

BELIEVED

The company _____ the evidence deliberately.

92. They postponed the meeting because several participants were unavailable.

PUT

The meeting _____ because several participants were unavailable.

93. She started learning Japanese three years ago and still studies it.

BEEN

She _____ Japanese for three years.

94. He didn't intend to offend anyone with his comments.

MEAN

He _____ anyone with his comments.

95. The committee is investigating the allegations.

LOOKED

The allegations _____ by the committee.

SECTION 8 — C1 CLOZE TEST

Questions 96–105 | 10 points | Approximately 10 minutes

Read the text and choose the best answer for each gap.

The Changing Workplace

Over the past decade, the way in which people work has undergone considerable change. Technological developments have made it possible for employees to work remotely, while companies have increasingly been expected to provide greater flexibility.

At first, many organisations were reluctant to 96. _____ remote working arrangements because managers feared that productivity would decline. However, these concerns gradually 97. _____ to be exaggerated. Once employees had become accustomed to working independently, many organisations found that productivity could actually be improved.

Nevertheless, remote working has not been entirely successful. Some employees complain that they find it difficult to 98. _____ work from personal life, particularly when they are expected to remain available outside normal working hours.

Managers have also had to 99. _____ new ways of maintaining communication and ensuring that employees remain engaged. Regular meetings are often held online, and important information is generally 100. _____ through collaborative platforms.

Despite these developments, some organisations have decided to 101. _____ a return to the traditional office environment. Their argument is that employees are more likely to exchange ideas spontaneously when they are physically 102. _____ the same place.

Whether this approach will succeed remains to be seen. What is clear is that the workplace will continue to 103. _____ as technology develops. Employees who are unwilling to 104. _____ new methods of working may find themselves at a disadvantage.

Ultimately, companies will need to 105. _____ the advantages of flexibility against the importance of maintaining effective collaboration.

96.

- A. take up
- B. take on
- C. take in
- D. take after

97.

- A. turned out
- B. turned over
- C. turned into
- D. turned against

98.

- A. distinguish
- B. separate
- C. divide
- D. remove

99.

- A. come across
- B. come up with
- C. come over
- D. come into

100.

- A. passed away
- B. passed out
- C. passed on
- D. passed through

101.

- A. call for
- B. call off
- C. call on
- D. call up

102.

- A. at
- B. in
- C. on
- D. by

103.

- A. evolve
- B. take after
- C. put off
- D. run into

104.

- A. adapt to
- B. adapt with
- C. adapt at
- D. adapt on

105.

- A. balance
- B. turn
- C. put
- D. break

SECTION 9 — ADVANCED REWRITING

Questions 106–110 | 5 points | Approximately 10 minutes

106. PASSIVE

Someone should have informed the employees about the changes earlier.

Use: The employees...

107. GERUND / INFINITIVE

It was a mistake for him to reveal the information.

Use: He regrets...

108. PHRASAL VERB

The committee rejected the proposal because of its financial implications.

Use: TURNED

109. PREPOSITION

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Is the sentence correct? If not, correct it.

110. PASSIVE + INFINITIVE

People expect that the negotiations will continue for several weeks.

Use: The negotiations...

SECTION 10 — C1 WRITING TASK

Recommended time: 15–20 minutes

111. Formal Writing

Write 180–220 words on the following topic:

Many companies are reconsidering whether employees should work remotely or return to the office. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both approaches and give your opinion.

Your writing should include:

- At least 2 passive constructions
- At least 3 phrasal verbs
- At least 2 gerunds
- At least 2 infinitives
- Correct use of in, on, and at
- A range of C1-level vocabulary
- Appropriate formal/neutral register

Writing space: