Straightforward Upper Intermediate Unit 1 Test

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the phrases in the box.

after a while got the bug for keen on obsessed with passion one thing led to another to begin with worth

I started collecting butterflies when I was about six years old. **(1)** _____ it was just something to do in the summer when I stayed with my aunt. My aunt lived near some fields and she had a **(2)** _____ for walking there. I was quite **(3)** _____ nature and my aunt suggested I take up a hobby connected to my interest in it. **(4)** _____ I became **(5)** _____ collecting different butterflies. I bought books and spent lots of money on special equipment. Well, **(6)** _____ and now my collection is **(7)** _____ quite a lot of money. Anyway, at least I **(8)** _____ something that isn't dangerous, well unless you're a butterfly!

B Replace the underlined words or phrases with a word or phrase from the box.

a good thing a taste finally had a thing about initially subsequently the in-thing

(9) I <u>was interested in</u> model trains as a child.

(10) <u>After a long time</u> he's found something he enjoys. I don't think he realized how much fun it could be.

(11) It started as a hobby but <u>later on</u> he became an aficionado.

(12) It's <u>fortunate</u> that you have the same hobby as your girlfriend.

(13) Paintballing is <u>very popular</u> now.

(14) <u>To begin with,</u> I though he was crazy, but later on I realized we could make a lot of money.

(15) When did you get <u>the bug</u> for travelling to unusual places?

C Match the words 1–7 to the definitions a–g.

(1) cold-blooded a) keen to learn about a lot of different things

(2) cute b) deliberately cruel and showing no emotion

(3) docile c) violent and able to cause serious damage or injury

(4) ferocious d) well-behaved, quiet and easy to control

(5) inquisitive e) lively and full of fun

(6) playful f) trained to stay calm when people are near

(7) tame g) attractive, usually small and easy to like

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D Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

(16) I find playing rugby a good way to _____ after a hard week at work.

a) hang around b) let off steam c) draw a line

(17) I've been collecting film _____ for a long time.

a) antique b) autograph c) memorabilia

(18) Why does Robert always _____ when we're paintballing? Doesn't he realize it's only a game?

a) get carried away b) go through your mind c) make something up

(19) For me the exciting part is _____ the items. Sometimes it takes days to find what I'm looking for.

a) taking up b) make something up c) tracking down

(20) Whatever you do, don't _____ when you apply for the job. It's much better just to tell the truth.

a) take up something b) make something up c) let off steam

(8) When my daughter brought her friend's cat home I really didn't think it would _____ with our dog, but the two are best friends now!

a) get around b) get along c) get in touch

(9) She got really _____ when I told her I thought hunting was okay.

a) round the bend b) lost her head c) worked up

(10) I'm sorry, but you _____ completely. I think killing any animal is cruel and unnecessary.

a) miss the point b) add up c) draw the line

(11) I'm sorry, but I told you 'No pets!' You'll just have to _____ it.

a) get around b) get on with c) get rid of

(12) You wouldn't believe it. He's got a snake as a pet. Frankly, I think he's _____.

a) round the bend b) worked up c) absolutely livid

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E Complete the text with the words in the box.

sickened	punishment	face	docile	cruel	crowded	aggressive	absurd

It's about time people realized just how **(13)** _____ and unnecessary zoos are. When people say that it's a good way to protect animals that are endangered they are just being **(14)** _____. How can locking up an animal be anything other than a **(15)** _____? And the argument that children learn about these animals by seeing them is ridiculous. When animals are locked in a cage they either become **(16)** _____ just lying around doing nothing or they become very **(17)** _____ and violent. I am also **(18)** _____ by the conditions in zoos with animals **(19)** _____ together in cages that aren't big enough. It's time to **(20)** _____ the facts about zoos and let animals live in their natural environments.

Grammar

F Match the tenses in the box to the verb forms in the sentences.

past continuous	past perfect	past simple	present continuous
present perfect continuous	present simple		

(21) I don't collect anything unusual, just sea shells.

(22) I'm looking for one very special shell to finish my collection.

(23) I've been collecting stamps for more than twenty years.

(24) I started my collection when I went on holiday to Turkey.

(25) I was walking along the beach when I saw a beautiful shell.

(26) I hadn't noticed how beautiful shells were before.

G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

(21) Why is your dog constantly _____ (*bark*)? It's driving me round the bend.

(22) Sharks _____ usually _____ (*not / attack*) people unless they are very hungry.

(23) Why do the foxes keep _____ (*come*) into my garden?

(24) My daughter's forever _____ (*ask*) me to buy her a dog.

(25) She _____ (*watch*) wildlife programmes on TV at least once a week.

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H Complete the text with *used to, would* or *got used to*. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

When I was young I **(26)** _____ visit the zoo every week and I **(27)** _____ stand and watch the monkeys playing in their cages. I was fascinated by these animals as they were so inquisitive. Then I **(28)** _____ go home and spend hours dreaming of seeing them in the wild. Then, when there was a wildlife programme on TV I **(29)** _____ stop everything else I was doing and listen to every word. My mother **(30)** _____ be worried about me sometimes, but she **(31)** _____ it in the end.

I Complete the sentences with the correct form of *get* or *be*.

(32) I can't _____ used to living without a pet.

(33) I _____ not used to having a pet.

(34) It's difficult not eating meat, but eventually I _____ used to it.

(35) Josh lived on a farm so he _____ used to working with animals.

(36) I'm trying to _____ used to your pet snake, but I still don't think it's cute.

J Choose the correct alternative to complete each sentence.

(37) I live near the sea and I *can't get used to / would be used to* the noise all the birds make.

(38) I *got used to / would* always see her walking her dogs on the beach.

(39) I *used to / would* have a pet tortoise when I was a child.

(40) My sister *used to / is* forever telling me to stop eating meat.

(41) She*'s used to / would be used to* taking her dogs for a walk early in the morning.

K Tick the correct question or sentence.

(27)

a) How long have you been collecting stamps?

b) How long you been collecting stamps?

(28)

a) Do you an aficionado?

b) Are you an aficionado?

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(29)

a) I know about paintballing before.

b) I didn't know about paintballing before.

(30)

a) Who introduced you to the sport?

b) Who did introduce you to the sport?

(31)

a) What I like most about it is that I get a good workout.

b) I like most about it is that I get a good workout.

(32)

a) I find it very difficult to enjoy.

b) What I find it very difficult to enjoy.

L Complete the interview with the appropriate auxiliaries.

Interviewer: Today I am interviewing Scott Mackenzie. Scott **(33)** _____ crazy about snowboarding.
When **(34)** _____ your obsession start?

Scott: I was on a skiing holiday with some friends in Italy and I saw a man snowboarding, so I tried it. Once you **(35)** _____ started it's very difficult to stop.

Interviewer: Is it dangerous?

Scott: No, not really. You just need to be sensible. I (36) _____ watched people doing it before and it didn't look particularly dangerous.

Interviewer: And, apart from a snowboard, **(37)** _____ you need any special equipment?

Scott: Well, you need warm clothes and good gloves, but nothing more than for skiing.

Interviewer: I guess you like doing other dangerous sports, **(38)** _____ you?

Scott: Not really. Snowboarding is enough for me.

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Functional language

M Complete the phrases with the words in the box.

not joking know afraid really knowledge

(39) You must be _____!

(40) Not _____.

(41) Certainly _____.

(42) I'm _____ not.

(43) Not that I _____.

(44) Not to my _____.

N Complete the sentences with words and phrases from the box.

absolutely convinced	as I'm concerned	be wrong	believe for a minute
don't think	Frankly	perfectly honest	Personally	you ask me

(42) _____, it's absolutely ridiculous.

(43) _____, I think too much money is spent on keeping pets.

(44) If _____, people worry too much about the welfare of animals.

(45) To be _____, I think it's all a misunderstanding.

(46) I'm _____ that something needs to be done.

(47) I really _____ everyone shares your concerns.

(48) I may _____, but not everyone likes dogs as much as you do.

(49) As far _____ we need to put people first.

(50) I don't _____ that everyone thinks hunting animals is cruel.

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O Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

not	kidding	think so	I know	exactly	way

Josh: Hi Greg, what's that?

Greg: It's an autograph of Gwyneth Paltrow.

Josh: Wow! Is it yours?

Greg: **(45)** Not _____.

Josh: What do you mean? Either it is, or it isn't.

Greg: Well, I'm thinking of buying it.

Josh: **(46)** No _____! Have you got enough money?

Greg: No, **(47)** I don't _____.

Josh: Well, how much is it?

Greg: The guy who's selling it wants £500.

Josh: **(48)** Are you_____?

Greg: No, he says it's unusual to get her autograph, so it's worth a lot.

Josh: He would say that.

Greg: Would you be interested in buying it with me?

Josh: **(49)** Definitely _____. I'm not crazy.

Greg: What? And you think I am?

Josh: Well, **(50)** not as far as_____. But if you pay £500 for that then you definitely are!

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