

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST - LEVEL B1 INTERMEDIATE

Instructions:

This test helps us understand your current English level.

It has sections for Grammar & Vocabulary, Reading, and Listening.

Choose the best answer for each question.

For the Listening section, you will need an audio file. Your teacher will play it for you.

Do not use a dictionary or ask for help.

Good luck!

Section 1: Grammar & Vocabulary (30 questions)

Part 1: Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.
(15 questions)

1. My brother is very good ____ playing the guitar.

- A) at
- B) in
- C) on
- D) with

2. If I ____ enough money, I would buy a new car.

- A) have
- B) had
- C) will have
- D) would have

3. She has lived in Hanoi ____ ten years.

A) since

B) for

C) during

D) by

4. We ____ to the cinema last night.

A) go

B) went

C) gone

D) are going

5. He ____ usually wake up early on weekends.

A) doesn't

B) isn't

C) hasn't

D) wasn't

6. The book ____ on the table is mine.

A) which is

B) is

C) who is

D) where is

7. I enjoy ____ in the park on sunny days.

A) to walk

B) walking

C) walked

D) walk

8. Despite ____ hard, she didn't pass the exam.

A) she studied

B) studying

C) to study

D) her study

9. Could you tell me ____ the nearest post office is?

A) how

B) what

C) where

D) when

10. If it ____ tomorrow, we will stay at home.

A) rains

B) rained

C) will rain

D) is raining

11. My new laptop is much ____ than my old one.

A) faster

B) fast

C) fastest

D) more fast

12. The news ____ very surprising.

- A) is
- B) are
- C) were
- D) be

13. You ____ wear a helmet when you ride a motorbike. It's the law.

- A) might
- B) should
- C) must
- D) could

14. We had ____ a good time at the party!

- A) so
- B) such
- C) too
- D) very

15. She asked me ____ I had finished my homework.

- A) that
- B) if
- C) what
- D) where

Part 2: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. (5 questions)

16. She is a very ____ person, always smiling. (FRIEND)
17. I need to get some ____ before I travel. (INFORM)
18. It's ____ to drive after drinking alcohol. (LEGAL)
19. We had a really ____ evening at the theatre. (ENJOY)
20. The ____ of the company announced the new product. (MANAGE)

Part 3: Find the mistake in each sentence and correct it. (5 questions)

21. I look forward to hear from you soon.
22. He's tall enough to not reach the top shelf.
23. Although it was raining, but we went for a walk.
24. How many money do you need for the trip?
25. She has lived here for she was a child.

Part 4: Choose the word that best fits the blank in the following passage. (5 questions)

I love travelling, and my dream is to visit as many countries as possible. Last summer, I went to Thailand. It was an amazing (26) ____! The food was delicious, and the people were so friendly. We (27) ____ a lot of temples and beautiful beaches. The weather was very hot, so we spent most of our time (28) ____ in the sea. I even tried some street food, which was a bit (29) ____ at first, but it tasted great. I would definitely (30) ____ Thailand to anyone who loves adventure and good food.

26. A) journey B) experience C) trip D) travel

27. A) visited B) saw C) looked D) went

28. A) swimming B) to swim C) swim D) swam

29. A) strangely B) strange C) stranger D) strangeness

30. A) suggest B) advise C) recommend D) tell

Section 2: Reading (10 questions)

Part 1: Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. (5 questions)

The Benefits of Learning a New Language

Learning a new language can open up a world of opportunities. Beyond just being able to communicate with more people, research shows that bilingualism can actually improve your cognitive abilities. For example, people who speak more than one language often have better problem-solving skills and are more creative. They also tend to be better at multitasking, as their brains are constantly switching between different language systems.

Furthermore, learning a language can significantly enhance your travel experiences. Imagine being able to order food, ask for directions, or even have a simple conversation with locals in their native tongue. This can lead to a deeper understanding of cultures and create more memorable interactions. It can also boost your career prospects, as many international companies value employees who can communicate in multiple languages. In today's globalized world, knowing another language is no longer just a hobby; it's a valuable skill.

31. What is the main idea of the text?

- A) Learning a new language is a popular hobby.
- B) Learning a new language only helps with travel.
- C) Learning a new language offers many advantages, including cognitive and career benefits.
- D) Only international companies care about language skills.

32. According to the text, what is one cognitive benefit of bilingualism?

- A) It makes you sleep better.
- B) It improves problem-solving skills.
- C) It makes you stronger physically.
- D) It helps you learn to play music.

33. How can learning a language improve travel experiences?

- A) By making it easier to find cheap flights.
- B) By helping you communicate with locals.
- C) By providing free accommodation.
- D) By making you feel more relaxed.

34. What does the word "multitasking" in the first paragraph refer to?

- A) Doing many things at the same time.
- B) Speaking only one language.

- C) Travelling to many countries.
- D) Reading many books at once.

35. The text suggests that in today's world, knowing another language is:

- A) only a hobby.
- B) not very important.
- C) a valuable skill.
- D) a difficult task.

Part 2: Read the text and decide if the statements are True (T), False (F), or Not Given (NG). (5 questions)

A Healthy Lifestyle

Living a healthy lifestyle doesn't have to be difficult. Small changes can make a big difference. Firstly, try to eat a balanced diet. This means including plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins. Try to limit processed foods, sugary drinks, and unhealthy fats. Secondly, regular physical activity is crucial. You don't need to join a gym; even walking for 30 minutes a day can improve your health. Find an activity you enjoy, like cycling, dancing, or playing sports. Thirdly, ensure you get enough sleep. Most adults need 7-9 hours of sleep per night. Lack of sleep can affect your mood, concentration, and immune system. Finally, manage your stress. High stress levels can lead to various health problems. Practicing mindfulness, yoga, or spending time in nature can help reduce stress. Remember, a healthy lifestyle is a journey, not a destination.

36. You should only eat fruits and vegetables for a healthy diet. (T/F/NG)

37. Joining a gym is necessary for regular physical activity. (T/F/NG)

38. Adults should try to sleep for 7-9 hours every night. (T/F/NG)

39. High stress levels have no effect on your health. (T/F/NG)

40. The article mentions specific types of meditation. (T/F/NG)

Section 3: Listening (10 questions)

Instructions:

You will hear each recording twice.

Listen carefully and answer the questions.

Part 1: Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about their weekend plans. Choose the best answer (A, B or C). (5 questions)

41. What is Sarah thinking of doing on Saturday?

A) Visiting her parents

B) Going to an art exhibition

C) Gardening

42. What time does Tom suggest going to the exhibition?

A) In the afternoon

B) In the evening

C) In the morning

43. What does Sarah want to do after the exhibition?

A) Go home

B) Have lunch

C) Go shopping

44. Who is Sarah visiting on Sunday?

A) Her friends

B) Her brother

C) Her parents

45. What is Tom planning to do on Sunday?

A) Go to the countryside

B) Do some gardening

C) Go to a restaurant