



LESSON 42: PREPOSITIONS

Exercise 1.1: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: Users can look _____ locations as well as directions to different places on Google Map.

- A. down B. for C. in D. up

Question 2: The two fabrics of Velcro stick together thanks _____ the hooks on the surface and the loops on the other.

- A. by B. for C. of D. to

Question 3: This policewoman is famous _____ her courage and strong will.

- A. with B. for C. on D. about

Question 4: It is important that men should share household tasks _____ their wives.

- A. to B. with C. for D. against

Question 5: Some people tend to wrongly believe that men are not as good _____ children as women.

- A. with B. as C. at D. on

Question 6: Not many people are aware _____ male preference in this company.

- A. with B. on C. about D. of

Question 7: I don't think mothers should be discouraged _____ outside the home.

- A. to work B. from working C. to working D. working

Question 8: More and more girls apply _____ males' jobs these days.

- A. by B. for C. about D. to

Question 9: Working mothers can inspire their kids _____ their hard work and devotion.

- A. with B. about C. at D. for

Question 10: Educated women are becoming less dependent _____ their husbands' decisions.

- A. about B. of C. on D. for

Question 11: When you carry _____ your responsibilities in the family, you are letting the family members know that you love them and that they can depend on you.

- A. on B. away C. along D. out

Question 12: Scheduling a family meeting _____ a regular basis is a good way to make sure this activity happens.

- A. on B. in C. with D. by

Question 13: Glass containers can be used _____ storing food or other items.

- A. for B. to C. of D. into

Question 14: Bill Gates gave away \$4.6 billion in Microsoft shares in June _____ his personal charity, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- A. on B. for C. to D. at

Question 15: Many people say that the retirement age in Vietnam for men and women discriminates _____ women.

- A. against B. up C. towards D. on

Question 16: Dehydration is the underlying cause _____ many chronic diseases."

- A. to B. for C. of D. by

Question 17: The human heart is responsible for pumping blood _____ the body.

- A. through B. throughout C. in D. along

Question 18: The urinary system helps eliminate a waste product called urea _____ the body, which is produced when certain foods are broken down.

- A. of B. off C. from D. out

Question 19: The skin, or integumentary system, is the body's largest organ, which protects us from the outside world, and is our first defense _____ bacteria, viruses and other pathogens.

- A. of B. upon C. to D. against

Question 20: Accompaniment is a musical line that is secondary _____ the melody; and accompaniment parts support the melody.

- A. of B. in C. with D. to

Question 21: Stringed instruments are played by drawing a bow _____ the strings or by plucking the strings with the fingers.

- A. from B. away C. across D. over

Question 22: If music were purely a cultural invention, one might expect ancient music to be dramatically _____ modern music, given the huge cultural differences between then and now.

- A. differ from B. different from C. differed to D. differing from

Question 23: At present the earliest example of what may be a musical instrument is a bone "flute" that dates _____ approximately 50,000 years ago during the middle Paleolithic.

- A. back B. away C. at D. to

Question 24: One way to reveal innate constraints on music perception is to show that certain musical stimuli are represented or remembered more accurately than others, independent _____ experience.

- A. on B. to C. with D. of

Question 25: In some workplaces employees are expected to do volunteer work _____ part of corporate volunteer initiatives.

- A. as B. like C. for D. in

Question 26: Voluntary organizations are key players in the economy in their own right _____ employers and service providers.

- A. as B. to C. for D. with

Question 27: Many voluntary organizations share information _____ local government and community to push forward community services.

- A. to B. for C. back D. with

Question 28: Keely S. Jones (2006) conducted research on the distinct connection of volunteering_____public life and civic engagement.

- A. between B. with C. to D. for

Question 29: Data generated by the Johns Hopkins researchers revealed that, once converted into full-time-equivalent workers, volunteers account on average_____45 per cent of the nonprofit workforce in the 36 countries.

- A. of B. to C. for D. at

Question 30: The carbon dioxide gas given_____by the fermenting vat was known as "fixed air".

- A. off B. away C. out D. up

Question 31: It is the classical Athenians who can probably lay claim_____the invention of commercial advertising as we know it today.

- A. to B. for C. of D. with

Question 32: Ever_____the invention of the hydrogen bomb, attempts have been made to harness the power of nuclear fusion for peaceful purposes.

- A. from B. since C. with D. for

Question 33: The invention of printing on paper provided a technology_____which information could be stored over the long term.

- A. under B. with C. for D. in

Question 34: The key_____inventive success often requires being in the right place at the right time.

- A. for B. of C. in D. to

Question 35: An invention developed_____one purpose will sometimes find use in entirely different circumstances.

- A. in B. with C. by D. for

Question 36: In some countries, girls are deprived_____access to health care or proper nutrition, leading to a higher mortality rate.

- A. of B. off C. from D. away

Question 37: Maternity leave and the reproductive role may also result_____discrimination against women in the prospects for promotion.

- A. from B. in C. to D. as

Question 38: From new laws to legal aid and justice services, UNDP is supporting survivors and changing attitudes and practices to end and prevent violence_____women and girls.

- A. of B. to C. over D. against

Question 39: I think everybody should be provided_____equal access to health services.

- A. with B. on C. for D. to

Question 40: We all need to cooperate to fight_____racism and gender discrimination.

- A. for B. against C. in D. about

Exercise II: Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

Question 1: Are you acquainted_____the lady?

Question 2: She isn't accustomed_____dealing with so much media attention.

- Question 3:** He's really angry _____ me for upsetting Sophie.
- Question 4:** I'm very grateful _____ her _____ her help.
- Question 5:** The room was full _____ people.
- Question 6:** I'm quite different _____ her.
- Question 7:** He is quite incapable _____ such a thing.
- Question 8:** The college is independent _____ the university.
- Question 9:** Sarah's only interested _____ boys, music, and clothes.
- Question 10:** Steve has always been jealous _____ his brother's good looks.
- Question 11:** The Central African Republic became fully independent _____ France in 1960.
- Question 12:** I'm very sorry _____ what I have done.
- Question 13:** My hat is similar _____ yours.
- Question 14:** I'm tired _____ waiting for her.
- Question 15:** I'm so worried _____ my sister who is ill.
- Question 16:** It is very bad _____ you to eat so quickly.
- Question 17:** I'm not good _____ tennis.
- Question 18:** Were our friends successful _____ getting a loan from the bank?
- Question 19:** Miss White was very upset _____ the news of her father's death.
- Question 20:** Anyone who's familiar _____ his poetry will find the course easy.
- Question 21:** This street doesn't look familiar _____ me.
- Question 22:** Don't you think you should try to be friendly _____ your classmates?
- Question 23:** Mr Green is responsible _____ hiring employees.
- Question 24:** That type of music is quite popular _____ teenage boys and girls.
- Question 25:** My daily expenses are just about equal _____ my income.
- Question 26:** Make a list of all those who are present _____ the meeting.
- Question 27:** We were very doubtful _____ his ability.
- Question 28:** Ken was proud _____ his good marks on English.
- Question 29:** My plan is similar _____ yours, but it is different _____ Ken's.
- Question 30:** Peter said he had become quite fond _____ American hamburgers.
- Question 31:** We are still hopeful _____ hearing from our friends before Saturday.
- Question 32:** That fashion magazine is full _____ advertising for women's clothes.
- Question 33:** This gloves aren't very suitable _____ that kind of work.
- Question 34:** They were very happy _____ the results of the election.
- Question 35:** It was certainly kind _____ you to help me.
- Question 36:** She's very anxious _____ her exams.
- Question 37:** Her parents are very pleased _____ her friends.
- Question 38:** I wasn't very pleased _____ having to pay.
- Question 39:** He complained that a member of staff had been rude _____ him
- Question 40:** He has been absent _____ school all week.