

|EASY 10 - PLACEMENT TEST

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

- Question 1. A. maintained B. promoted C. required D. argued
Question 2. A. tall B. late C. safe D. same

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3. A. achieve B. supply C. insist D. offer
Question 4. A. tradition B. candidate C. industry D. customer

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- Question 5. He's American, _____?
A. won't he B. didn't he C. doesn't he D. isn't he
Question 6. The flood victims _____ with food and clean water by the volunteers.
A. provided B. were provided C. were providing D. provide
Question 7. Many students are worried _____ the coming exam.
A. about B. on C. from D. to
Question 8. _____ it is, the more uncomfortable we feel.
A. Hotter B. The hotter C. Hottest D. The hottest
Question 9. He was fascinated by the _____ car at the exhibition.
A. red German old B. German old red C. old red German D. old German red
Question 10. Mike _____ his favourite program on TV when the lights went out.
A. was watching B. is watching C. watched D. watches
Question 11. My uncle lives a happy life _____ his disability.
A. because of B. because C. though D. in spite of
Question 12. Mrs Brown will have worked at this school for 30 years _____.
A. by the time she retires B. when she retired
C. as soon as she had retired D. after she had retired
Question 13. _____ the report to the manager, she decided to take a rest.
A. Having handed in B. Handed in C. To hand in D. Being handed in
Question 14. This restaurant is _____ with those who like Vietnamese food.

- A. popular B. popularly C. popularise D. popularity

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 15. It's great to go out on such a lovely day.

- A. ugly B. beautiful C. old D. modern

Question 16. Josh's ambition is to become a successful businessman like his father.

- A. dream B. doubt C. pleasure D. patience

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 17. You should dress neatly for the interview to make a good impression on the interviewers.

- A. untidily B. formally C. unfairly D. comfortably

Question 18. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the country's aviation industry due to international travel restrictions.

- A. considerably benefited B. negatively changed
C. severely damaged D. completely replaced

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 19. Tim is talking to Peter, his new classmate, in the classroom.

- Tim: "How far is it from your house to school, Peter?"

- Peter: "_____"

- A. About five kilometres B. A bit too old
C. Not too expensive D. Five hours ago

Question 20. Jack and David are talking about taking a gap year.

- Jack: "I think taking a gap year is a waste of time."

- David: "_____. It gives gap-year takers a lot of valuable experiences."

- A. I agree with you B. I don't quite agree
C. It's right D. My pleasure

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 21 to 25.

More than 300,000,000 people speak English as their first language. Another 300,000 speak it as a second language. No one knows how many people speak it as a foreign (21) _____. Chinese is the only language with more speakers than English. This is because of the huge (22) _____ of Chinese, more than one billion people. More people study English than any other languages. English is the language of aviation, commerce, and education. (23) _____ English, a lot of people from the Third World have chances to change their lives. (24) _____ the appearance of Esperanto, which used to be thought the world official language, English is still the (25) _____ international language.

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| Question 21. A. words | B. language | C. tips | D. tongue |
| Question 22. A. population | B. growth | C. outbreak | D. ancestor |
| Question 23. A. But for | B. Thanks to | C. Due to | D. According to |
| Question 24. A. Although | B. In spite | C. In fact | D. Despite |
| Question 25. A. mostly | B. most | C. more | D. almost |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 26 to 30.

Marcel Bich, a French manufacturer of traditional ink pens, was the man turning the ballpoint pen into an item that today almost anyone can afford. Bich was shocked at the poor quality of the ballpoint pens that were available, and also at their high cost. However, he recognised that the ballpoint was a firmly established invention, and he decided to design a cheap pen that worked well and would be commercially successful.

Bich went to the Biro brothers and asked them if he could use the design of their original invention in one of his own pens. In return, he offered to pay them every time he sold a pen. Then, for two years, Bich studied the detailed construction of every ballpoint pen that was being sold, often working with a microscope.

By 1950, he was ready to introduce his new wonder: a plastic pen with a clear barrel that wrote smoothly, did not leak and only cost a few cents. He called it the 'Bic Cristal'. The ballpoint pen had finally become a **practical** writing instrument. The public liked it immediately, and today it is as common as the pencil. In Britain, they are still called Bicos, and many Bic models also say 'Biro' on the side of the pen, to remind people of their original inventors.

Bich became extremely wealthy thanks to his invention, **which** had worldwide appeal. Over the next 60 years his company, Société Bic, opened factories all over the world and expanded its range of inexpensive products. Today, Bic is as famous for its lighters and razors as it is for its pens, and you can even buy a Bic mobile phone.

(Adapted from Complete IELTS Workbook by Rawdon Wyatt)

Question 26. What could be the best title for the passage?

- A. From Mobile Devices to Ballpoint Pens**
B. From a Luxury Item to an Everyday Object
C. Ballpoint Pen's New Design - For Better or Worse?
D. Birs - A Business Model in Britain

Question 27. According to paragraph 1, Marcel Bich was shocked because _____.

- A.** a cheap pen could be designed with great commercial success
B. a firm was not established to produce high-quality ballpoint pens
C. most people could not afford such a firmly established invention
D. the ballpoint pens available were expensive despite their poor quality

Question 28. The word "**practical**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A.** accurate **B.** traditional **C.** sharp **D.** useful

Question 29. The word "which" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. factories** **B. company** **C. invention** **D. range**

Question 30. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as products of Bich's company?

- A.** mobile phones **B.** lighters **C.** pencils **D.** razors

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 31. Yesterday morning, Joe arrives late for school for the first time.

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Question 32. In different parts of the world, elephants are still hunted for its ivory tusks.

- A** **B** **C** **D**

Question 33. It is essential to provide high school students with adequate career orientation, so they

- A** **B**

can make more informative decisions about their future major.

- C** **D**

Question 34. Dew usually disappeared by seven o'clock in the morning when the sun comes up.

- | A | B | C | D |
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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 35. She last visited her home country ten years ago.

- A. She hasn't visited her home country for ten years.
- B. She didn't visit her home country ten years ago.
- C. She has visited her home country for ten years.
- D. She was in her home country for ten years.

Question 36. "I'll help you with the washing-up, Mary," he said.

- A. He admitted helping Mary with the washing-up.
- B. He denied helping Mary with the washing-up.
- C. He promised to help Mary with the washing-up.
- D. He refused to help Mary with the washing-up.

Question 37. It's necessary for you to drink enough water every day.

- A. You should drink enough water every day.
- B. You may drink enough water every day.
- C. You needn't drink enough water every day.
- D. You mustn't drink enough water every day.

Question 38. Stop talking or you won't understand the lesson

- A. If you don't stop talking, you won't understand the lesson.
- B. If you don't stop talking, you wouldn't understand the lesson.
- C. If you hadn't stopped talking, you wouldn't understand the lesson.
- D. If you hadn't stopped talking, you wouldn't have understood the lesson.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 39. His parents are away on holiday. He really needs their help now.

- A. As long as his parents are at home, they will be able to help him.
- B. He wishes his parents were at home and could help him now.
- C. If his parents are at home, they can help him now.
- D. If only his parents had been at home and could have helped him.

Question 40. He finally contracted the disease. He was aware of the importance of preventive measures only then.

- A. But for his awareness of the importance of preventive measures, he could have contracted the disease.

B. Hardly had he been aware that preventive measures were essential when he contracted the disease.

C. Not until he was aware of the importance of preventive measures did he contract the disease.

D. Only after he had contracted the disease was he aware that preventive measures were essential.

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