



Pearson

# *Course placement test*

British English  
Adult

Test 1 | Form A

# Directions

This test has four sections: Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading.

**Listening.** You will hear five recordings and answer four questions about each one. Listen to each recording and answer the questions. You may take notes on the test booklet as you listen. However, circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet. You will hear each recording once. There is time between each recording for you to check your answers.

**Grammar.** This section has 30 questions. Read each question and circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

**Vocabulary.** This section has 20 questions. Read each question and circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

**Reading.** You will read three brief texts with several questions for each one. After you read each text, circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

You may write in your test booklet. But circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

***Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 1-4.***

- 1 Which subject does the woman like?
  - a Math
  - b Science
  - c History
  - d English
- 2 What will the woman help the man do?
  - a Write a paper.
  - b Do homework.
  - c Take notes.
  - d Find a book.
- 3 What does the woman do every Thursday?
  - a Go to the library.
  - b Have class.
  - c Go to work.
  - d Meet her teacher.
- 4 What does the woman tell the man to do?
  - a Come to her English class.
  - b Meet her at work.
  - c Work until five o'clock.
  - d Bring his book to the library.

***Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 5-8.***

- 5 What are the man and woman doing?
  - a Listening to music
  - b Watching videos
  - c Talking on the phone
  - d Shopping for a gift
- 6 What does the man say about the phone?
  - a The color is great.
  - b The color is too bright.
  - c The screen size is just right.
  - d The screen size is too small.
- 7 Why does the woman think John needs a bag?
  - a He likes bags.
  - b His bag is too small.
  - c He needs a bag for work.
  - d He doesn't have a bag.
- 8 What will the man do next?
  - a Call John on the phone.
  - b Buy the headphones.
  - c Look for a different bag.
  - d Help the woman find a new phone.

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***Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 9–12.***

- 9 Who is Julie going to dinner with?
- a Her husband
  - b Her friend
  - c Her kids
  - d Her team
- 10 Has Julie been to the restaurant before?
- a No, she has never been there.
  - b No, she doesn't like Italian food.
  - c Yes, she has been there many times.
  - d Yes, she went there with her team last week.
- 11 What does Mark ask Julie to do at the restaurant?
- a Talk to Antonio.
  - b Meet his wife and kids.
  - c Ask about their lunch menu.
  - d Make a reservation.
- 12 What is Julie and Mark's relationship?
- a They are co-workers.
  - b They are neighbours.
  - c They are married.
  - d They are friends.

***Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 13–16.***

- 13 Why is the woman late?
- a She missed her train.
  - b Her train was late.
  - c There was a train accident.
  - d She was hurt in an accident.
- 14 Why was the woman lost?
- a She went to the wrong street.
  - b She didn't know the area well.
  - c No one helped her.
  - d She took the wrong bus.
- 15 What was wrong with the woman's phone?
- a She lost it.
  - b She didn't have internet.
  - c She couldn't text.
  - d She left it at work.
- 16 Why did the woman walk from Canal Street?
- a She couldn't find the bus.
  - b She thought walking was faster.
  - c She wanted to walk.
  - d People told her to walk.

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***Listen to the talk. Then answer questions 17-20.***

- 17 What is this talk about?
- a How to enjoy writing
  - b How to start writing
  - c How to get writing jobs
  - d How to become a better writer
- 18 Why does the speaker talk about writing presentations?
- a It's an important writing skill.
  - b It's a type of writing job.
  - c It's a way to practice your writing.
  - d It's a way to share your writing with others.
- 19 What is the best topic to write about?
- a Technology topics
  - b Topics online
  - c Topics you like
  - d Popular topics
- 20 Why should you make your own website?
- a You can write about topics you enjoy.
  - b People can find your writing online.
  - c Many writers have their own websites.
  - d You can meet other writers online.

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***Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.***

- 21 \_\_\_\_\_ me at the restaurant after work.  
a Meet  
b Meeting  
c Will meet  
d To meet
- 22 A: \_\_\_\_\_ you live?  
B: I live in Jamestown.  
a Where  
b Where is  
c Where do  
d Where does
- 23 I need to buy \_\_\_\_\_ bread.  
Can we stop at the shop?  
a any  
b some  
c many  
d much
- 24 The view is beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.  
a on  
b at  
c in  
d to
- 25 We enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ family dinner on Sunday evenings.  
a have  
b had  
c to have  
d having
- 26 I \_\_\_\_\_ TV when you called.  
a watch  
b watched  
c am watching  
d was watching
- 27 I spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ hotel manager about the problem with our room.  
a the  
b a  
c some  
d any
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ two libraries in the city.  
a They are  
b There is  
c It is  
d There are
- 29 A: Do you want something to drink?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea please.  
a like  
b can like  
c could like  
d would like
- 30 I \_\_\_\_\_ early tomorrow morning.  
a am going to wake up  
b wake up  
c woke up  
d was waking up

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- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ the rain, they moved the concert inside.
- a Despite
  - b Because of
  - c However
  - d Even though
- 32 The cinema is \_\_\_\_\_ Hudson Street.
- a on
  - b in
  - c between
  - d under
- 33 I \_\_\_\_\_ John at the party yesterday.
- a see
  - b saw
  - c was seeing
  - d have seen
- 34 This test is \_\_\_\_\_ than the last test.
- a easy
  - b easier
  - c easiest
  - d the easiest
- 35 Ben \_\_\_\_\_ right now. He is at the library.
- a doesn't work
  - b didn't work
  - c isn't working
  - d wasn't working
- 36 I don't know anyone \_\_\_\_\_ lives here. Do you?
- a who
  - b when
  - c where
  - d which
- 37 Can you bring me \_\_\_\_\_ jeans behind you?
- a that
  - b this
  - c those
  - d these
- 38 Did you \_\_\_\_\_ to the football match last night?
- a go
  - b went
  - c have gone
  - d were going
- 39 We have ten science teachers. All the \_\_\_\_\_ offices are on the second floor.
- a teacher
  - b teachers
  - c teacher's
  - d teachers'
- 40 A: \_\_\_\_\_ you go to London?  
B: I went last year.
- a Why did
  - b When did
  - c When were
  - d Where were

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- 41 You've met Jonas before, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a have you  
b haven't you  
c did you  
d didn't you
- 42 I have a lot of meetings this morning, so let's meet \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.  
a on  
b in  
c after  
d before
- 43 We have \_\_\_\_\_ food for the party, but we need more drinks.  
a too  
b too much  
c too many  
d enough
- 44 John loves this coffee shop and comes here every day.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ gets his coffee here.  
a always  
b never  
c rarely  
d sometimes
- 45 Elizabeth loves to travel.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ more than twenty countries.  
a visits  
b visited  
c has visited  
d is visiting
- 46 I \_\_\_\_\_ drive you to the airport. It's no problem at all.  
a may  
b must  
c could  
d would
- 47 I want to visit \_\_\_\_\_.  
a South Pole  
b a South Pole  
c the South Pole  
d this South Pole
- 48 Mark lived in Rome and Milan, so he speaks Italian very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a good  
b well  
c better  
d best
- 49 A: Did you get the job in Bogota?  
B: Yes! I \_\_\_\_\_ move there next month.  
a can  
b will  
c would  
d might
- 50 Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ in many communities in London.  
a speaks  
b spoke  
c is spoken  
d has spoken

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***Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.***

- 51 I spent too much \_\_\_\_\_ at the library. I'm late for dinner!
- a time
  - b minute
  - c clock
  - d watch
- 52 I like taking black and white \_\_\_\_\_ with my camera.
- a notes
  - b breaks
  - c calls
  - d photographs
- 53 Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ to take the job in Boston.
- a thought
  - b decided
  - c began
  - d completed
- 54 There are a lot of cars downtown, and \_\_\_\_\_ is really bad around high street.
- a weather
  - b traffic
  - c tourist
  - d health
- 55 Let's go home this \_\_\_\_\_ so we can have Sunday dinner with mom and dad.
- a day
  - b hour
  - c tomorrow
  - d weekend
- 56 Food and art are part of people's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a culture
  - b religion
  - c laws
  - d ideas
- 57 I didn't know the meaning of the word, so I \_\_\_\_\_.
- a told
  - b wrote
  - c moved
  - d guessed
- 58 A: Hi, Greg. I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ you to my friend, Phil.  
B: Hi, Phil. I'm Greg.
- a meet
  - b invite
  - c introduce
  - d remember
- 59 Be safe, and don't walk around at night in \_\_\_\_\_ areas.
- a unusual
  - b familiar
  - c exciting
  - d dangerous
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_, the website doesn't accept credit card payments.
- a Likely
  - b Rarely
  - c Suddenly
  - d Unfortunately

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- 61 A: Do you know why Tim is late?  
B: It's \_\_\_\_\_ he missed his train.
- a early
  - b possible
  - c difficult
  - d sure
- 62 This report is full of \_\_\_\_\_.  
We can't use it.
- a plans
  - b mistakes
  - c accidents
  - d appointments
- 63 He wants to study \_\_\_\_\_ so  
he can work with computers.
- a politics
  - b science
  - c history
  - d technology
- 64 John \_\_\_\_\_ lost his job, so he  
is looking for a new one.
- a usually
  - b recently
  - c immediately
  - d regularly
- 65 I live on one end of high street,  
and Sue lives on the \_\_\_\_\_ end.
- a opposite
  - b correct
  - c wrong
  - d front
- 66 It's not \_\_\_\_\_ to bring money.  
We paid for everything already.
- a fair
  - b normal
  - c necessary
  - d appropriate
- 67 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to go?  
We have to leave now or  
we'll be late.
- a easy
  - b angry
  - c ready
  - d busy
- 68 I don't like driving. I \_\_\_\_\_ the  
train.
- a need
  - b prefer
  - c suggest
  - d schedule
- 69 It's so hot today! What's the  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- a season
  - b noise
  - c environment
  - d temperature
- 70 The police arrested the man  
because he tried to \_\_\_\_\_  
five million dollars from his  
company.
- a steal
  - b protect
  - c return
  - d earn

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**Read an email about parking. Then answer questions 71–73.**



**From:** Parking office

**To:** All workers in building 45

Starting tomorrow, the office car park will close for two weeks.

We need to fix the car park floor. We will also draw new lines to add twenty more parking spaces.


For the next two weeks, you can park your car in the car park on the corner of High and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. It is the car park next to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Show your company ID card, and you can park for free.

You can also park on High Street from 9 am to 5 pm. But please remember, you cannot park on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. If you have any questions, please call the parking office at 020-9809-9090.

- 71 What is this message about?
- a A new car park
  - b Street parking rules
  - c Car park changes
  - d New parking prices
- 72 Where can people park for the next two weeks?
- a The new office car park
  - b The car park on High and 1<sup>st</sup> Street
  - c The Crowne Plaza Hotel car park
  - d High Street after 5 pm
- 73 How can people park for free?
- a By showing a company ID card
  - b By parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Street
  - c By calling the parking office
  - d By using the Crowne Plaza car park

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**Read a page from a website about Cornwall. Then answer questions 74–76.**



I have lived and worked in Cornwall for most of my life. It is a very special place, and I am lucky to have spent most of my life in this beautiful area. I enjoy sharing with you my favourite places to go in Cornwall. My goal with this website is to give you helpful information about our community.

**MUSEUMS:** There are more than 70 museums in Cornwall. This page gives you a list of all the museums, their addresses, phone numbers, the times they open and close, and ticket prices.

**SLEEP:** You can find a list of all the hotels in the area on this page. There is also a list of private houses to rent. You can look through all the listings and make reservations directly on this page.

**SWIM:** This page includes information about all the beaches in the area. Most beaches are great for swimming, but some are dangerous — so read the rules on this page carefully. You can also find information about parking, food, and activities here.


I invite you to check back often as I share new information for the season. I hope you have a wonderful time during your visit to Cornwall.

- 74 Why did the writer make this website?
- a To help Cornwall visitors
  - b To talk about Cornwall rules
  - c To rent his house in Cornwall
  - d To talk about his life in Cornwall
- 75 What information can you find on this website?
- a Art
  - b Boats
  - c Hotels
  - d Weather
- 76 What does the writer say about beaches?
- a Read the rules.
  - b Some are closed.
  - c There is no parking.
  - d There is no swimming.

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***Read an article about Wilbur and Orville Wright. Then answer questions 77–80.***



Wilbur and Orville Wright were the American inventors of the first aeroplane. Wilbur was the older of the two brothers, and they always had a close relationship. Their father, Milton Wright, often travelled for work, and he liked to bring back small toys for his children. When Wilbur was 11 years old, Milton brought a model aeroplane for his boys. The plane was made of wood and paper, and the brothers loved playing with it.

As adults, Wilbur and Orville continued to be interested in mechanics and the technology behind how things work. In the 1890s, bicycles became popular in the country. The brothers were good at fixing bicycles and began selling their own designs. They also studied the work of German flyer Otto Lilienthal. But when Lilienthal died in a flying accident, the brothers decided to start their own experiments with flying. They studied birds and how they used their wings to control their flying. They used a similar idea to invent their first plane, and on 17 December 1903, they succeeded. They flew the plane in the air for 59 seconds.

Many people, however, did not believe the brothers really flew an aeroplane. It had never been done before, and the American people didn't think flying was possible. At that time, Europe was more open to new ideas. So, the brothers moved to Europe in 1908 and spent the next few years trying to sell their aeroplanes. It took Wilbur and Orville many years after their first flight to become famous, but their first 59-second flight changed the history of the world forever.

- 77 What first made the Wright brothers interested in flying?
- a Birds
  - b A toy
  - c A bicycle
  - d Machines
- 78 What was one job the brothers had?
- a Inventing new technology
  - b Working for their father
  - c Making bicycle designs
  - d Writing about flying

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- 79 How did the brothers invent their first plane?
- a They studied birds' wings.
  - b They used their bicycle designs.
  - c They copied popular technology.
  - d They used their first model aeroplane.
- 80 Why did the brothers move to Europe?
- a They always wanted to live in Europe.
  - b They wanted to become famous around the world.
  - c They knew a German flyer who could help them.
  - d They believed they could sell their planes in Europe.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TEST 1 FORM A – ANSWER SHEET

### LISTENING

- |   |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |
|---|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| 1 | abcd | 6  | abcd | 11 | abcd | 16 | abcd |
| 2 | abcd | 7  | abcd | 12 | abcd | 17 | abcd |
| 3 | abcd | 8  | abcd | 13 | abcd | 18 | abcd |
| 4 | abcd | 9  | abcd | 14 | abcd | 19 | abcd |
| 5 | abcd | 10 | abcd | 15 | abcd | 20 | abcd |
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### GRAMMAR

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| 21 | abcd | 26 | abcd | 31 | abcd | 36 | abcd | 41 | abcd | 46 | abcd |
| 22 | abcd | 27 | abcd | 32 | abcd | 37 | abcd | 42 | abcd | 47 | abcd |
| 23 | abcd | 28 | abcd | 33 | abcd | 38 | abcd | 43 | abcd | 48 | abcd |
| 24 | abcd | 29 | abcd | 34 | abcd | 39 | abcd | 44 | abcd | 49 | abcd |
| 25 | abcd | 30 | abcd | 35 | abcd | 40 | abcd | 45 | abcd | 50 | abcd |
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### VOCABULARY

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|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| 51 | abcd | 56 | abcd | 61 | abcd | 66 | abcd |
| 52 | abcd | 57 | abcd | 62 | abcd | 67 | abcd |
| 53 | abcd | 58 | abcd | 63 | abcd | 68 | abcd |
| 54 | abcd | 59 | abcd | 64 | abcd | 69 | abcd |
| 55 | abcd | 60 | abcd | 65 | abcd | 70 | abcd |
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### READING

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| 71 | abcd | 76 | abcd |
| 72 | abcd | 77 | abcd |
| 73 | abcd | 78 | abcd |
| 74 | abcd | 79 | abcd |
| 75 | abcd | 80 | abcd |

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