

PRACTICE TEST 15 – NTC

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

1. A. mould B. spouse C. lounge D. couch
2. A. hero B. hotel C. honour D. habit

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

3. A. promote B. respect C. decide D. service
4. A. decorate B. embroider C. fabulous D. cognitive

Mark the letter A, B, c or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

5. The whole team must _____ together in order to win the game.
A. to work B. worked C. working D. work
6. The paintings _____ with small red dot have already been sold.
A. which are marked B. who are marked C. that mark D. are marked
7. If energy _____ inexpensive and unlimited, many things in the world would be different.
A. is B. will be C. were D. would be
8. Mr Bruce is always willing to help, but he doesn't want _____ at home unless there is an emergency.
A. to call B. to be called C. calling D. be called
9. A good thing we could stop him _____ making that stupid remark!
A. from B. against C. at D. for
10. She forgot to _____ the tap, so there was water all over the floor.
A. turn off B. switch on C. closeup D. lock down
11. Every person needs a friend to make them _____ when they think they will never smile again.
A. whisper B. scream C. weep D. laugh
12. Some people make decisions based on _____ rather than logic, which can lead to making the wrong choice.
A. opinion B. emotion C. guidance D. courage
13. As we walked around this pretty little island, we were charmed by the of _____ the local people.
A. friendly B. unfriendly C. friendliness D. befriend
14. I couldn't understand the lecture, and _____.
A. neither could Mark C. so couldn't Mark
B. Mark couldn't neither D. Mark couldn't also

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

15. During the snow storm, many people made the decision to **abandon** their cars on the highway.
A. lose B. save C. leave D. sell
16. They all watched him **without making any noise**, waiting for an explanation.
A. silently B. slowly C. carefully D. cautiously

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

17. After several weeks of not being able to sell the home, the owners increased the price by 10,000 dollars.
A. purchased B. reduced C. expanded D. divided
18. The students are constantly asking about the relevance of studying modern history when they live in the present time.
A. present B. human C. natural D. ancient

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

19. -"Do you mind if I open the window?" -"_____"
A. Sure, go ahead! C. I'm afraid I don't mind!
B. Yes, I can open it! D. Sorry, you must close it!
20. -"_____" - "I love to read and do the gardening. I picked two buckets of tomatoes last week."
A. What did you do last week?
B. When did you pick two buckets of tomatoes?
C. Where do you like to go at weekends?
D. What do you like to do in your free time?

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 21 to 25.

Once upon a time, there was a man with a fine house, healthy animals and fertile land. He was also blessed with a handsome, loving son. But the man was worried about his son, because the boy had grown up knowing only good times and good fortune.

"What will happen when something goes wrong for him?" wondered his father. "How will he know what to do?"

So one day, the man asked the boy to go into the forest and collect wood. To help him carry the wood home, the man gave the boy an old cart and two horses. As he was leaving, the man said to his son, "If the cart breaks down while you are in the forest, don't worry. Necessity will teach you what to do."

The boy collected as much wood as he could load onto the cart. But when he turned to come home, the cart broke under the weight of the wood. "I hope that Father's friend lives nearby," thought the boy, and he started crying out, "Necessity! NE-CESS-ITY! Where are you?" The boy called and called, but no one came, so he decided to fix the cart himself.

When he arrived home, he said to his father, "You said Necessity would teach me to fix the cart, but I couldn't find him anywhere. I had to fix it all by myself."

The man smiled to himself and thought, "Necessity really is the best teacher."

21. Why was the boy's father worried?
A. His son was lonely.
B. His son was not strong enough.
C. His son was always getting lost.

- D. His son had never had any problems.*
22. Why did the father send his son into the forest?
A. He wanted to punish his son.
B. He wanted his son to learn.
C. He was too old to go himself.
D. He was fighting with his son.
23. What did the boy do first when the cart broke?
A. He called for help. *B. He cried to himself.*
C. He blamed his father. *D. He walked back home.*
24. Which word best describes the boy's father in this story?
A. lazy *B. cruel* *C. wise* *D. funny*
25. What is the main message of this story?
A. We should take care of the environment.
B. Family is the most important thing.
C. Working hard makes you a better person.
D. It is important to know how to solve problems.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

Owning a pet can be a great pleasure. It is a chance to love and care for a living creature. By watching and (26) _____ its growth and behavior, you will discover that having a pet can be exciting and amusing.

It is also said that owning a pet reaps benefits to your health. You will have lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol levels. Owning a pet gives you a greater (27) _____ of well-being and decreases your stress level.

Different types of pets need different kinds of care. Some pets are easy to look after (28) _____ others are difficult. Pets are not toys and a certain amount of work is needed if you want to take care of them properly. You must be willing to spend a part of each day to (29) _____ your pet's needs.

All pets, big or small, depend on their owners (30) _____ food, housing and protection. Although love is very important, it alone is not enough.

26. *A. exploring* *B. surveying* *C. observing* *D. looking*
 27. *A. sense* *B. feeling* *C. level* *D. rank*
 28. *A. when* *B. unless* *C. so* *D. while*
 29. *A. feed* *B. meet* *C. see* *D. buy*
 30. *A. for* *B. with* *C. of* *D. about*

Mark the letter A, B, c or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

31. Last Sunday while Sandy cleaned out the attic, she found her mother's wedding dress.
A. cleaned *B. the* *C. found* *D. mother's*
32. I still remember the man whom taught me to play the guitar when I was small.
A. remember *B. whom* *C. to play* *D. when*

33. We are going to give John either a T-shirt nor a pair of shoes on his birthday.
A. are B. to give C. nor D. on
34. I wish we live in a bigger house because then I'd have a room of my own.
A. live B. bigger C. I'd have D. my own
35. We admire Peter for his intelligence, cheerful disposition and he's honest.
A. for B. intelligence C. disposition D. he's honest

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

36. "Remember to pick me up at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning," he said.
A. He told me to remember to pick him up at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.
B. He reminded me to pick him up at 7 o'clock the following morning.
C. He reminded me to remember to pick him up at 7 o'clock the next morning.
D. He told me to pick him up at 7 o'clock the next day morning.
37. Richard never succeeded in getting his homework done on time.
A. Richard never had to get his homework done on time.
B. Richard was never interested in getting his homework done on time.
C. Richard never delayed getting his homework done on time.
D. Richard was never able to get his homework done on time.
38. During the storm, they did not let the children leave the school building.
A. During the storm, the children weren't allowed to leave the school building.
B. The children weren't reported to leave the school building during the storm.
C. During the storm, the children weren't expected to leave the school building.
D. The children weren't requested to leave the school building during the storm.
39. The bus driver stopped frequently to allow the tourists to see the sights.
A. If the bus driver stopped frequently, the tourists could see the sights.
B. The bus driver stopped frequently because the tourists could see the sights.
C. The bus driver stopped frequently so that the tourists could see the sights.
D. Although the bus driver stopped frequently, tourists could see the sights.
40. The rent for this apartment is more expensive than we had expected.
A. We had expected such an expensive rent for this apartment.
B. The rent for this apartment is not as cheap as we had expected.
C. We hadn't expected such a cheaper rent for this apartment.
D. The rent for this apartment is as expensive as we had expected.