

Listening Section Instructions

This section of the test has three parts. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet. Do not make any stray marks on the answer sheet. If you change your mind about an answer, erase your first answer completely. If you do not know the answer, you may guess. Try to answer as many questions as possible.

Listening Test, Part 1

In this part, you will hear 20 short conversations. After each conversation, you will hear a question about it. You will hear each conversation and question once. The answer choices are printed in the test booklet. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

Do you have any questions?

- 1 What does the woman say about her workload?
A. She is just about done.
B. It is insurmountable.
C. She is hopeful she'll manage it.
D. It was not fairly allocated.
- 2 What does the man think of the woman's idea?
A. He is not sure it will work.
B. He wishes he'd thought of it.
C. He thinks it's smart but impractical.
D. He fears it will be hard to implement.
- 3 What will the boy probably do in the evening?
A. write an essay
B. proofread an essay
C. go to photography club
D. take a break from his schoolwork
- 4 Why is the man waiting with the woman?
A. There are no taxis in the area.
B. He thinks the streets are dangerous.
C. Catching a bus would be a hassle.
D. He doesn't want her to be stranded.
- 5 What does the woman think of the café?
A. She thinks it's too grimy.
B. She would prefer it if it were less popular.
C. She doesn't think the art on the walls is tasteful.
D. She believes it's a good place to exhibit her art.
- 6 Why did the girl ask the boy for help?
A. because of his mom's profession
B. because he gets high test scores
C. because he's interested in the subject
D. because of the career path he wants to follow
- 7 What does the woman imply about Tina?
A. She is trying to do a good job.
B. She's not doing her work correctly.
C. She has a difficult time with geology.
D. She's not doing as much as the others.
- 8 What does the man say he wants to happen?
A. He wants to be ecologically responsible.
B. He wants to cycle to get some exercise.
C. He wants the woman to introduce him.
D. He wants to avoid meeting new people.
- 9 What are the speakers discussing?
A. appropriate professional attire
B. the woman's new coworkers
C. preparations for a job interview
D. the challenges of finding a job
- 10 How does the man feel about his exhibition?
A. apologetic for the atmosphere
B. confused about the reaction
C. skeptical about its success
D. stunned by the reception
- 11 Why does the woman mention the four classes?
A. to show that she doesn't mind meeting new people
B. to prove that she's good at remembering names
C. to indicate that she'll attend the party after all
D. to explain why she declined the invitation
- 12 What does the man think about the weather?
A. It's more pleasant than usual.
B. It's uncharacteristic for the season.
C. It's perfect for swimming.
D. It will change by the weekend.

- 13 What does the girl say about her team?
A. They are all devoted to basketball.
B. They compete to be the best.
C. It's exhausting to see them every day.
D. She relies on them for support.
- 14 How did the man reassure the woman?
A. by demonstrating how things could be worse
B. by emphasizing the importance of slides
C. by relating his own similar experience
D. by encouraging her to forget her problems
- 15 What is the man confused about?
A. how much he needs to pay
B. which day of the month it is
C. why the book was not overdue
D. how to find out when books are due
- 16 What does the woman want from the drugstore?
A. toothpaste
B. groceries
C. sunscreen
D. a bag of chips
- 17 What will the woman probably do?
A. drop the class
B. rewrite her essay
C. talk with the professor
D. look at the man's essay
- 18 What does the man imply about the blogger?
A. Her sources aren't trustworthy.
B. She has medical training.
C. Her advice is influential.
D. She lacks credibility.
- 19 How does the woman feel?
A. unsure if she loves the shoes
B. tempted to be extravagant
C. skeptical about certain claims
D. vulnerable to being influenced
- 20 Why is the woman relieved?
A. She was afraid she was in the wrong place.
B. She thought she was going to be late.
C. She thought the man had gotten lost.
D. The man finally answered his phone.

Listening Test, Part 2


In this part, you will hear three short talks. After each talk, you will hear six questions about it. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

You will hear each talk and the questions once. If you want to, you may take notes in your booklet as you listen. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

Do you have any questions?


Now you will hear the first talk. Look at the questions.

Listen to a news report about a fire.

- 21 What does the speaker say first made him think something was wrong?
 - A. the color of the sky
 - B. a news announcement
 - C. certain weather patterns
 - D. something he saw on TV
- 22 What is probably true about the speaker?
 - A. He lives in the hills outside of town.
 - B. He believes this fire is a serious threat.
 - C. He had a bad experience with a fire in the past.
 - D. He can't imagine what a forest fire would be like.
- 23 What does the speaker suggest about the firefighters?
 - A. They are present and doing their job.
 - B. They have just extinguished the fire.
 - C. They are apprehensive about the wind conditions.
 - D. They are in regular communication with the reporter.
- 24 What does the speaker say about the air quality?
 - A. Few people need to change their behavior.
 - B. There is cause for concern.
 - C. Smoke has made the air red.
 - D. It's not as bad as it seems to be.
- 25 Why does the speaker mention public spaces?
 - A. to encourage people to congregate
 - B. to point out there's a way for everyone to stay safe
 - C. to let people know that they'll be safest there
 - D. to reduce households' expenditures on air conditioning
- 26 What does the speaker mean when he says: 
 - A. The status of the fire can be checked online.
 - B. Citizens are required to work alongside firefighters.
 - C. People shouldn't engage in recreational games when there's a fire.
 - D. Everyone has a role in fire prevention.

Now you will hear the second talk. Look at the questions.

Listen to a lecture at a college.

- 27 What information does the speaker say is important at this time?
 - A. covering all the aspects
 - B. going into the process in detail
 - C. getting a general overview
 - D. learning the fundamental processes
- 28 What does the speaker say about the process of photosynthesis?
 - A. It transforms sunlight into carbon dioxide.
 - B. It requires sugar to produce energy.
 - C. It creates carbon dioxide and water.
 - D. Its final product is sugar.
- 29 What does the speaker say about the food chain?
 - A. It is most relevant to plants and herbivores.
 - B. It is reliant upon sugar from photosynthesis.
 - C. It means plants are more successful than animals.
 - D. Carnivores do not depend on photosynthesis.
- 30 What does the speaker imply about plants' relationship to oxygen?
 - A. Oxygen is essential to plants.
 - B. Plants require specific levels.
 - C. It is not directly useful to plants.
 - D. It is a raw material for photosynthesis.
- 31 Why does the speaker most likely mention learning resources?
 - A. to give students options for how to learn
 - B. to persuade students to work together
 - C. to inform students what they have to study
 - D. to cover topics she doesn't have time for
- 32 What does the speaker mean when she says: 
 - A. It's the best tool for auditory learners.
 - B. The Internet provides a diversion from studying.
 - C. The animation will be especially helpful to some students.
 - D. She is proud of herself for making the animation.

Now you will hear the third talk. Look at the questions.

Listen to a speaker talking at an event.

- 33 What is the speaker's main purpose?
- A. to find homes for some stray dogs
 - B. to introduce a fundraising event
 - C. to educate people about pets
 - D. to introduce the films that will be shown
- 34 Why does the speaker mention donation size?
- A. to encourage people to give more
 - B. to say that even small ones are helpful
 - C. to explain what they do with the money
 - D. to explain their difficult financial situation
- 35 What does the speaker suggest about cats?
- A. They are not as friendly as dogs.
 - B. People are more willing to adopt cats than dogs.
 - C. They may have been frightened in a place they didn't know.
 - D. They behave very well in pet cafés.
- 36 How did the speaker get her pet?
- A. She adopted it at a shelter.
 - B. She found it on the street.
 - C. She saw it in a cat café.
 - D. She chose it after a lot of planning.
- 37 What does the speaker say about the films?
- A. There is no charge to see them.
 - B. They were made by volunteers.
 - C. They are about mistreatment of strays.
 - D. She has watched them before.
- 38 What will the audience probably do next?
- A. listen to some talks
 - B. sign up to volunteer
 - C. meet and adopt a dog
 - D. watch some films

Listening Test, Part 3

In this part, you will hear two segments from a radio program. After each segment, you will hear six questions about it. Before each segment begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

You will hear each segment twice. Then you will hear the questions once. If you want to, you may take notes in your booklet as you listen. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet. You should mark A, B or C.

Do you have any questions?

Look at the questions. Then listen to the first segment.

- 39 Why does the first speaker refer to height, width, and depth?
 - A. to specify the topic being discussed
 - B. to explain the popularity of 3D movies
 - C. to illustrate an idiosyncrasy of human vision
- 40 According to Fergus, what happened in 1853?
 - A. The motion picture camera was invented.
 - B. Stereoscopic imaging was invented.
 - C. The first 3D film was created.
- 41 What does Fergus say about the creation of a stereoscopic image?
 - A. The image is projected more than once.
 - B. Images are projected at slightly different times.
 - C. Black is substituted for certain colors.
- 42 What characteristic is shared by color anaglyph and polarizing 3D techniques?
 - A. the use of special colorful glasses
 - B. the projection of varying images
 - C. the requirement of a silver screen
- 43 What does the reporter imply about the popularity of 3D film?
 - A. It changes little over time.
 - B. It gets more and more popular.
 - C. It will become popular again.
- 44 What is the main purpose of this report?
 - A. to explain how 3D technology works
 - B. to discuss the reasons behind 3D film's popularity
 - C. to evaluate the effectiveness of 3D effects

Look at the questions. Then listen to the second segment.

- 45 Why does Kobe Jordan mention online maps?
 - A. to help other researchers locate the tree
 - B. to hint that this was not actually a new discovery
 - C. to emphasize the unlikelihood of the situation
- 46 What does Michelle Bryant say is the most interesting feature of the palm?
 - A. its great size
 - B. its unusual relatives
 - C. its way of flowering
- 47 How does Michelle Bryant view the collection of seeds?
 - A. It could jeopardize the wild populations.
 - B. It mainly benefits botanical gardens.
 - C. It's important for the plant's preservation.
- 48 What does Michelle Bryant suggest may happen in the future?
 - A. More *Tahina spectabilis* may be found.
 - B. New related species may be discovered.
 - C. Plants may be collected from the new site.
- 49 What do both experts believe about the second site?
 - A. Plants are not genetically related to the first site.
 - B. It was not surprising that it was found.
 - C. It improves the plant's prospects of survival.
- 50 What is the purpose of this report?
 - A. to announce the discovery of a new species
 - B. to inform listeners about an unusual palm
 - C. to promote the study of palms in Madagascar

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the conversation or sentence.

- 51 Viewers make the final decision _____ should be eliminated from the competition.
A. who they
B. to whom
C. as to whom they
D. as to who
- 52 If Darren wants to get better grades, it's time he _____ a serious effort.
A. made
B. had made
C. would make
D. has made
- 53 The new teacher may appear to have her classroom under control _____ quiet.
A. not that it is so
B. as it is nothing like
C. yet it is nothing but
D. but it is anything but
- 54 "Why is it taking so long to finish the new highway?"
"Apparently _____ operational difficulties."
A. they've to run into
B. they've yet to run into
C. they've run into
D. they run into
- 55 I am not to blame and if Ashley doesn't apologize, _____.
A. I will
B. I won't either
C. I will either
D. I will neither
- 56 You will need documentation from a doctor _____ eligible for sick pay.
A. to have been
B. for be
C. to be
D. for being
- 57 All hospital staff in the emergency room are _____ call 24 hours a day.
A. at
B. to
C. in
D. on
- 58 The carnival was a great success and _____ for another one to be held next year.
A. preparations are underway
B. there are preparations in the way
C. the preparations are on way
D. preparations are in the way
- 59 It was not _____ the '90s that "Internet" became a household word.
A. until
B. before
C. after
D. since
- 60 Lower abdominal pain and backaches are _____ inflammatory disease.
A. suggested by
B. so suggestive
C. suggestive of
D. a suggestion of

Practice Test 7

READING: GRAMMAR

61 In order to be an accountant, you need other skills _____ being able to add up figures.

- A. aside to
- B. aside
- C. besides
- D. besides to

62 Under pressure from the Federal Reserve, banks are increasing mortgage rates _____ more expensive home loans.

- A. like signifying
- B. likely signifying
- C. which likely signifies
- D. to likely signify

63 Angela and her sister love going to the theater; there is _____ than a musical on Broadway.

- A. nothing rather they would see
- B. nothing they would see rather
- C. nothing they rather would see
- D. nothing they would rather see

64 _____ move abroad, I would have accepted the lucrative job offer.

- A. Had I been willing to
- B. Were I willing
- C. If I have been willing to
- D. When I'm willing to

65 The terrible weather in Spain spoiled what _____ a perfect family vacation in Europe.

- A. would other than that would be
- B. would just as soon be
- C. would otherwise have been
- D. had better would have been

66 Local residents _____ changes to the park's status for years, before a new law was finally passed.

- A. were being petitioned for
- B. had been petitioning for
- C. have been petitioning for
- D. were petitioning with