

Test 2a

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

1. —Who _____ the computer and when did that occur?

—I haven't got the foggiest notion.

- ☐ a) has invented
- ☐ b) did invent
- ☐ c) invented
- ☐ d) did he invent

2. A woman phoned this morning, asking if she _____ to the manager.

- ☐ a) was able to speak
- ☐ b) can speak
- ☐ c) could speak
- ☐ d) may speak

3. I don't remember _____ the accident. My mind is a complete blank.

- ☐ a) nothing about
- ☐ b) anything about
- ☐ c) anything of
- ☐ d) nothing of

4. Yvonne has gone away. She'll be back _____ a week.

- ☐ a) inside of
- ☐ b) in
- ☐ c) by
- ☐ d) until

5. Suddenly a man ran out in front of the car. Fortunately, I _____ in time.

- ☐ a) could stop
- ☐ b) would stop
- ☐ c) was able to stop
- ☐ d) could have stopped

6. Please go to reception _____ you arrive at the hotel.

- ☐ a) until
- ☐ b) as early as
- ☐ c) as soon as
- ☐ d) even if

7. A successful relationship is based on compromise. There has to be some _____ on both sides.

- ☐ a) take and give
- ☐ b) give and give
- ☐ c) take and take
- ☐ d) give and take

8. I asked the taxi driver to slow down. She _____ too fast.

- ☐ a) drove
- ☐ b) used to drive
- ☐ c) was driving
- ☐ d) used to driving

9. The waitress _____ served us was helpful and charming, so we left a big tip.

- ☐ a) which
- ☐ b) what
- ☐ c) that she
- ☐ d) who

10. That looks like a bad cut. You _____ put a sticking plaster on it.

- ☐ a) 'd rather
- ☐ b) 'd better
- ☐ c) 'll better
- ☐ d) 'll should

11. I don't mind _____ home if I have to, but I'd rather get a taxi.

- ☐ a) to walk
- ☐ b) walking
- ☐ c) that I walk
- ☐ d) the walking

12. _____, I'd like to say how happy I am to be here this evening.

- ☐ a) Before all
- ☐ b) First of all
- ☐ c) The first of it
- ☐ d) First thing first

13. The boys wanted to put up their tent in the garden and I _____ so.

- ☐ a) allowed them to do
- ☐ b) let them to do
- ☐ c) allowed them doing
- ☐ d) let them doing

14. Let's say you found a purse in the street. What _____ with it?

- ☐ a) did you do
- ☐ b) would you do
- ☐ c) are you doing
- ☐ d) were you doing

15. Would you mind _____ your voices, please?

- ☐ a) to lower
- ☐ b) that you lower
- ☐ c) lowering
- ☐ d) if you lower

16. Still half-asleep, I put my sweater on _____.

- ☐ a) front to back
- ☐ b) back to front
- ☐ c) upside-down
- ☐ d) back to back

17. I would like to _____ your attention to paragraph 3.2 of the chairman's report.

- ☐ a) attract
- ☐ b) pull
- ☐ c) call
- ☐ d) drag

18. I'm really hungry. _____ I've eaten today is a sandwich.

- ☐ a) Everything
- ☐ b) All what
- ☐ c) All
- ☐ d) Everything what

19. —Shall we meet tomorrow morning?

—I can't tomorrow. _____ to the dentist's.

- ☐ a) I'll go
- ☐ b) I shall go
- ☐ c) I'm going
- ☐ d) I go

20. I didn't see the red light. I _____ if I'd seen it.

- ☐ a) would stop
- ☐ b) 'd have stopped
- ☐ c) had stopped
- ☐ d) stopped

21. Wouldn't it be great to visit _____ world?

- ☐ a) every country of the
- ☐ b) every country in the
- ☐ c) all countries in the
- ☐ d) all countries of the

22. Have you seen my pyjamas? I can't find _____.

- ☐ a) it anywhere
- ☐ b) them anywhere
- ☐ c) them nowhere
- ☐ d) it nowhere

23. How the prisoner escaped is a mystery. It _____.

- ☐ a) just can't be explained
- ☐ b) just can't explain itself
- ☐ c) can't just be explained
- ☐ d) can't just explain itself

24. Is that _____? Can I have a quick look at it?

- ☐ a) the paper of today
- ☐ b) the today paper
- ☐ c) the today's paper
- ☐ d) today's paper

25. The weather was great, the hotel was great, the food was great. _____, it was a great holiday.

- ☐ a) In a short way
- ☐ b) To speak shortly
- ☐ c) In short
- ☐ d) Shortly speaking

26. —Remember _____ Alan tomorrow.
—Don't worry. I won't forget.

- ☐ a) to phone
- ☐ b) phoning
- ☐ c) to phone to
- ☐ d) phoning to

27. —Don't you get lonely living out here in the middle of the forest, far away from everyone and everything?

—No, not really. I like living _____.

- ☐ a) on myself
- ☐ b) on my own
- ☐ c) by me alone
- ☐ d) on my own self

28. Oh, look. Someone dropped a cigarette on the _____ and burned a hole in it. Why can't people be more careful?

- ☐ a) dining room's carpet
- ☐ b) dining room carpet
- ☐ c) carpet of dining room
- ☐ d) dining rooms' carpet

29. The timetable has been changed, but nobody seems to know the _____ this.

- ☐ a) reason by
- ☐ b) reason of
- ☐ c) motive by
- ☐ d) reason for

30. Of course he didn't win the lottery! He was only _____.

- ☐ a) pulling your leg
- ☐ b) taking your hair
- ☐ c) pulling your hair
- ☐ d) taking your leg

31. —Nobody phoned for me while I was out, _____?

—Yes, there were several calls for you.

- ☐ a) did he or she
- ☐ b) did they
- ☐ c) did nobody
- ☐ d) is it true

32. I took two big books with me on holiday, *Moby Dick* and *War and Peace*, but I didn't read _____.

- ☐ a) neither of them
- ☐ b) either of them
- ☐ c) either one or other
- ☐ d) neither one or other

33. —Why did you invite that bore Tony?

—You're right. If I had known he was so boring, I certainly _____ him.

- ☐ a) didn't invite
- ☐ b) hadn't invited
- ☐ c) mightn't have invited
- ☐ d) wouldn't have invited

34. Eric is so complacent, so smug. He thinks he knows _____.

- ☐ a) everything
- ☐ b) all
- ☐ c) all it
- ☐ d) the all

35. —How did the accident happen?

—It's simple. I _____ too fast and I couldn't stop in time.

- ☐ a) went
- ☐ b) was going
- ☐ c) used to go
- ☐ d) had gone

36. The children have nothing to do, so naturally they _____. Why don't you get them a few video games?

- ☐ a) 're boring
- ☐ b) bore themselves
- ☐ c) 're bored
- ☐ d) bore them

37. The boss wants to have a meeting to _____ the sales figures for August.

Apparently, they're awful.

- ☐ a) discuss
- ☐ b) discuss about
- ☐ c) discuss of
- ☐ d) discuss regarding

38. We know you're guilty. Why don't you confess? You'll feel a lot better when you get it _____.

- ☐ a) off your chest
- ☐ b) out of your chest
- ☐ c) off your heart
- ☐ d) out of your heart

39. A new bridge _____ across the river.

- ☐ a) is build
- ☐ b) is building itself
- ☐ c) is to be built
- ☐ d) will build itself

40. Come on! We must hurry. We have _____ time.

- ☐ a) only little
- ☐ b) only a small
- ☐ c) only small
- ☐ d) only a little

41. The children have to go to school tomorrow. It's time they _____.

- ☐ a) were to bed
- ☐ b) are in bed
- ☐ c) are to bed
- ☐ d) were in bed

42. In the kitchen there was a _____ table.

- ☐ a) lovely wooden round
- ☐ b) lovely round wooden
- ☐ c) wooden round lovely
- ☐ d) round wooden lovely

43. I really didn't expect _____ the exam. It was a complete surprise.

- ☐ a) passing
- ☐ b) to approve
- ☐ c) approving
- ☐ d) to pass

44. I'm afraid I can't do what you ask, Edmund. It's _____.

- ☐ a) too impossible
- ☐ b) impossible completely
- ☐ c) impossible enough
- ☐ d) quite impossible

45. It seems that everywhere health care is becoming _____.

- ☐ a) more and more expensive
- ☐ b) always more expensive
- ☐ c) each time more expensive
- ☐ d) each time expensiver

46. The pay rise is supposed to be a secret, but everybody knows about it. Clearly someone has let the _____ out of the bag.

- ☐ a) dog
- ☐ b) mouse
- ☐ c) cat
- ☐ d) beans

47. We must carry _____ a thorough investigation into the causes of the riot.

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

48. The end of the year is always a dangerous period for people who don't want to _____ on weight. Too many celebrations!

- ☐ a) set
- ☐ b) add
- ☐ c) put
- ☐ d) grow

49. We can't _____ spending money like this. We'll soon have none left.

- ☐ a) continue on
- ☐ b) go on
- ☐ c) keep up
- ☐ d) go up

50. A lot of trees had been _____ down in the storm and were blocking the roads.

- ☐ a) cut
- ☐ b) blown
- ☐ c) knocked
- ☐ d) set