



## 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:** These 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.