

SAMPLE PRACTICE TEST 1

Read the text and answer the questions by choosing the best answer a, b, c or d.

The Development of the Camera

In 1877, George Eastman, who worked in a bank, wanted to take photographs on holiday. (11) _____, he was very disappointed to discover that the only cameras available were very large and heavy, and also required (12) _____ use of complicated equipment. Eastman realised that many other people wanted to take photographs but were prevented from doing so. What was needed was a simple, hand-held camera, and so in his spare time, he began to experiment. After many hours of planning and (13) _____ of hard work, he was finally ready to open a factory, hoping he would succeed (14) _____ producing an easy-to-use camera in 1888. It was a small rectangular box and inside was a roll of special paper. This paper was sensitive to light and replaced the heavy pieces of glass that (15) _____ before. When the roll was finished, the camera (16) _____ be sent back to the factory in New York which was the only place where the photographs were developed and printed at that time. The following year, a transparent film was (17) _____ which enabled people to print the photos easily as it was better than the paper roll. This could be removed (18) _____ the photographer and taken to a local centre for developing. The camera was a huge success and within a few years Eastman became (19) _____. But he was a generous man and during his lifetime, he gave away millions of dollars to support many (20) _____ institutions.

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| 11. a. However | b. Despite | c. Therefore | d. Since |
| 12. a. a | b. the | c. and | d. that |
| 13. a. piece | b. deal | c. plenty | d. slice |
| 14. a. on | b. at | c. from | d. in |
| 15. a. had been used | b. were using | c. would be used | d. has used |
| 16. a. could | b. had to | c. might | d. should |
| 17. a. invented | b. explained | c. organised | d. investigated |
| 18. a. as | b. from | c. of | d. by |
| 19. a. miserable | b. peaceful | c. wealthy | d. mysterious |
| 20. a. educated | b. educational | c. educating | d. educate |

21. Since early in the morning Liz _____ Maths problems from her study book without having a break and she _____ twenty of them already.
- a. has been solving/ has done b. solved/ did
c. had been solving/ did d. was solving/ had done
22. When we _____ to the airport yesterday, I realised I _____ my passport at home!
- a. get/left b. had got/was leaving
c. got/ had left d. got/ had been leaving
23. **A:** Are you still taking end-of-the-year exams?
B: Yes, but by this time next week I _____ my last one!
- a. finish b. will finish c. will have finished d. am finishing
24. Don't worry! I _____ him your message as soon as he _____ home.
- a. am giving/came b. have given/ will come
c. will give/ comes d. would give/ is coming
25. **A:** Shall we meet at seven o'clock?
B: No, I'm sorry. I _____ on my project at that time. Let's meet tomorrow.
- a. will be working b. have been working c. will have worked d. work
26. The roof _____ a week ago but it is still leaking and we have to get it repaired again.
- a. had been repaired b. was repaired
c. was being repaired d. repaired
27. The island, _____ was once a prison, now offers stunning natural beauty and serene beaches.
- a. where b. what c. which d. that
28. Julia found _____ bag in the corridor. She took _____ bag to the lost and found. _____ staff there asked her some questions and took notes.
- a. a/ the / -- b. the/ the/ -- c. a/ a/ the d. a/ the/ the
29. **A:** I can't believe how far I've come. If I _____ hard, I wouldn't have achieved my goals and dreams.
B: That's true. Hard work really pays off. You should be proud of yourself.
- a. didn't work b. hadn't worked c. weren't working d. don't work

30. You haven't eaten anything since yesterday afternoon. You _____ be really hungry!
a. might b. could c. must d. may

31. While I was recording the video lesson, I lost my Internet connection, but luckily I _____ save my work.
a. needed to b. have to
c. was able to d. should

32. Listen to my advice! The _____ you study for your exams, the _____ grades you will get.
a. much / better b. more / highest
c. better / good d. more / better

33. My uncle is a _____ man. He lent us some money so that we could pay our rent for this month.
a. generous b. enthusiastic c. easy-going d. proud

34. The _____ of this ancient artefact is still unknown, but we will consult a/ an _____ to unravel its mysteries.
a. evidence/ historian b. origin/ expert
c. value/ visitor d. destruction/ volunteer

35. After a/an _____ audition, the director promised to _____ the talented actor for a second round of casting.
a. rewarding/ catch on b. mountainous/ catch up
c. challenging/ call back d. ambitious/ look at

36. Despite the evidence against him, John maintained his _____ and refused to be the criminal.
a. punishment b. innocence c. violence d. permission

37. She took on a _____ job as a barista. This _____ her while she was searching for her dream career opportunity.
a. remarkable/ stressed b. confident/ trained c. creative/ embarrassed d. temporary/ motivated

38. During the _____ to the archeological site, the tour group was interrupted when one of the participants was unexpectedly _____ by local authorities.

- a. reservation/ punished
- b. trip/ released
- c. holiday/ sentenced
- d. excursion/ arrested

39. His self-diagnosis based on a single Google search was _____, as he convinced himself that his mild headache was a/an _____ of a rare tropical disease.

- a. ridiculous/ symptom
- b. ordinary/ treatment
- c. conclusive / recovery
- d. evident/ explanation

40. After careful consideration, the school administration decided to _____ to the teachers' innovative project, recognizing its potential to enhance students' learning experience.

- a. show true colours
- b. be as good as gold
- c. fall out with
- d. give the green light