PLACEMENT TEST

PART 1. Listening

I. Listen to Sonia and Dan talking about shopping. What did Sonia buy in each shop?

For questions 1-6, write the letter A-H next to each shop. You will hear the conversation twice.

Shops	Things
1. chemist's	A. bag
2. clothes shop	B. cake
3. bookshop	C. flowers
4. supermarket	D. shampoo
5. sports shop	E. socks
6. market	F. towel
	G. trainers
	H. trousers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

II. For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time. You will hear a talk about an exercise class called Extreme Bootcamp.

Extreme Bootcamp

The (7) _____ use the name 'bootcamp' for soldiers' training.

Extreme Bootcamp is a brief course with (8) _____ exercises.

Extreme Bootcamp takes place on a (9) _____, so you can exercise and look at the river.

Members start each class at 6.30 a.m. by doing some (10) _____.

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Wear the same clothes as for other exercise classes, and bring good (11) _____.

The next bootcamp starts on (12) _____.

Contact Elie (13) _____ for more information.

III. You will hear a radio interview with an environmentalist called Jane. For questions 14 to 19, choose the correct answer.

14. Jane thinks that people need to

A. read more news reports.

B. be more positive.

C. accept that there is little they can do.

15. What can you do in four weeks, according to Jane?

A. learn how to recycle

B. start throwing away useful things

C. have a new positive habit

16. Which of the following does Jane NOT mention?

A. turning off the oven

B. wasting water

C. charging a phone

17. What does the interviewer suggest?

A. People should arrange to have fewer bills.

B. People could save money if they were more careful.

C. People should spend more money on their house.

18. What does Jane say people should do?

A. put one or two pounds in the bank every day

B. go on less expensive holidays

C. spend less money on energy

19. Jane believes that

A. young people can make a difference to the planet.

B. ordinary people can do very little to save the environment.

C. governments are doing everything that they can.

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PART 2. Use of English

1. How _____ to Barcelona?

A. did you travel B. you travelled C. were you travel D. does you travel

2. I usually _____ to work, but this week I _____.

A. am driving / walk B. drive / walking

C. am driving / am walking D. drive / am walking

3. It happened very quickly and I couldn't see _____.

A. nothing B. something C. anything D. nowhere

4. The south is _____ the north.

A. more hot than B. more hotter than C. hotter than D. hottest than

5. The _____ was helpful and brought me the dress in a larger size.

A. customer B. sales assistant C. supermarket D. sale

6. I couldn't hear the television because Dad was _____ the carpet.

A. mopping B. dusting C. ironing D. vacuuming

7. Anna is not tall, but she is not short, either. I guess she is _____.

A. tall B. short C. medium height D. fit

8. Richard often travels to Canada to _____ his family.

A. stay B. visit C. spend D. come

9. Tommy and I are very different, but we are used _____ together.

A. to living B. to live C. living D. live

10. We spent the whole morning _____ the house.

A. clean B. to clean C. cleaning D. cleaned

11. Tomas can be very annoying sometimes. _____, he is very loyal to his friends.

A. However B. Although C. Therefore D. In spite of

12. I didn't say anything _____ upset him.

A. so that not B. in order not C. so as not to D. to not

13. He survived _____ being shot three times in the chest.

A. due to B. although C. despite D. because

14. I'd love to _____ her better, she seems really interesting.

A. get to know B. get on C. hang out with D. fall out with

15. The teacher called Tim's parents because he hadn't been _____ any of his classes.

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A. doing B. attending C. sitting D. graduating

16. Although Greg has had a lot of experience in the industry, he doesn't have any _____.

A. shifts B. jobs C. work D. qualifications

17. Do you want to lose your job? Because if you are late again, you will _____.

A. be fired B. be promoted C. do overtime D. work shifts

18. The barber _____ Sam $10 for his haircut.

A. charged B. cost C. spent D. borrowed

19. If we had planned this better, we _____ in so much trouble now.

A. wouldn't have been B. hadn't been

C. wouldn't be D. weren't

20. _____ the novel, he had a long holiday.

A. Having finished B. Finished

C. The writer had finished D. The writer finishing

21. Sam's fear _____ flying means that he never travels abroad.

A. in B. with C. of D. at

22. Increasing the speed limit poses a threat _____ pedestrians.

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

23. I must go to the doctor and _____ before I go on holiday.

A. test my blood pressure B. have my blood pressure tested

C. have tested my blood pressure D. get to test my blood pressure

24. I wish he _____ treating us like idiots. Who does he think he is?

A. would stop B. stopped C. had stopped D. stops

25. The new model comes in red or white but I don't like _____ of those colours.

A. either B. neither C. none D. both

26. It's very _____ today. I feel so hot and sweaty.

A. hazy B. foggy C. cloudy D. muggy

27. I had a large _____ on my leg where my brother had kicked me.

A. blister B. bruise C. rash D. sunburn

28. We had to switch off our phones while the plane was _____.

A. picking up B. dropping off C. boarding D. taking off

29. Jim was prescribed _____ to treat his infection.

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A. vaccine B. blister C. antibiotics D. surgery

30. The children _____ immediately and have been inseparable ever since.

A. looked up to B. drifted apart C. fell head over heels D. hit it off

PART 3. Reading

I. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Playing the drums

Beth Jones was only eight years old when she first tried playing the drums. This was during a lunchtime music club at school, which she only went to because it was cold and rainy. Also her friends were in the playground playing hockey — a sport that Beth hated. Of all the musical instruments that the teacher had in the music room, the drums were the most interesting to Beth. She thought it was cool that there were many different shapes and sizes of drums, and she wanted to hit them, to see what they sounded like.

Now Beth is thirteen and gives concerts around the country. She also has her own YouTube channel and gets over a million hits a year. What's amazing is that Beth hasn't ever been to a drum lesson. 'You can learn anything on the internet, so I've never felt it was important for me to take classes,' explains Beth.

Giving concerts wasn't easy for Beth at the beginning because usually she only played drums alone in her bedroom when she came home from school. At her first concert, she played in a band with adults. She could feel hundreds of pairs of eyes looking at her, and that made her feel frightened.

So, does Beth enjoy being famous now? "I didn't plan to be famous," she says. 'All I want is to show others what I love. I don't think I'm someone special. I just want everyone to have a great time at my concerts.'

1. Why did Beth go to the music club at her school?

A. She was too ill to play hockey outside.

B. She wanted something to do one lunchtime.

C. Her friends were away from school on a sports trip.

2. What is the writer explaining in the first paragraph?

A. Why Beth chose the drums and not another instrument.

B. Why the music teacher wanted Beth to try the drums.

C. Why Beth thought the drums were so hard to play.

3. What does Beth say about drum lessons?

A. She is sometimes sorry she didn't take lessons.

B. She thinks lessons can be useful for some people.

C. She has always thought she doesn't need lessons.

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4. What do we learn about Beth's first concert?

A. It was scary because many people were watching her.

B. It was easier playing in a band than at home alone.

C. It was difficult to be in a concert and do her schoolwork.

5. What do we learn about Beth in the final paragraph?

A. Being a young drummer makes her feel special.

B. She hopes people enjoy themselves at her concerts.

C. Her life has changed a lot since she became famous.

II. The people below all want to go on holiday. There are descriptions of eight holidays below. Decide which holiday would be the most suitable for the following people. For 6-10 write the correct letter A-H.



6. George wants a holiday with a big group of friends. They are into sports and want to do different things every day. He doesn't like boats, and some in the group have young children. ☐



7. Ana loves to be near the sea. She wants to visit different places, but she also wants to keep away from holiday resorts. She enjoys being active and learning new skills. ☐



8. Harry just wants to relax and have fun by the sea. He loves going out and wants to meet other people. He wants a cheap hotel and would prefer to pay for everything together. ☐



9. Jess wants to travel abroad and learn about a different way of life. She wants to stay with local people, not in hotels. She would also like to see some performances. ☐



10. Greg doesn't like crowded beaches and wants a peaceful holiday where there aren't many people. He enjoys walking in the countryside and is happy to spend some time alone with a good book. ☐

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The best holidays

A. Golden Sands Beach Club There's lots to do at the Golden Sands Beach Club in Mallorca. It's a holiday you can afford. Enjoy wonderful beaches and swimming in the Mediterranean or take trips to nearby villages! Then enjoy shows and make friends at the social activities in the evening. All meals and drinks are included in the price!	**B. Making waves** Our learn-to-sail holiday in Greece will teach you all the basics of sailing. You'll be busy but will still have time to enjoy the silence of the open sea. We stop at a small harbour every night where you can enjoy local food in small restaurants, before sleeping on your boat. Price includes accommodation but not food.
C. Forest camp Get away from it all at Welldale Forest. Stay on a local working farm or in cabins in the forest. Join in farm life or explore the many paths through the forest with our friendly guides. For those who prefer to relax, you can just enjoy time on your own listening to the sounds of the forest.	**D. Culture shock** Get away from the usual tourist destinations and visit India. On this tour, you'll visit seven cities, see the famous Taj Mahal and enjoy time at a beach resort. You'll stay with families and experience daily life with them. A full programme of cultural events includes some amazing dance shows!
E. Seaview Hotel Enjoy a week at this wonderful, small, luxury hotel in Spain. The price includes all food and drinks, and the facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts and a restaurant. We organise trips to plays and concerts in the evenings. There's also a beach where you can sit quietly and relax or read!	**F. Hotel on the sea** Enjoy two weeks of luxury on this cruise around the Mediterranean visiting seven popular destinations. Relax in the sunshine by the ships swimming pool. You won't get bored, as there are cinemas, tennis courts and a theatre on board, plus plenty of social activities in the evening.
G. Active fun Looking for an active holiday? This wonderful busy holiday resort offers tennis, swimming, golf and lots more. There's something for everyone. Lessons are available, so you can learn something new, whether you're 5 years old or 55! Fun for all the family! Price includes accommodation and breakfast.	**H. On foot** Do you love walking? Try this walking tour in the mountains of Italy. Each day, you will walk with an experienced guide as part of a group of walkers, then spend the night as guests of local people. It's a great way to see some beautiful countryside and make new friends.

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III. Read the text about the popular app TikTok, and for questions 11 to 16, complete the text with the correct sentences. There is ONE EXTRA SENTENCE that you don't need to use.

Deadly TikTok challenges

TikTok, the popular app that allows users to create and share short videos, is now the most downloaded app in the world. One of the most popular ways users engage with the app is to carry out challenges. **11 _____.** A successful challenge will go viral, with hundreds of thousands of people around the world taking part.

Copying another person's video is hardly original or creative. Even so, it's easy to see the appeal, especially among young audiences. Anyone with a Smartphone can get involved. **12 _____.** Users can just ride the trend to gain popularity. As a result, challenges are ideal for people who have a little spare time, enjoy performing and like getting attention. Unsurprisingly, most of those who take part are children, teenagers and young adults.

The problem is that these are the very people who are most at risk from performing challenges. This is because the part of the brain that handles rational thought is not fully developed in humans until we are in our mid-20s. Until then, we are less able to make long-term plans and analyse risk. It's no secret that the young brain values things that provide a sense of inclusion and popularity. **13 _____.**

The Tik Tok challenge trend has had severe consequences. In 2020, the 'skull-breaker' challenge, which involves two people kicking a third person's legs to make them fall over, caused teenagers in both the UK and the US to be badly injured. In response, TikTok stated that it did not allow content that encourages dangerous challenges that might lead to injury. **14 _____.** Any such content on its platform would be removed. Users searching for the skull-breaker challenge would only see a warning about its dangers.

This reaction was clearly not thorough enough because, in 2021, several fatal incidents occurred resulting from another viral challenge on Tiktok, the 'blackout' challenge, which encouraged people to choke themselves until they passed out. Three youngsters died from attempting this challenge in January 2021. This was followed later in the year by a number of deaths in the USA and UK. Two of those who died were young girls under the age of ten. **15 _____.**

The challenge did not actually originate on TikTok, nor is it the only platform where videos of it have spread. According to a TIME report in 2018, millions of videos of the 'Pass Out Challenge' were currently on YouTube. However, where and when the viral trend originated is not known. **16 _____.** They say that the videos were intentionally and repeatedly pushed onto their children's feeds, encouraging them to participate. They claim that the company has prioritised corporate profits over the health and safety of its users.

A. The bereaved families are suing TikTok for spreading the challenge among impressionable youngsters.

B. They allow users not only to express their creativity through editing and special effects but also to participate and engage with a worldwide community.

C. These encourage people to video themselves doing some kind of activity, such as singing, dancing or acting.

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D. The more attention a young person's stunt might get, the less likely he or she is to consider its potential risks.

E. It added that doing so was not funny and certainly wouldn't make users famous.

F. No talent is required beyond a little extroversion and commitment.

G. Even so, the parents of the deceased youngsters claim that TikTok's 'dangerous' algorithms are responsible for their children's deaths.

PART 4. Writing

Choose ONE of these topics and write about it.

A	Your English friend Charlie has invited you to the cinema tomorrow, but you can't go. Write an email to Charlie: - tell Charlie that you are sorry - explain why you can't go - say which day you can go instead. Write about 100 words.
B	Write a paragraph (about 120 words) about how the internet has changed our lives. You may write about: - the benefits of the internet - personal relationship - working or study habits
C	Write a paragraph (about 120 words) about what young people can do to help protect and improve their local environment. You may write about: - recycling things - cycling or walking instead of using cars - planting trees

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