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PLACEMENT TEST

Circle the correct letter.

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1 I'm 18 and my brother is 20, so he's ..... me.
a the oldest of
b older than
c as old as

2 Carl's very ..... . He's never late, and he never forgets to do things.
a reliable
b patient
c strict

3 We stayed in a lovely villa ..... the sea.
a it overlooks
b overlooked
c overlooking

4 Not until the 1980s ..... for the average person to own a computer.
a it was possible
b was it possible
c was possible

5 Jan ..... her arm on a hot iron.
a broke
b burned
c sprained

6 Tomorrow's a holiday, so we ..... go to work.
a have to
b mustn't
c don't have to

7 I usually ..... swimming at least once a week.
a go
b do
c play

8 My friend Siena ..... to Russia last year.
a went
b has gone
c has been

9 This is ..... area, with a lot of factories and warehouses.
a an agricultural
b an industrial
c a residential

10 If I ..... well in my exams, I ..... to university.
a will do; will go
b will do; go
c do; will go

11 She was so upset that she burst ..... tears.
a into
b out
c with

12 Where did you go ..... holiday last year?
a for
b on
c to

13 Ocean currents ..... play an important part in regulating global climate.
a are known to
b thought to
c are believed that they

14 My cousin ..... getting a job in Bahrain.
a would like
b is planning
c is thinking of

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15 I can't ..... your hair, because I haven't got any scissors.
a brush
b cut
c wash

16 I wish I ..... have an exam tomorrow!
a don't
b didn't
c won't

17 The government plans to ..... taxes on sales of luxury items.
a increase
b expand
c go up

18 When I first moved to Hong Kong, life in a different country was very strange, but now I'm used ..... here.
a living
b to live
c to living

19 There ..... milk in the fridge.
a is some
b are some
c is a

20 Criminals are people who are guilty of ..... the law.
a breaking
b cheating
c committing

21 Why on earth isn't Josh here yet? ..... for him for over an hour!
a I'm waiting
b I've been waiting
c I've waited

22 "It's pouring down, and it's freezing." What are the weather conditions?
a high winds and snow
b heavy rain and cold temperatures
c thick cloud but quite warm

23 ..... feeling OK? You don't look very well.
a Do you
b You are
c Are you

24 Daniel's hair is getting far too long; he should ..... soon.
a cut it
b have cut it
c have it cut

25 Mandy works for a computer software company. She got ..... recently, and so now she's an area manager.
a made redundant
b promoted
c a raise

26 I can't hear you – it's ..... noisy in here.
a too
b too much
c too many

27 Jamal has just sent me ..... to arrange plans for this weekend.
a a blog
b an email
c a website

28 I promise I'll call you as soon as I ..... .
a I arrive
b I arrived
c I'll arrive

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29 Photographers and designers need to be very ..... .
a creative
b fit
c annoying

30 The global financial crisis, ... is forcing lots of small businesses to close, does not look set to end soon.
a it
b that
c which

31 There ..... a terrible accident if the pilot hadn't reacted so quickly.
a had been
b was
c would have been

32 "Are you ready to order?"
"Not yet – I'm still looking at the ..... ."
a bill
b menu
c service

33 "My job is never boring."
The speaker's job is always ..... .
a interesting
b popular
c difficult

34 I've been working here ..... about the last two years.
a during
b for
c since

35 "It leaves from Platform 2 at 4.15."
The speaker is talking about ..... .
a an airline flight
b a train
c a taxi

36 I went to a lovely ..... last Saturday. The bride was my best friend when we were at school.
a anniversary
b marriage
c wedding

37 "I've got a headache."
"Maybe you ..... to take an aspirin."
a should
b ought
c don't

38 The patient had an ..... to insert metal pins in his broken leg.
a injection
b operation
c X-ray

39 She won a seat in parliament at the last ..... .
a general election
b opinion poll
c referendum

40 I'm surprised you didn't get upset. If someone said that to me, ... really angry.
a I'm
b I was
c I'd be

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41 This used to be ..... part of the city, but since the old buildings were renovated it's become a very fashionable area.
a an affluent
b a run-down
c a trendy

42 Cassie went to bed early because she was ..... .
a tired
b stressed
c relaxed

43 In the 1960s, computers were ..... expensive that ordinary people couldn't afford them.
a so
b such
c too

44 Do you want ..... the match tonight?
a watching
b watch
c to watch

45 Researchers claim the new discovery is a major ..... in the fight against malaria.
a breakthrough
b investigation
c progress

46 The Maths problem was really difficult and I just couldn't ..... the answer.
a check in
b set off
c work out

47 When I was a child, I never ..... about the future.
a have worried
b used to worry
c was worrying

48 A local politician has ..... charges of corruption made by the opposition party.
a accused
b blamed
c denied

49 ..... worries me about society today is how completely we have come to depend on technology.
a That
b What
c Which

50 Cats and dogs are usually kept as ..... .
a farm animals
b wild animals
c pets

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WRITING PLACEMENT TEST

Choose ONE of these topics and write about it.

- Write a personal profile about yourself for a website where you can meet new Internet friends. You should answer these questions:
  - What is your name, age, etc?
  - Where you are from, and what do you do?
  - What do you look like, and what sort of person are you?
  - What are your interests and your likes/dislikes?
  - What sort of new friends do you want to meet?

- Write an email to a friend from another part of the world who wants to know more about your country. You can use your own ideas, and/or you can describe some of these things:
  - how big the country is, where it is and what the land is like *(forests, mountains, etc)*
  - main cities, famous landmarks and tourist attractions
  - the local language(s) and culture
  - what the people are like
  - traditional food, music, dances, etc of your country

  You should finish your email by inviting your friend to visit your country some time so that they can see what it is like.

- Write about a strong childhood memory – for example, something that made you very happy or very frightened. Briefly explain how old you were and where you were, and tell the story of what happened. Try to remember details such as sounds, smells, colours and the weather, and describe these in your story. Explain how you felt and why you felt this way. How do you feel now about the event?

- Write a review of your favourite film, play or book. Explain what type of work it is *(for example, a comedy film, a romantic novel, etc.)* Say where and when the story takes place, and briefly describe what happens. Describe the main characters, and say whether you like or dislike each of them, and why. Try to explain why this work is your favourite.

- Write an article discussing whether you think our world is getting better or getting worse. You can use your own ideas, but you might like to include some of these issues:
  - medicine, scientific research, technology
  - war, conflict between countries/groups
  - freedom and human rights
  - education, knowledge and skills
  - quality of life

  You should finish your article with a short conclusion summarising the main argument.

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