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Course placement test

British English
Adult

Test 1 | Form A

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.

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LISTENING

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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LISTENING

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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LISTENING

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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GRAMMAR

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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GRAMMAR

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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GRAMMAR

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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VOCABULARY

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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VOCABULARY

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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READING

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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st Street
c By calling the parking office
d By using the Crowne Plaza car park

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READING

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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READING

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 a b c d	**6** a b c d	**11** a b c d	**16** a b c d
2 a b c d	**7** a b c d	**12** a b c d	**17** a b c d
3 a b c d	**8** a b c d	**13** a b c d	**18** a b c d
4 a b c d	**9** a b c d	**14** a b c d	**19** a b c d
5 a b c d	**10** a b c d	**15** a b c d	**20** a b c d

GRAMMAR

21 a b c d	**26** a b c d	**31** a b c d	**36** a b c d	**41** a b c d	**46** a b c d
22 a b c d	**27** a b c d	**32** a b c d	**37** a b c d	**42** a b c d	**47** a b c d
23 a b c d	**28** a b c d	**33** a b c d	**38** a b c d	**43** a b c d	**48** a b c d
24 a b c d	**29** a b c d	**34** a b c d	**39** a b c d	**44** a b c d	**49** a b c d
25 a b c d	**30** a b c d	**35** a b c d	**40** a b c d	**45** a b c d	**50** a b c d

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VOCABULARY

51 a b c d	**56** a b c d	**61** a b c d	**66** a b c d
52 a b c d	**57** a b c d	**62** a b c d	**67** a b c d
53 a b c d	**58** a b c d	**63** a b c d	**68** a b c d
54 a b c d	**59** a b c d	**64** a b c d	**69** a b c d
55 a b c d	**60** a b c d	**65** a b c d	**70** a b c d

READING

71 a b c d	**76** a b c d
72 a b c d	**77** a b c d
73 a b c d	**78** a b c d
74 a b c d	**79** a b c d
75 a b c d	**80** a b c d

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