

PRACTICE TEST FOR GCSE - 1

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the others.

1. A. pusheded B. earneded C. kickeded D. matcheded
2. A. decision B. recognise C. certainty D. acceptance

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.

3. A. urban B. remain C. admire D. attend
4. A. successful B. sympathize C. infection D. inactive

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

5. Surely David's not going to drive, _____ he?
A. does B. is C. isn't D. will

6. The robbers _____ by the police for an hour.
A. have arrested B. have been arrested C. was arrested D. had arrested

7. Britain has accused Russia _____ poisoning the ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter.
A. of B. from C. for D. on

8. The larger the area of forest is destroyed, _____
A. the most frequent natural disasters are B. the most frequently natural disasters occur
C. the more frequent are natural disasters D. the more frequently natural disasters occur

9. Jack has a collection of _____.
A. old valuable Japanese postage stamps B. old Japanese valuable postage stamps
C. valuable Japanese old postage stamps D. valuable old Japanese postage stamps

10. When I came yesterday, they _____ dinner.
A. was having B. were having C. have had D. are having

11. His visit to Korea was delayed _____ his illness.
A. because B. because of C. in spite of D. although

12. We will have prepared everything _____.
A. as soon as the meeting will begin B. by the time the meeting begins
C. as long as the meeting would begin D. after the meeting began

13. _____ the Nobel Prize, he retired from politics.
A. Received B. Having received C. Being received D. Receive

14. Many astronomers never get back to the Earth because of _____.
A. tragedy B. tragic C. tragically D. tragedie

15. I applied for the job but was _____.
A. taken away B. got over C. turned down D. turned off

16. The newspaper article which includes a gruesome description of the murder has _____ a lot of attention from the public.
A. paid B. confined C. drawn D. attracted

17. The cinema is no longer as popular as it was in the 1930's and 1940's, but it is still an important _____ of entertainment.
A. status B. source C. origin D. prospect

18. Last year, the company went _____ up after the one of its senior executives offered his resignation.
A. straight B. belly C. stomach D. cloud

19. It _____ to reason that Jason passed the exam with flying colours on account of his working hard during the term.
A. lays B. comes C. get D. stands

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.

20. After I had deleted several details in the report, I found out that they contained necessary information.
A. ignored B. described C. erased D. included

21. I just want to stay at home to watch TV and take it easy.

A. sleep B. sit down C. eat D. relax

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.

22. She decided to remain celibate and devote her life to helping the homeless and orphans
A. divorced B. separated C. single D. married

23. We were all in a good mood because the weather was good and we were going on holiday the next day.
A. relaxed and comfortable B. at ease and refreshed
C. happy and disappointed D. sad and impatient

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

24. Jenny and Jimmy are talking about university education.

Jenny: "I think having a university degree is the only way to succeed in life."

Jimmy: "_____ . There were successful people without a degree."

A. That's all right. B. I don't quite agree. C. I can't agree more. D. That's life.

25. Adam and Janet are at the school canteen.

Adam: "_____ " - Janet: "Yes, please."

A. It's a bit hot in here, isn't it? B. Do you mind if I sit here?
C. Can you pass me the salt, please? D. Would you like a cup of coffee?

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.

26. The University of Kentucky has held this prestigious title until 1989, when it was granted

A B C

to the University of Georgia

D

27. Charities such as Oxfam are always trying to recruit volunteers to help in its work.

A B C D

28. My mother couldn't bare waste - she always made us eat everything on our plates

A B C D

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

29. Jane rang hours and hours ago.

A. It's hours before Jane rang. B. It's hours after Jane rang.
C. It's hours since Jane rang. D. It's hours when Jane rang

30. My friend told me, "If I were you, I would not ask him for help."

A. My friend advised me not to ask him for help. B. My friend told me to ask him for help.
C. My friend prohibited me from asking him for help. D. My friend suggested not asking him for help.

31. There is no need for you to redecorate your room.

A. You needn't redecorate your room B. You didn't have to redecorate your room.
C. You didn't need to redecorate your room. D. You mustn't redecorate your room.

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

32. I did not see Susan off at the airport. I feel bad about it now.

A. I could have seen Susan off at the airport.
B. If only I had seen Susan off at the airport.
C. That I did not see Susan off at the airport escapes me now.
D. It suddenly dawns on me that I should have seen Susan off at the airport.

33. Hans told us about his investing in the company. He did it on his arrival at the meeting.

A. Only after investing in the company did Hans inform us of his arrival at the meeting.
B. Not until Hans told us that he would invest in the company did he arrive at the meeting.
C. Hardly had he informed us about his investing in the company when Hans arrived at the meeting.
D. No sooner had Hans arrived at the meeting than he told us about his investing in the company.