

Test 3

Reading Comprehension

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) which best completes each sentence.

- 1 We need guaranteed financial before we can even start the design work.
A agreement B backing C analysis D plans
- 2 At this time of year farmers their crops and store them for winter.
A gather B remove C pick up D take in
- 3 After three weeks the cut on Tom's hand had still not
A cured B joined C mended D healed
- 4 The cliffs on this part of the coast are being by the sea.
A worn B eroded C demolished D deteriorated
- 5 Guy was the conspiracy because of his friendship with the conspirators.
A caught in B taken in C drawn into D pulled by
- 6 While on holiday Walter and Daisy were caught a military coup.
A into B up in C with D out of
- 7 He is a man to the police.
A known B familiar C recognisable D accountable
- 8 Attendance at the council meeting was very
A poor B small C slack D limited
- 9 Anyone ticket has been stolen should contact the airline immediately.
A his B their C whose D which
- 10 Sally regretted the journalist so much.
A telling B tell C to tell D told
- 11 Mrs Archer is known the finest collection of twentieth century art in private hands.
A as have B having C by having D to have
- 12 The police promised him from prosecution if he co-operated with them fully.
A safety B protection C immunity D absolution

- 13 After their catastrophic defeat the of the army made their way back to their mountain strongholds.
A survivors B remnants C wounded D deserters
- 14 This court deals only with crime.
A petty B trivial C small D insignificant
- 15 In this quiz you have the chance to your wits against the most intelligent people in England.
A set B pit C try D sharpen
- 16 More than thirty people evidence to the court during the four-week trial.
A gave B explained C produced D spoke
- 17 Adam is thought at sea.
A to have been killed B having been killed C to be killed D be killed
- 18 The lawyer claimed that the tests had been carried out by experienced scientists but this is not necessarily
A so B the way C thus D the method
- 19 what he says, observe what he does.
A Although B In contrast C Contrary D Never mind
- 20 It was decided that the following Thursday.
A we met B we would meet C our meeting D we will meet
- 21 Most of the victims died because they poisonous fumes.
A suffocated B inhaled C inspired D gasped
- 22 He his life to the skill of the surgeons.
A owes B keeps C preserves D maintains
- 23 His ideas about the future of the company did not with those of the chairman.
A fit B go along C tally D suit
- 24 we understand his reasons, we cannot condone his behaviour.
A Even if B Only if C What if D As if
- 25 I don't think that this fashion will
A catch on B catch up C catch out D catch over

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Use of English

1 Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with one suitable word.

Conversations are such common, everyday events that we easily take them for granted and assume that they require no special skills. (1) at some time or (2), most of (3) have had problems talking with other people. You may (4) yourself unable to get a (5) in edgeways, and feel foolish and inadequate. Sometimes you have to interrupt rudely, and are (6) feeling that, to other people, you must (7) unpleasantly aggressive. Or (8) been desperate to speak, you do not know how to stop and risk (9) considered boring.

Everyone sometimes finds it difficult to strike (10) conversations. The importance of being able to start conversations is (11). To have relationships, you have to meet people and get to know them. To get to know them, you have to talk to them. At some point, (12) has to be an opening line, but how do you know what to say? Conversations often begin when one person remarks, 'Beautiful weather, isn't it?' or asks (13) other clichéd question. Conversation openers are (14) original – the anxiety of (15) the first approach is not conducive to creative thought – but (16) does not matter. (17) does matter is that these openers are recognised (18) what they are – attempts (19) starting a conversation. The words are unimportant, the (20) that they have been spoken is.

- 2 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it.

EXAMPLE: We expect he will arrive by nine o'clock.

ANSWER: He is *expected to arrive by nine o'clock*.

- a) Whenever he passed the prison, Bernard remembered the years he had spent there.
Bernard couldn't
- b) If you buy fifteen tickets for the same performance, you can have a 25 per cent discount.
Provided fifteen
- c) Our profits this year are higher than they have ever been.
Never
- d) It is my opinion that he is the greatest artist of the twentieth century.
I consider him
- e) 'I did not remove the money from the safe,' said Peter.
Peter denied
- f) *Macbeth* is the play that I enjoy the most.
There
- g) Nobody remained on the ship after the captain had left it.
The captain
- h) The factory seemed to have been damaged by fire.
It looked

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3 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: 'Would you like some toast?'

'No, thank you. I've had some already.'

- a) The judge refused to do what the gangsters asked,
much money they offered him.
- b) Robert had filled the freezer with food, we were
very grateful.
- c) Mr Archer complained that the hotel the picture
in the brochure.
- d) All the robbers to ten years in prison.
- e) Look at these footprints! He come this way!
- f) Swimming is a good way of yourself fit and healthy.

4 For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. This word **must not be altered** in any way.

EXAMPLE: It is by no means certain that he was responsible for the crime.
questionable

ANSWER: *It is questionable whether he was responsible for the crime.*

- a) The inspector showed us four potential health hazards.
drew

- b) Margaret desperately wanted Nigel to return.
longed

- c) Jack failed to keep his promise to help us.
let

- d) Michael is a very poor tennis player.
good

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- e) If we tried to force him to repay the debt, we would be wasting our time.
point
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- f) The house is dirty because no one bothers to keep it clean.
trouble
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- g) Sheila was dismissed after only three days.
sack
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- h) The committee decided that the crash was not the pilot's fault.
blame
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