

PRACTICE TEST No. 2

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

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.

1. A. mixed B. used C. voiced D. increased
2. A. mass B. trash C. gather D. wash

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.

3. A. infrastructure B. ultimately C. acquaintance D. temperature
4. A. bureau B. abrupt C. parade D. predict

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. Vietnam exports (A) a lot of rice is grown (B) mainly in the south (C) of the country (D).
6. We all know that (A) we have to work hardly (B) to earn a living ourselves (C) and support (D) the family.
7. Your intelligence (A) and energy will help (B) you solve (C) any problems you encounter; use these (D) strengths wisely.

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

8. This car was the most expensive purchase I've ever _____.
A. made B. taken C. put D. done
9. Could you _____ in touch with John and arrange a time to meet?
A. put B. find C. get D. go
10. It was _____ a boring book _____ I didn't want to read it once more.
A. so – that B. so – as C. very – that D. such – that
11. She has that reserve and slight coldness of manner, which is _____ English.
A. typically B. typical C. typing D. typist
12. In my opinion, you must find a really qualified carpenter for a job like this, _____ seems to require a large amount of talent.
A. that B. which C. who D. where
13. _____ better, the team would have been able to defeat the opponent.
A. If it prepares B. If prepares C. Preparing D. Had it prepared
14. Nobody knows why _____ postponed until next week.
A. the meeting B. was the meeting C. did the meeting D. the meeting was
15. After a while we began _____ the ball back and forth.
A. pitched B. to pitch C. pitching D. pitch
16. Many people are enthusiastic about herbal remedies, regarding them as an _____ way of treating illness.
A. effectively B. effective C. affective D. affectively

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. – "I've passed my driving test." – " _____".
A. Congratulations! C. It's nice of you to say so.
B. That's a good idea. D. Do you?
18. – "Hello, I'd like to speak to Mrs. Smith." – " _____".
A. Sure. C. Hang on, please.
B. Where are you? D. Of course you can.

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 each of the following questions.

19. They try to imitate the wings and shape of animals in nature to produce parts of vehicles.
A. irritate B. irrigate C. paste D. copy
20. They all started playing water polo when they were very young.
A. took away B. took up C. took over D. took off

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 each of the following questions.

21. If the weatherman has predicted accurately, tomorrow will be a perfect day for our picnic.

- A. astutely B. correctly C. wrongly D. acutely

22. Fruits and vegetables grew in abundance on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.

- A. sufficiency B. excess C. large quantity D. small quantity

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.

Dear Helgar,

I would like to welcome you to our school. I know that being an (23)_____ student can be difficult, especially when you are so far away from your home. As you may have heard, the Thanksgiving holiday is (24)_____. I am aware that it isn't celebrated in Germany, but it's a very important holiday in the United States. It is an occasion when American families gather to spend time with one another and enjoy a variety of food. If you have nothing planned for that day, I would like to (25)_____ you to visit my home for Thanksgiving. My entire family is planning to be there, so you will get to hang out with us. My mother is considered (26)_____ cooks in the city, so you will get a great introduction to traditional American home cooking. I hope you can come as I am positive that you (27)_____ a wonderful time. Let me know if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Greg Foster

23. A. exchange B. exchanges C. exchanged D. exchanging

24. A. improving B. happening C. approaching D. passing

25. A. invite B. require C. let D. insist

26. A. the better B. one of the best C. as good as D. the best

27. A. have B. are having C. will have D. have had

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.

We owe the invention of paper to the Egyptian papyrus or the Egyptian paper. The Egyptians made paper from the papyrus plant (*Cyperus papyrus*) that was commonly found along the banks of river Nile. The pith of the plant was taken out and cut into long strips. These strips were placed diagonally over each other, and for better binding, were placed under a weight for a couple of days. The quality of papyrus paper is evident from the fact that they are still intact about 5000 years after they were written on.

Historical sources tell us that the ancient Egyptians were very secretive about the manufacturing technique of their papyrus. This was because papyrus was one of the main commodities that was exported by Egypt all over the region. Keeping its manufacturing process a secret enabled them to achieve monopoly in the market.

28. What is the main topic of the article?

- A. The importance of papyrus in Egyptian history.
B. Egyptian culture.
C. The making of papyrus and its commercial role.
D. Commercial trades between ancient Egypt and other countries

29. To make a piece of papyrus, the first step is to_____.

- A. take out the pith of papyrus plants and cut it into long strips.
B. place strips of pith diagonally over each other.
C. place strips of pith under a flat stone
D. keep the making process a secret

30. Why did the ancient Egyptians keep the making process of papyrus a secret?

- A. Ancient Egypt was not an open country.
B. it could enable them to dominate the market.
C. It took ancient Egyptians much time to invent papyrus

D. Ancient Egypt didn't export papyrus

31. In the second paragraph, the word 'its' refers to _____.

A. papyrus's

B. Egyptians'

C. a region's

D. the pitch's

32. What can we infer from the article?

A. To make a piece of papyrus, you need to put strips of pith parallel over each other.

B. Ancient Egypt didn't like trading.

C. In the ancient times, the Egyptians possessed a basic commercial awareness.

D. Papyrus was used within ancient Egypt only.

II. WRITING (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

33. The new shopping centre was opened a week ago.

-> The new shopping centre has _____

34. I would prefer cheese to fruits.

-> I would _____

35. We have got lost in the university campus because it is so big.

-> The university campus is _____

36. It was midnight when we left the party.

-> We didn't _____

Combine the two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any ways.

37. That's the woman. His son has won the first prize in the competition. (WHOSE)

38. It was a hard job. We had been exhausted by the time we finished. (SUCH)

39. He had forgotten to bring the report with him. He had to go home and get it. (BECAUSE)

40. She studies hard. She wants to get a good job when she finishes university. (VIEW)