

## Progress Test — Exam Reviewer

### Level 11b | Written Expression & Reading Comprehension

#### Section A: Listening

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1.
  - A. He'll correct the exams this afternoon
  - B. The exam will be at noon
  - C. He will collect the exams at 12:00
  - D. The tests have not yet been graded
2.
  - A. Martha applied for a visa last month
  - B. Martha's visa will last only for a month
  - C. Martha arrived last month without her visa
  - D. Martha's visa was already delivered
3.
  - A. The professor described what the students should do
  - B. There was a long line to register for the required class
  - C. The professor required an outline
  - D. The professor lined up for retirement
4.
  - A. Chuck had improved
  - B. This visit was better than the last
  - C. Chuck looked at him in the hospital
  - D. Chuck didn't seem to be doing very well

- 5.
- A. She thinks the tuition should be increased
  - B. The semester's tuition is quite affordable
  - C. It costs too much
  - D. She has more than enough for the tuition

## Section B: Written Expression

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### B1. Vocabulary

6. The engineering team worked all night to \_\_\_\_\_ the sudden malfunction in the cooling unit.

- A. solve                  B. suspend                  C. jot down                  D. habitat

7. Albert Einstein proposed a revolutionary \_\_\_\_\_ that transformed our modern understanding of space and time.

- A. explanation                  B. expertise                  C. theory                  D. reasons

8. Investigative journalists managed to \_\_\_\_\_ confidential records detailing widespread financial fraud.

- A. navigate                  B. uncover                  C. disguise                  D. fixated

9. A towering marble \_\_\_\_\_ was erected in the central square to honor fallen wartime soldiers.

- A. mansion                  B. morgue                  C. monument                  D. slaughter

**10.** The family gathered at the tranquil hillside \_\_\_\_\_ to pay their respects at their grandfather's grave.

- A. church      B. shrine      C. cemetery      D. habitat

**11.** Miraculously, all passengers walked away completely \_\_\_\_\_ after the small aircraft crash-landed in the field.

- A. bruised      B. unharmed      C. damaging      D. defeat

**12.** Scientists gathered groundbreaking behavioral data through the systematic \_\_\_\_\_ of chimpanzees in the wild.

- A. observation      B. experiment      C. description      D. spy

**13.** The guard dog became dangerously \_\_\_\_\_ and growled loudly whenever strangers approached the fence.

- A. rebellious      B. pungent      C. aggressive      D. impulsive

**14.** Detectives searched the abandoned warehouse for any physical \_\_\_\_\_ that could reveal the suspect's identity.

- A. mark      B. witness      C. clue      D. scratch

**15.** Dry soil will rapidly \_\_\_\_\_ large volumes of water during the first heavy rainfall of the season.

- A. pour      B. absorb      C. consume      D. fill

## B2. Grammar

**16.** Mark swore he would meet us at the restaurant by 1:00 PM. It is now 1:40 PM, and his phone is unreachable. He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. might have forgot.                      B. must have forgotten.  
C. might be forgetting.                      D. might forget.

**17.** The baked bread collapsed completely in the middle and tastes doughy. I \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. can't be washing it properly.              B. can't wash it properly.  
C. must not have washed it properly.      D. must to wash it properly.

**18.** The morning briefing was scheduled for 9:00 AM. It is already 9:20 AM and the supervisor has not entered the room. He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. might have missed the bus.              B. must have been missed the bus.  
C. must have sick.                              D. must have been sick. I'm not sure.

**19.** Clara hasn't replied to any of my text messages all afternoon. She \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. might be forgetting my number.              B. might forget my number.  
C. must have forgotten my number.              D. might have forgot my number.

**20.** Maria spent months training for the marathon, but an ankle sprain prevented her from running. She \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. must have been disappointed.              B. might be disappointed.  
C. must have been disappointing.              D. must have been disappointment.

**21.** David insisted he was eager to sample the foreign specialty, but he barely touched what was on his plate. He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. might have liked the food.      B. might have been hungry.  
C. might not have liked the food.      D. might not like the food.

**22.** Look at the empty display stand in the gallery! Someone \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. must be stealing it.      B. might have stole it.  
C. could have stolen it.      D. must have stolen it.

**23.** Both puppies are hiding under the sofa with downcast eyes. They \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. might having done      B. must have done  
C. might do      D. must do

**24.** The technician promised that the computer network would be fully restored today, but nothing is working. He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. couldn't have cleaned it.      B. couldn't to have cleaned it.  
C. can't clean it.      D. cannot clean it.

**25.** Our manager promised to review our travel expense reports yesterday, but our balances remain unpaid. She \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. must not has checked it.      B. must not be checked it.  
C. must not have checked it.      D. must not have been checked it.

### B3. Identifying Errors

*These Questions consist of sentences that have four underlined words or phrases. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Choose the letter of your choice.*

26. The express train (A) was scheduled to depart at dawn, but unexpectedly, it (B) leaves nearly two hours (C) later than (D) planned.
27. We assumed that the caterers (A) would have (B) deliver the food prior to our (C) arrival, but nothing (D) was ready.
28. The archeologist (A) was about to open the ancient chest when he (B) notices a (C) series of fragile engravings on the (D) lid.
29. They (A) couldn't attend the evening reception because they (B) are boarding an international (C) flight the following (D) morning.
30. She (A) supposed to submit the final draft (B) before noon yesterday, but she simply (C) ran out of (D) time.

### Section C: Reading

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*Read the passage and answer the questions below. (3 points each)*

[1] The Trans-Siberian Railway begins at the bustling terminus of Moscow. It stretches eastward across the vast expanses of Russia, ending at the remote Pacific seaport of Vladivostok more than 5,700 miles from where it originates. It is staggering in scale and exceptionally demanding to maintain.

[2] The twin steel rails cross windswept plains and endless miles of taiga that blanket the frozen ground. The tracks trace jagged rivers, cross towering mountain ranges, cut through dense pine forests, and pass across dozens of colossal steel bridges spanning major waterways. The gauge measures 5 feet in width, and thousands of tons of cargo and millions of passengers are carried across it annually.

[3] Elevated on reinforced earthen embankments, long segments of the line bypass marshy lowlands prone to seasonal flooding. Other sections cut through solid granite cliffs or plunge into subterranean tunnels beneath the permafrost (permanently frozen ground). The precise layout of this railway network was dictated by the brutal subarctic winters, the steep gradients of mountainous passes, and treacherous soil conditions. More than half of the route traverses level or gently rolling plains. The remainder is built over unstable ground requiring deep gravel beds and specialized timber ties to prevent rail displacement.

[4] One of the greatest engineering feats in modern history, the railway cost hundreds of millions of rubles and was by far the largest infrastructural endeavor undertaken by imperial authorities. In fact, no single provincial bureau could manage such a massive operation, so three distinct government ministries formed a joint

committee to oversee construction. Each ministry managed specific zones of the route and allocated public funds according to the difficulties of their assigned territory. Today, despite harsh blizzards, labor shortages, broken equipment, difficult terrain, and bureaucratic delays, the Trans-Siberian Railway remains fully operational.

- 31.** The passage primarily discusses the railway's
- A. operating costs                      B. employees
  - C. travelers                              D. construction
- 32.** The word "It" in paragraph 1 refers to the
- A. railway                                B. terminus
  - C. seaport                                D. expanse
- 33.** According to the second paragraph, the width of the rail gauge is
- A. 2 feet                                  B. 4 feet
  - C. 5 feet                                  D. 8 feet
- 34.** The word "dictated" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to
- A. recorded                                B. determined
  - C. ignored                                 D. prevented
- 35.** The author mentions all of the following in the third paragraph as factors influencing the railway's construction route EXCEPT
- A. severe seasonal climate              B. local timber availability
  - C. mountainous terrain                  D. ground and soil conditions

- 36.** The word "undertaken" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to
- A. canceled                      B. inspected  
C. attempted                    D. relocated
- 37.** According to the last paragraph, how many government ministries formed a joint committee?
- A. two                              B. three  
C. eight                            D. twelve
- 38.** The word "specific" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to
- A. particular                      B. uncommon  
C. identical                        D. vast
- 39.** According to the last paragraph, what determined how funding was allocated among the ministries?
- A. The number of laborers working in each division  
B. The challenges and terrain of each assigned territory  
C. The total revenue generated by provincial taxes  
D. The length of time each official had served
- 40.** Where in the passage does the author define a layer of ground that remains perpetually frozen?
- A. Paragraph 1                      B. Paragraph 2  
C. Paragraph 3                      D. Paragraph 4