

CPE has come to an end...Cheers!!!

Full End-of-course Test (from Expert Proficiency)

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

1 For questions 1–50, read the sentences below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

- 1 They lived in a thatched cottage in a _____ village in the heart of the English countryside.
A dense B conventional C lush D quaint
- 2 As they travelled across the _____ landscape, each one of them wondered how it was possible to grow anything there.
A barren B bustling C grimy D mundane
- 3 The new company had been _____ with one problem after another and looked as if it were about to go under.
A glorified B tainted C fraught D bewildered
- 4 My parents looked back with _____ on the days when all of us lived at home and which, they said, were the best years of their lives.
A nostalgia B reminiscence C homesickness D recollection
- 5 John and Sarah lived in the back of _____ and it always took us a whole day to drive there.
A the country B isolation C nowhere D beyond
- 6 Even though there have been setbacks, because of their determination I'm sure they'll achieve their goals, _____ .
A suffice to say B be that as it may C so be it D come what may
- 7 _____ we hadn't been so quick to change our minds.
A I hope B If only C I regret D Not only
- 8 Roland wishes he _____ to join us in the Caribbean, but he can't because he has to fly to Australia that week.
A could B were able C should be able D would
- 9 I would _____ to work in a big city than in a small town in the country.
A rather B prefer C better D fancy
- 10 _____ you like it or not, we're going to visit as many museums as we can this year.
A Whether B No matter C Whatever D However
- 11 The new restaurant in town has a wonderfully relaxing _____ .
A ambience B environment C impression D attitude
- 12 While I was at university I did some voluntary work in schools, _____ I discovered I had a talent for teaching.
A the reason why B by which C which was when D wherever
- 13 There were twelve in the tour group, many _____ were having a sabbatical.
A who B of whom C for whom D whose
- 14 Sales of the new product line _____ the company's profits in the last quarter.
A cheered B boosted C encouraged D celebrated

- 15 Anyone _____ to join the expedition to the North Pole should contact Nick Jones via the website.
A who wish **B** to wish **C** wishing **D** wishes
- 16 The architect has designed a building of immaculate _____ in everything. Every detail is matched on each side.
A evenness **B** contrast **C** symmetry **D** contradiction
- 17 There was a lot of _____ amongst the group and people just refused to collaborate on the project.
A friction **B** resilience **C** buoyancy **D** harmony
- 18 Together they _____ the temporary building in a very short time.
A deteriorated **B** dispelled **C** dismantled **D** depleted
- 19 The manager was forced to make a _____ decision while he was under pressure and it was one he would live to regret.
A fresh **B** snap **C** close **D** bitter
- 20 The festival audience were _____ each other in order to get as near to the stage as possible.
A staggering **B** fidgeting **C** strolling **D** jostling
- 21 Elena is a _____ talented singer and has already had three successful albums.
A remarkably **B** perceptibly **C** deeply **D** absolutely
- 22 _____ of doing a post-graduate degree, Selina took a year off to travel around the world.
A Rather **B** Despite **C** Instead **D** For the sake
- 23 Have you any _____ to the designs being altered to accommodate an extra suite of offices?
A objection **B** intention **C** commitment **D** disagreement
- 24 He has no excuse _____ his behaviour during the meeting.
A for **B** of **C** with **D** to
- 25 His diet was _____ in the vitamins he needed in order to be healthy.
A scarce **B** deficient **C** packed **D** dependent
- 26 We can trace his problems _____ the time of his accident.
A in for **B** out of **C** away from **D** back to
- 27 My father always said that you should take the opportunities when they arise. In other words, that you should _____ while the iron is hot.
A strike **B** count **C** bite **D** move
- 28 The office was closed for a week for refurbishment and now the staff have to deal with the _____ that built up during their absence.
A backstage **B** backlash **C** backlog **D** backdrop
- 29 This small mistake should not _____ from the wonderful work he has achieved so far.
A detract **B** diminish **C** deceive **D** deter
- 30 They were _____ over by his kindness and didn't know what to say.
A turned **B** knocked **C** hooked **D** bowled
- 31 The guards outside the palace were _____ armed.
A heavily **B** highly **C** extremely **D** decidedly

- 32 I'm afraid the new computer system is incompatible _____ the previous one.
A by B to C with D for
- 33 The government have _____ a ban on exports to those countries because of their human rights records.
A imposed B taken C made D compelled
- 34 Please put your hands up if you are in _____ of signing the contract.
A demand B favour C advance D jeopardy
- 35 I think you need to _____ your horizons and have different experiences before settling down.
A broaden B embrace C enhance D meet
- 36 What sets him _____ from the others is his ability to take the initiative and deal with problems instantly.
A away B apart C out D back
- 37 The accountant found a _____ in the figures and realised that someone was not being honest in the book-keeping.
A difficulty B distinction C disagreement D discrepancy
- 38 In the _____ of what we now know, his decision was definitely the right one to make at that time.
A light B hope C view D result
- 39 The scientists are on the _____ of making an incredible discovery about our past.
A limit B extent C verge D edge
- 40 Fire had _____ the forest and driven everyone out of their homes.
A desolated B shattered C ravaged D smashed
- 41 After a 10 km run, the students _____ their way through the obstacle course and were exhausted by the end.
A conducted B handled C managed D negotiated
- 42 She wasn't on safe _____ when she started criticising the boss.
A land B place C ground D soil
- 43 To all intents and _____, the project is finished. There are just a few small things to tidy up now.
A purposes B reasons C hopes D bets
- 44 We need to protect elephants _____ they will be extinct in a very short time.
A meanwhile B whereas C unless D otherwise
- 45 The designer was given free _____ to produce any design he wanted.
A rein B range C ride D rope
- 46 No one ought _____ until we were sure of the results.
A have contacted B have been contacted C to have contacted D to have been contacted
- 47 It _____ have been you in the shop because I recognised your coat when I looked through the window.
A can't B should C wouldn't D must
- 48 Hans was _____ convinced that he had left his briefcase on his desk, but it wasn't there now.

- A absolutely B enormously C painfully D slightly
- 49 You need to _____ yourself with all the safety procedures before you start work.
A recognise B acknowledge C familiarise D identify
- 50 The collapse of the American bank had _____ around the world.
A repetitions B repercussions C reflections D reformations

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2 For questions 1–25, read the sentences below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits in the space.

- 1 His paintings tend to be of the African _____. **LAND**
- 2 Suddenly everyone in the crowd stood up and started singing and their _____ added to the excitement of the day. **SPONTANEOUS**
- 3 Her _____ of buying shoes and handbags nearly bankrupted her, and her parents had to bail her out. **INDULGE**
- 4 A _____ silence descended on the valley before the flood arrived. **MYSTERY**
- 5 Their design _____ was essential to the project. **EXPERT**
- 6 The _____ forest has been undisturbed by human activity for millennia. **SPOIL**
- 7 The _____ of the children was a prime concern to the team of volunteers who arrived at the orphanage to help. **BE**
- 8 He doesn't want to speak to anyone at the moment. He's just being very _____ today. **SOCIAL**
- 9 Don't do too much and _____ yourself at the moment. You need to rest quite a bit. **STRETCH**
- 10 This story is _____ of many others we have received recently. **ILLUSTRATE**
- 11 Young children should be _____ from eating fast food too often as it is not good for them. **COURAGE**
- 12 We haven't _____ our records yet, so I don't have his new address. **DATE**
- 13 It's certainly _____ to find out as much about a company as you can before you go for a job interview. **ADVISE**
- 14 Her energy and _____ have shot her up the career ladder very quickly. **RESOURCE**
- 15 During her childhood she suffered a lot of _____ when her father lost his job. **HARD**
- 16 When she was born, her lungs were _____ so she had to stay in hospital for the first three months of her life. **DEVELOP**
- 17 Her _____ often annoyed other children who didn't want to play with her because she always insisted on winning. **COMPETE**
- 18 A lot of _____ are put into processed food, so it's a good idea to read the labels carefully. **PRESERVE**
- 19 My mother _____ threw away my new jeans because they had tears in them, or so she thought. She didn't know it was the fashion. **MISTAKE**
- 20 An _____ object was discovered at the bottom of the pond. **IDENTIFY**
- 21 I have no _____ of ever having been here before, although my parents say we once had a holiday here. **RECOLLECT**
- 22 It's _____ whether he'll be able to come to your party as he's travelling around Europe at the moment and we don't know when he'll be back. **DOUBT**

- 23 The _____ of the economy is a concern to us all. **STABLE**
- 24 He has behaved appallingly and his _____ will be punished. **CONDUCT**
- 25 When the boat capsized, the boy felt utterly _____ and had no idea whether he was going to be rescued or not. **HELP**

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3 For questions 1–25, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

THE POWER OF "WHY"

The world is full of fascination for a child, as any parent with a toddler will know. (1) _____ moment children discover the word "Why", there seems to be no end to the number of times they will use it, as it is their passport to understanding the world. They are absorbed (2) _____ everything around them, if (3) _____ for a few moments and, unfortunately, most of us are unable to satisfy their curiosity and we often get annoyed with the endless questioning. (4) _____ that I am a parent, however, I've noticed that my son asks me in (5) _____ a way that I cannot refuse to answer and I connect to the Internet to find the answer, no (6) _____ what the question. There's no (7) _____ trying to make things up off the top of my (8) _____, as my son will only repeat it to his teacher and I don't want to get it wrong. I have discovered things I had long forgotten, things I never knew and some things I'd (9) _____ forget! In (10) _____ of this, I've also learned that if we (11) _____ the trouble to look at the world through a child's eyes, we might recapture some of that past magic of our childhoods. For instance, last winter when it snowed, I rushed outside excitedly with my son, Zac, to catch snowflakes and show him (12) _____ beautiful they are and that they're actually made of ice crystals and not frozen raindrops, as many people think. Then we set (13) _____ building snowmen and having snowball fights. Next his attention was (14) _____ by a robin hopping around the snowman and he was asking me why birds fly? As (15) _____ as he got bored, it was: how do they get their food when the ground is hard, why don't they get cold and so on. This continued (16) _____ Zac had had enough of that and announced he was cold and that it was time to go inside for a hot drink. Why does the kettle boil? Why does it hurt when we drop boiling water on us? – I was almost at my wits' (17) _____, to be quite honest. I no longer had the energy to (18) _____ up with any more answers and told him to put the television on. (19) _____ it or not, I'd (20) _____ it if he didn't watch TV too much, but sometimes there's just no other option. I (21) _____ advantage of the (22) _____ and quiet offered by children's cartoons and started cooking dinner. When it was ready, I called Zac to come to dinner but (23) _____ of his usual noisy response, there was silence, so I poked my head round the door and you (24) _____ have knocked me down with a feather. He was sound asleep at five o'clock in the afternoon. It's usually a battle trying to get him into bed by 7 o'clock. Of course I'd have to wake him up to eat, and I gently patted him, which (25) _____ in him looking at me accusingly and asking, "Why did you wake me up?"

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