



MOET 8 PLUS - GRADE 9

**PRACTICE TEST 18**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 1: 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.**

**Question 1:** The boy lost several of his fingers because of firecrackers. The doctors are operating on him.

- A. The doctors are operating on the boy who lost several of his fingers because of firecrackers.
- B. The boy who lost several of his fingers because of firecrackers is being operating.
- C. The boy whom the doctors are operating on him lost several of his fingers because of firecrackers.
- D. The doctors who are operating on the boy lost several of their fingers because of firecrackers.

**Question 2:** He worked the whole night last night. His eyes are red now.

- A. If he didn't work the whole night, his eyes wouldn't be red now.
- B. Unless he worked the whole night last night, his eyes were red now.
- C. He worked the whole night last night, otherwise his eyes were red now.
- D. If he hadn't worked the whole night last night, his eyes wouldn't be red now.

**Exercise 2: 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 the following question.**

**Question 3:** If you live in an extended family, you'll have great joy and get support of other members.

- A. nuclear family
- B. traditional family
- C. close family
- D. large family

**Exercise 3: 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 the following question.

**Question 4:** With price increases on most necessities, many people have to tighten their belt for fear of getting into financial difficulties.

- A. put on tighter belts
- B. save on daily expenses
- C. dress in loose clothes
- D. spend money freely

**Exercise 4: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

As the coronavirus pandemic cancelled or changed (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Americans' travel plans, people flocked to public lands in record numbers - many for the first time. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ these outdoor spaces are a vital haven to visitors trying to cope with the pandemic, land managers are finding that there's a steep learning curve when it comes to these visitors' responsible use.

"The visitation that we typically saw on the weekend, we were seeing during the week", says Lawrence Lujan, a United States Forest Service public affairs (7)\_\_\_\_\_. "And the visitation that we typically saw during a holiday weekend, like the Fourth of July, we were seeing on weekends."

With increased use comes increased problems: Public land managers must contend with people hiking off trail, driving or parking off-road, trampling vegetation, not packing out trash and overcrowding. This year's uptick in visitors is going to continue. "Now, we're getting ready for an expected spike in fall and winter recreation," says Lujan. Here's how land managers, faced with a surge of visitors, are working to regulate crowds and (8) their impact.

(Adapted from [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com))

**Question 5:** A. every      B. almost      C. most      D. much

**Question 6:** A. Because      B. But      C. Although      D. Unless

**Question 7:** A. specialist      B. specially      C. specially      D. special



**Question 8:** A. increase      B. enhance      C. minimize      D. make

**Exercise 5:** 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.

**Question 9:** No other student in his class is as successful as Pat.

- A. The more successful his class is, the more success Pat gets.
- B. Pat is the most successful student in his class.
- C. His class is less successful than Pat is.
- D. Pat succeeded in beating all other students in his class.

**Question 10:** Although his living conditions were not good, he studied very well.

- A. Living in difficult conditions forced him to study very well.
- B. Living in good conditions, he had no choice but study well.
- C. Difficult as his living conditions were, he studied very well.
- D. He studied very well just because he lived in difficult conditions.

**Exercise 6:** 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.

**Question 11:** A. affordable      B. attendance      C. compartment      D. concentrate

**Question 12:** A. palace      B. promote      C. workshop      D. patient

**Exercise 7:** Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

#### Are Sports Bad for Kids?

People think children should play sports. Sports are fun, and children stay healthy while



playing with others. However, playing sports can have negative effects on children. It may produce feelings of poor self-esteem or aggressive behaviour in some children. According to research on kids and sports, 40 million kids play sports in the US. Of these, 18 million say they have been yelled at or called names while playing sports. This leaves many children with a bad impression of sports. They think sports are just too aggressive. Many researchers believe adults, especially parents and coaches, are the main cause of too much aggression in children's sports. They believe children copy aggressive adult behaviour. This behaviour is then further reinforced through both positive and negative feedback. Parents and coaches are powerful teachers because children usually look up to them. Often these adults behave aggressively themselves, sending children the message that winning is everything. At children's sporting events, parents may yell insults at other players or cheer when their child behaves aggressively. As well, children may be taught that hurting other players is acceptable, or they may be pushed to continue playing even when they are injured. In addition, the media makes violence seem exciting. Children watch adult sports games and see violent behaviour replayed over and over on television.

As a society, we really need to face up to this problem and do something about it. Parents and coaches should act as better examples for children. They also need to teach children better values. They should teach children to enjoy themselves whether they win or not. It is not necessary to knock yourself out to enjoy sports. Winning is not everything. In addition, children should not be allowed to continue to play when they are injured. Sending a child with an injury into a game gives the child the message that health is not as important as winning. If we make some basic changes, children might learn to enjoy sports again.

*(Adapted from "Reading Challenge 2" by Casey Malarcher and Andrea Jansen)*

**Question 13:** How many children said they had some negative experience when playing sports?

- A. Less than half of the children
- B. All of the children
- C. About ten percent of the children
- D. More than half of the children

**Question 14:** Which is described as the main cause of more aggressive playing?

- A. New rules in sports
- B. Other players

**C. Adults**      **D. Children with low grades in school**

**Question 15:** What does the writer suggest?

- A. Aggressive sports should not be shown on television.
- B. Parents should teach children to play sports for fun and exercise.
- C. Children should not play sports until high school.
- D. Coaches should be required to study child psychology.

**Question 16:** What would probably NOT be done when "facing up to a problem"?

- A. Looking for a solution**
- B. Ignoring the problem**
- C. Admitting there is a problem**
- D. Finding the reason**

**Question 17:** What is the main idea of the reading?

- A. Some sports can cause health problems.
- B. Children often become like their parents.
- C. Playing sports may have negative results.
- D. Children need to play sports in school.

**Exercise 9: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.**

**Question 18: A. attraction      B. applicant      C. education      D. language**

**Exercise 10: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 20:** Peter \_\_\_\_ come with us tonight, but he isn't quite sure yet.

**Question 21:** Huong really regrets \_\_\_\_\_ out of high school. She has really had to struggle to make a living because of that decision.

A. dropping      B. drop      C. to drop      D. to have dropped

**Question 22:** At 5 o'clock yesterday evening, my elder sister \_\_\_\_\_ her clothes.

A. ironed      B. is ironing      C. has ironed      D. was ironing

**Question 23:** He recommended \_\_\_\_\_ the book before seeing the movie.

A. read      B. to reading      C. reading      D. to read

**Question 24:** \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet is very popular, many older people do not know how to use it.

A. Despite      B. Nevertheless      C. Even though      D. However

**Question 25:** If people paid more attention to sharing household chores, the family life \_\_\_\_\_ happier.

A. had been      B. would have been      C. will be      D. would be

**Question 26:** It took him years to \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of his wife dying.

A. go off      B. get over      C. put off      D. take on

**Question 27:** All of my friends have got smartphones. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ one too!

A. have      B. had had      C. have had      D. had

**Question 28:** The environmental impact of tourism can be shocking and upsetting, but many governments think it is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. comprehensive      B. bad      C. acceptable      D. negative

**Question 29:** This is very \_\_\_\_\_! Can't you practise your violin somewhere else?

A. conveniently      B. convenient      C. convenience      D. inconvenient

**Question 30:** Good health and methods of study are very necessary, or \_\_\_\_\_ for success in college.

A. available      B. dependable      C. efficient      D. essential

**Question 31:** Schools will be more responsive \_\_\_\_\_ changes in society by constantly tailoring

their curriculum and activities.

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

**Question 32:** The man \_\_\_\_\_ design had been chosen stepped to the platform to receive the award.

A. which                    B. whom                    C. that                    D. whose

**Question 33:** Our class \_\_\_\_\_ into four groups when we have English lessons.

A. is usually divided                    B. be divided usually  
C. usually divides                    D. is dividing usually

**Question 34:** We have to educate the public about wildlife, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. don't we                    B. have we                    C. haven't we                    D. do we

**Question 35:** Overpopulation tends to create conditions which may result in food \_\_\_\_\_ in developing countries.

A. surpluses                    B. supplies                    C. shortages                    D. failures

**Exercise 11: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.**

**Question 36:** Two friends are talking to each other at a class reunion.

Mai: “\_\_\_\_\_”.

Lan: “I work at the bank.”

A. What do you do for a living, Lan?                    B. Where did you work, Lan?  
C. How do you do, Lan?                    D. How are you doing, Lan?

**Question 37:** Jack and Peter are talking about time management skill.

- Jack: “What do you think about time management skill?”

- Peter: “\_\_\_\_\_”

A. I can't help thinking about it.                    B. I quite agree with you.

**Exercise 12: 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.**

**Question 38:** I told him to pass the word to Jane somehow that I will try to reach her during the early hours.

A. the early hours      B. will try      C. to      D. told

**Question 39:** A basic knowledge of social studies, such as history and geography, are considered a basic part of the education of every child.

**Question 40:** Now that the stress of examinations are over, we can go somewhere for our holiday.

**A.** the **B.** are **C.** can go **D.** for