

## ACHIEVEMENT TEST

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**Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others**

1. a. tragic	b. classmate	c. grade	d. danger
2. a. thrilled	b. erupted	c. motivated	d. attempted
3. a. dropped	b. refused	c. talked	d. smashed

**Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the others**

4. a. panic	b. relieved	c. frighten	d. realize
5. a. emotion	b. suspicious	c. embarrass	d. envious
6. a. adventure	b. volcano	c. athletic	d. terrified

**Choose the underlined word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that needs correcting.**

7. Albert Einstein was the scientist who has developed the theory of relativity.  
 a b c d

8. These French tourists are the most interesting people we ever knew and talked to.  
 a b c d

9. She has been experiencing a sharp pain in her back since she failed down the stairs.  
 a b c d

10. The pandemic has restricted quite a few social activities; children can hardly play team sports or hang round with friends.  
 a b c d

11. Superheroes of any time and age earn the same amount of respect and share one sole target: keep their community safety.  
 a b c d

12. The old man used to go to the post office where he collects his newspapers and checked the balance of his saving account.  
 a b c d

**Choose the best answer to complete each sentence:**

13. Havy: "Thanks for your help, Judy." Judy: "....."  
 a. My pleasure b. I don't mind c. You're welcomed d. With all my heart

14. – Could I speak to John please? – .....  
 a. Listening b. Talking c. Speaking d. Answering

15. I've told him ten times that he's got the wrong telephone number. I'll ..... nuts if he calls again.  
 a. move b. get c. make d. go

16. At the moment the earthquake....., most people..... about their normal lives.  
 a. was striking/went b. stroke/went c. stroke/were going d. was striking/was going

17. People once (think) ..... the Sun (travel) ..... around the Earth.  
 a. have thought/travelled b. thought/travels  
 c. thought/was travelling d. thought/travelled

18. Columbus (arrive) ..... in America while he (try) ..... to reach the Far East.  
 a. arrived/was trying b. arrived/had tried c. has arrived/tried d. was arriving/tried

19. ..... we go to the seaside for a change? Yes, let's.  
 a. Why don't b. How about c. Why not d. Do

20. How long will the seminar last?  
 a. Four hours ago b. Four hours or so, I expect  
 c. For a long time d. It lasted four hours.

21. It was ..... that I couldn't remember his name.  
 a. embarrassing b. embarrassed c. embarrassment d. embarrass

22. This ..... is my first time at sea.  
 a. voyage b. excursion c. journey d. expedition

23. "Why didn't Madeline show up at the party last night?" ~ "When I called her at 11 :00 she ....."  
 a. was still studying b. would still study c. had still been studying d. still studied

24. Did you know that Oscar Wilde ..... in Paris during his final years?  
 a. has been living b. had lived c. had been living d. lived

25. "You're looking miserable." ~ "I ..... on my thesis when my computer suddenly crashed."  
 a. was working b. used to work c. would work d. have been working

26. "Did you hear the rain last night?" ~ "Yes, it ..... all night."  
 a. had been pouring b. has poured c. was pouring d. was poured

27. "I loved Christmas as a child." ~ "So did I. Every Christmas Eve all the family ..... the tree together."  
 a. would have decorated b. had been decorating c. would decorate d. used to decorating

28. When I lived downtown I ..... to the cinema almost every night.  
 a. was going b. went c. have been going d. had been going

29. You're so ..... You always think everything will turn out well.  
 a. outgoing b. hilarious c. irritated d. optimistic

30. When you ..... your destination, your tour guide will meet you at the airport.  
 a. arrive b. reach c. get d. go

31. It can be quite busy here during the tourist .....  
 a. season b. period c. phase d. time

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.

50. She decided to own up to her mistake and take full responsibility for the project's failure.  
a. correct      b. repeat      c. admit      d. forget

51. His uncontrollable rage erupted when he discovered that his car had been damaged overnight.  
a. fury      b. sadness      c. delight      d. anxiety

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.

**Choose the sentence which is similar in meaning to the given one:**

54. Clara has collected stamps for five years.

A. Clara has started collecting stamps for five years.  
B. Clara started collecting stamps five years ago.  
C. Clara collected stamps five years ago.  
D. Clara had five years of collecting stamps.

55. The winds were howling outside, but the warden still went out to check the fence.

A. When the winds began to howl outside, the warden made up his mind to go out and check the fence.  
B. The winds which were howling outside could not prevent the warden from going out to check the fence.  
C. The warden went out to check the fence because the winds were howling outside.  
D. Although the winds were howling outside, but the warden still went out to check the fence.

56. The money was donated to the orphanage by a woman who wished to remain anonymous.

A. The woman who donated the money to the orphanage did not want to reveal her name to the public.  
B. The money was donated to the anonymous orphanage by a woman who remained wishful.

C. The woman donated money to the orphanage and wished to make her money anonymous.  
 D. The woman wished to remain so anonymous that she donated the money to the orphanage.

**Guided cloze:**

**Passage 1**

Leisure activities (57)\_\_\_\_\_ an important part in a teenager's development. They arouse his or her interests, urging him or her to explore a new world of knowledge. (58)\_\_\_\_\_ leisure activities, teenagers join in a community of people with the same likes. The network (59)\_\_\_\_\_ to close friendships which help teenagers through thick and thin. (60)\_\_\_\_\_, leisure activities make an excellent haven (61)\_\_\_\_\_ teenagers get away from the stress for a while or (62)\_\_\_\_\_ off their steam or anger in a positive way.

57.	A. do	B. play	C. have	D. serve
58.	A. By	B. In	C. On	D. Through
59.	A. forms	B. refer	C. causes	D. leads
60.	A. However	B. Thus	C. Besides	D. Otherwise
61.	A. which	B. that	C. whose	D. where
62.	A. let	B. get	C. swipe	D. blow

**Passage 2**

More and more teenage girls are suffering (63)\_\_\_\_\_ self-harm. A study in a medical journal says more 13-16-year-old girls are self-harming. Researchers looked at data on nearly 17,000 patients. The researchers found there was a 68 per cent increase in self-harm among these girls over a three-year period. During the same period, rates for other teenage girls stayed constant. Self-harm rates for girls are (64)\_\_\_\_\_ those for boys.

A professor of psychiatry said stress and psychological problems probably (65)\_\_\_\_\_ this rise. He said: "It's important to understand its underlying causes." A children's charity said self-harm can often be a sign of a bigger problem. It said services to help teenage girls at risk (66)\_\_\_\_\_ vital. (67)\_\_\_\_\_ these, it can be a matter of life or death. Self-harm is one of the biggest signs of teenage suicide. Suicide is the second most common cause of (68)\_\_\_\_\_ in under-25s.

63.	A. for	B. in	C. with	D. from
64.	A. three times higher than		B. higher three times than	
	C. as three times high as		D. three times higher as	
65.	A. resulted	B. had	C. caused	D. arose
66.	A. were	B. was	C. being	D. to be
67.	A. In spite of	B. Besides	C. Thanks to	D. Without
68.	A. depression	B. injuries	C. death	D. mental disorders

**Reading Comprehension**

**Passage 1**

The Amazon rainforest, which is also known just as the Amazon, is a very big area of thick jungle in South America. It has a river which goes through it, and this river is one of the biggest rivers in the world. When talking about the river, the correct name is the Amazon River, because, if you don't say the word 'river', people will think you are talking about the jungle.

This place is full of millions of kinds of trees, plants and strange animals that include some that don't exist anywhere else in the world. There are over 40,000 different kinds of plants and insects living in these plants and there are many more that we haven't identified yet. A lot of the medicines we use are made from these plants, and scientists know the jungle is important in the fight against diseases.

Another reason why the Amazon is so special is that this huge area of plant life provides us with clean air. People use so many cars nowadays that the air we breathe is polluted. The trees in the Amazon and all over the planet take the bad gases humans produce and give back oxygen to the air that animal life needs to breathe. For this reason, the Amazon is sometimes called the 'lungs of the planet', and without it, there would be even more problems with pollution and nature would suffer.

This amazing forest is very, very big, and covers areas of Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Colombia. It is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, and its area is over half of the size of the United States. Unfortunately, many people who live there are very poor, so some of them **fell** the trees and sell the wood. There are also many fires that are started by people who want to destroy the forest because then they can use the land for cows, which bring them more money. People also want to build more houses and roads in the jungle. For this reason, the Amazon has been getting smaller over time and this has become a huge problem.

69. People sometimes _____.	
A. think the Amazon rainforest is small.	B. use the wrong name for the Amazon River.
C. get lost in the Amazon rainforest.	D. don't know where the Amazon jungle is.
70. In this rainforest, we can find _____.	
A. less than a million plants	B. many unknown plants
C. dangerous plants	D. scientists using plants
71. The rainforest is important because _____.	
A. it is free of cars.	B. it takes little oxygen.
C. it produces a lot of rain.	D. it protects life on Earth.

72. The Amazon jungle is now smaller because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. some people need to use the land for business. B. several countries have divided it.  
C. it is impossible for people to live there. D. it caused a big problem for people in the past.

73. Which statement is NOT TRUE of the Amazon jungle?  
A. It is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. B. It covers many countries.  
C. It is being destroyed by humans. D. It is where some important diseases are found.

74. The word 'fell' is closely in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. burn B. cut C. choose D. protect

75. What would be a good introduction to this article?

A. The Amazon rainforest is a large area of land which provides us with plants, animals, and oxygen, all necessary for our survival.  
B. The Amazon rainforest is being slowly destroyed by humans who do not understand its importance. How can we stop it?  
C. Many plants and creatures fight to survive in the Amazon rainforest. Here, we discuss some of the techniques used to protect these living things.  
D. The Amazon is home to a large variety of plants and animals. Many different types of people survive in the Amazon rainforest. This is their story.

## Passage 2

Originally, in ancient times, holidays were predominantly religious in character and linked to natural events such as the advent of the sun or the moon. The word holiday, in fact, is derived from 'holy day'. Subsequently, secular holidays commemorating historical occasions or distinguished persons outnumbered holy days, although many ancient religious rituals and customs have been carried over into modern times. Today, the outstanding holiday is one of religious observance, taking place on Sunday for Christians, Friday for Muslims, and Saturday for Jews. In the U.S., Sunday is not only a religious holiday but is also the only common-law holiday.

National holidays are days set aside by official government proclamation to celebrate such occasions as the achievement of independence, but the founding of the nation, the adoption of a constitution, the birthday of the ruler, or the national patron saint's day. Legal holidays – days on which banks, schools, or other public institutions and most places of business are closed – are designated by legislative proclamation.

Holidays are characterized by a partial or total cessation of work and normal business activities and are generally accompanied by public and private ceremonies, including feasting, parades and carnivals, or displays of flags and speechmaking.

76. Secular holidays are  
a. holidays held in the ancient times. b. holidays for fun or pleasure.  
c. religious holidays. d. holidays organized by Christians,

77. Saturday is a holiday for  
a. Christians b. Muslims c. Jews d. Buddhists

78. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?  
a. Holidays were predominantly religious, not secular in ancient times.  
b. The word holiday comes from 'holy day'.  
c. Religious rituals and customs have been carried over into modern times in secular holiday.  
d. Holidays are only religious in character nowadays.

79. What do national holidays and legal holidays have in common?  
a. They have been carried over from ancient times.  
b. They are celebrated with big ceremonies.  
c. They are designated by legislative proclamation.  
d. They have educational purposes.

80. Holidays in general are characterized by  
a. having days off work and having fun at home or in public.  
b. displaying flags on business establishments.  
c. promoting work and business activities.  
d. wasteful public and private ceremonies.

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