

Fowler FCE UOE selected topics 1

Use of English – Rewriting and Paraphrasing Test

Section A – Rewriting (12 items – 24 marks)

Rewrite each sentence so that it has a similar meaning. Use the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I prefer going out to staying in.

WOULD

2. She didn't go to the party. She wasn't invited.

SEEMS

3. We used to live near the coast when I was a child.

WOULD

4. It's a good idea for you to see a doctor.

BETTER

5. He exercises regularly. He wants to stay healthy.

ORDER

6. I don't like fish and she doesn't either.

NEITHER

7. It seems that she is angry about something.

SEEMS

8. I'd prefer not to go out tonight.

RATHER

9. We would visit my grandparents every Sunday when I was little.

USED

10. You should talk to your boss now.

BETTER

11. He studies hard. He wants to pass his exam.

SO

12. Sarah doesn't drink coffee. Peter doesn't either.

NOR

Section B – Choose the Correct Alternative

Choose the correct option (A, B, or C) to complete each sentence.

13. I'd rather you ___ smoking in the car.

- A) don't start
- B) didn't start
- C) wouldn't start

14. ___ John nor his brother came to the meeting.

- A) Either
- B) Neither
- C) Nor

15. It seems ___ the students weren't informed about the test.

- A) to be
- B) that
- C) to have been

16. Whenever I ___ my grandmother, she gave me sweets.

- A) visited
- B) would visit
- C) was visiting

17. He had better ___ more carefully next time.

- A) drive
- B) to drive
- C) driving

18. She's taking a course ___ improve her English.

- A) in order that
- B) so as to
- C) so that she

Section C – Match the Sentences

Match the sentence in Column A with its paraphrase in Column B. Write the correct letter.

- 19. I'd prefer you to arrive on time.
- 20. He seems to have forgotten the appointment.
- 21. Neither the manager nor the assistant was available.
- 22. I would always drink tea with breakfast as a child.
- 23. You'd better call them right now.
- 24. She studies every day so she can pass the exam.

- A) I suggest you call them immediately.
- B) I used to drink tea with breakfast when I was younger.
- C) I want you to arrive punctually.
- D) It looks like he forgot the meeting.
- E) Nobody in charge was available.
- F) She studies daily in order to succeed.