Empower B1+ Listening test

Time 20 minutes

Part 1
Questions 1 – 5
You will hear five short recordings. For each question, choose the correct picture.
You will hear each recording twice.

1 Which sport would Sandy like to start doing in future?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

2 What is the headline story in today's newspapers?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

3 Which photograph is the man going to take?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

4 Why did the man decide to live in his new neighbourhood?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

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5 What makes the room look different?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

Part 3
Questions 11 – 15
You will hear a former footballer talking about what he did when he retired from playing football. For each question, choose the correct answer

11	Steve stopped playing football because	A	he was hurt.	☐
		B	of his wife and family.	☐
		C	he had become too old.	☐
12	Steve was unsure about applying for college because of	A	his need to earn money.	☐
		B	the age of the other students.	☐
		C	his lack of fitness.	☐
13	At the interview Steve was particularly pleased that	A	his course was shorter than he thought.	☐
		B	his maths was good enough for the course.	☐
		C	he had no health or medical problems.	☐
14	Steve and Maria went out to celebrate at	A	a cousin's party.	☐
		B	a new Italian restaurant.	☐
		C	a restaurant they knew well.	☐
15	Eric White knew Steve because	A	they used to be colleagues.	☐
		B	he had been Steve's manager.	☐
		C	they were business friends.	☐

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Empower B1+ Reading/Grammar **Time** 30 min

Questions 1 – 5
Look at the text in each question.
What does it say?
For each question, circle the correct letter **A**, **B**, or **C**.

1

Hi Andrew

I'm working at the shop late - so won't be home to cook dinner. There's salad and cheese in the fridge and noodles in the cupboard. Have what you like. I'll eat before I come back.

Mum

Mum tells Andrew to

A shop for her dinner.

B help himself to food.

C save some food for her.

D cook when she returns.

2

Members are requested to keep out of the gym until it has been painted.

A The gym is not available at the moment.

B The gym has just been painted.

C Only members are allowed to use the gym.

D Members should ask for permission to use the gym.

3

If Chris calls, tell him to hang on. I'll be at the cinema in 10 minutes. The traffic's terrible! I've tried calling but his phone must be turned off.
Thanks,
Abby.

What is Chris doing now?

A talking on the phone

B driving a car

C watching a film

D waiting for Abby

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4

Don't worry about picking Jane up from the station. Philip's train from London gets in at the same time as hers, so he's going to give her a lift home.

A Philip's spending the weekend in London.

B Philip and Jane are catching the same train.

C Jane has made arrangements for getting home.

D Jane's worried about her journey home.

5

Diving can be dangerous!

Always check the water directly beneath for swimmers.

Only dive when you are sure it is safe.

A All divers should move to a safe area.

B Only experienced divers are allowed here.

C Before diving, make sure nobody is below.

D You can dive by yourself.

Questions 6 – 10

Read the text below about a food festival.

Look at the sentences on the opposite page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, choose yes. If it is not correct, choose no.

My review of 'The Taste' festival
by Kelly Parker

Now in its third year, 'The Taste' food and drink festival is becoming more and more popular but I must admit I really didn't know what to expect when I went to find out what it was all about this summer. There was plenty of food and drink, of course, but also so much more. Cooking lessons, music and dancing, to name but a few. If I'm honest, there was almost too much to do. Anyone hoping to just sit and enjoy the beautiful location may have found themselves rushing from place to place like me, trying without success to do all the activities. I'll certainly plan my day better next time.

I stopped off at the bank on the way to the festival as I was sure I'd need to spend a lot of money. I did, but the food and drink prices were lower than I had expected, which was a pleasant surprise. Tickets were a similar price to other festivals, but it's still quite an expensive day out. It's supposed to be an environmentally friendly festival, and it's better than most, but I think they could provide more places to recycle rubbish and not use quite so much plastic for the food. All profits do go to good causes though, so I was happy to support the festival.

The festival's located on a farm and it's difficult to get there by public transport, but there was plenty of parking and a great free bus to take to the festival site. What else can I say? You've missed it for this year, but it'll be back again next summer, and so will I. It's not the most exciting festival I've ever been to, but it was quite good fun and, for those who like good food and drink, it shouldn't be missed.

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6 Kelly Parker has been to the festival every year since it started.	YES	NO
7 Kelly regrets not having enough time to do everything at the festival.	YES	NO
8 Kelly spent more money than she planned to at the festival.	YES	NO
9 Kelly was pleased with how much the festival supports the environment.	YES	NO
10 Kelly thinks the festival is worth going to.	YES	NO

Questions 16 – 20
Read the text below and choose the correct answer for each gap.

Bank Money Stolen

In breaking news, two men have stolen thousands of pounds from Brunel Bank. Bank employees report that the two men **(16)** ..... up at the bank just as it was opening. Although the men said they were customers, the staff were worried about their behaviour and called the police. The employees bravely **(17)** ..... their best but they couldn't stop the men getting away with over £50,000 in cash.

The police arrived on the scene quickly but were unable to **(18)** ..... the men from getting away in a car that was waiting **(19)** ..... them outside the bank. These men are dangerous and people are **(20)** ..... not to speak to them if they see them.

Local people are said to be shocked by the news. We'll bring you more reports as soon as we can.

16	**A** went	**B** got	**C** turned	**D** arrived
17	**A** made	**B** had	**C** did	**D** showed
18	**A** save	**B** prevent	**C** limit	**D** protect
19	**A** for	**B** at	**C** by	**D** with
20	**A** suggested	**B** warned	**C** refused	**D** relied

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Questions 21 – 30

21. Todd _____ through the park when he fell and broke his arm.
a. cycled b. would cycle c.was cycling d. used to cycle

22. _____ your coffee? I'm sorry, but I have thrown it out.
a. Hadn't you finished b. Have you been finishing c. Did you finish

23. Until I was 15, I _____ ballet classes every week.
a. Had had b. used c. used to have d.had

24. How long _____ by the marina?
a. Have you been living b. do you live c. are you living

25. This is the student _____ won the competition.
a. Where b. what c. whose d.who

26. _____ to the concert or not? Please make up your mind.
a. will you have come b. Are you coming c. Did you come

27. If I were you, I wouldn't _____ that horror film.
a. watching b. watch c. have been watching d. watched

28. Please don't forget _____ the bedroom door when you go out as the cat keeps going in there.
a. close b. closing c. closes d. to close

29. It's actually _____ I expected.
a. better b. better than c. the best d. than better

30. _____ Rosemary doesn't have a very well-paid job, she has decided to buy a new flat.
a. Despite b. Although c. In spite of d. However

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