

# CPE has come to an end...Cheers!!!

## Full End-of-course Test (from Expert Proficiency)

### ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

#### VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

1 For questions 1–50, read the sentences below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

- 1 They lived in a thatched cottage in a \_\_\_\_\_ village in the heart of the English countryside.  
A dense      B conventional      C lush      D quaint
- 2 As they travelled across the \_\_\_\_\_ landscape, each one of them wondered how it was possible to grow anything there.  
A barren      B bustling      C grimy      D mundane
- 3 The new company had been \_\_\_\_\_ with one problem after another and looked as if it were about to go under.  
A glorified      B tainted      C fraught      D bewildered
- 4 My parents looked back with \_\_\_\_\_ on the days when all of us lived at home and which, they said, were the best years of their lives.  
A nostalgia      B reminiscence      C homesickness      D recollection
- 5 John and Sarah lived in the back of \_\_\_\_\_ and it always took us a whole day to drive there.  
A the country      B isolation      C nowhere      D beyond
- 6 Even though there have been setbacks, because of their determination I'm sure they'll achieve their goals, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A suffice to say      B be that as it may      C so be it      D come what may
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ we hadn't been so quick to change our minds.  
A I hope      B If only      C I regret      D Not only
- 8 Roland wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ to join us in the Caribbean, but he can't because he has to fly to Australia that week.  
A could      B were able      C should be able      D would
- 9 I would \_\_\_\_\_ to work in a big city than in a small town in the country.  
A rather      B prefer      C better      D fancy
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ you like it or not, we're going to visit as many museums as we can this year.  
A Whether      B No matter      C Whatever      D However
- 11 The new restaurant in town has a wonderfully relaxing \_\_\_\_\_.  
A ambience      B environment      C impression      D attitude
- 12 While I was at university I did some voluntary work in schools, \_\_\_\_\_ I discovered I had a talent for teaching.  
A the reason why      B by which      C which was when      D wherever
- 13 There were twelve in the tour group, many \_\_\_\_\_ were having a sabbatical.  
A who      B of whom      C for whom      D whose
- 14 Sales of the new product line \_\_\_\_\_ the company's profits in the last quarter.  
A cheered      B boosted      C encouraged      D celebrated

15 Anyone \_\_\_\_\_ to join the expedition to the North Pole should contact Nick Jones via the website.  
A who wish      B to wish      C wishing      D wishes

16 The architect has designed a building of immaculate \_\_\_\_\_ in everything. Every detail is matched on each side.  
A evenness      B contrast      C symmetry      D contradiction

17 There was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ amongst the group and people just refused to collaborate on the project.  
A friction      B resilience      C buoyancy      D harmony

18 Together they \_\_\_\_\_ the temporary building in a very short time.  
A deteriorated      B dispelled      C dismantled      D depleted

19 The manager was forced to make a \_\_\_\_\_ decision while he was under pressure and it was one he would live to regret.  
A fresh      B snap      C close      D bitter

20 The festival audience were \_\_\_\_\_ each other in order to get as near to the stage as possible.  
A staggering      B fidgeting      C strolling      D jostling

21 Elena is a \_\_\_\_\_ talented singer and has already had three successful albums.  
A remarkably      B perceptibly      C deeply      D absolutely

22 \_\_\_\_\_ of doing a post-graduate degree, Selina took a year off to travel around the world.  
A Rather      B Despite      C Instead      D For the sake

23 Have you any \_\_\_\_\_ to the designs being altered to accommodate an extra suite of offices?  
A objection      B intention      C commitment      D disagreement

24 He has no excuse \_\_\_\_\_ his behaviour during the meeting.  
A for      B of      C with      D to

25 His diet was \_\_\_\_\_ in the vitamins he needed in order to be healthy.  
A scarce      B deficient      C packed      D dependent

26 We can trace his problems \_\_\_\_\_ the time of his accident.  
A in for      B out of      C away from      D back to

27 My father always said that you should take the opportunities when they arise. In other words, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ while the iron is hot.  
A strike      B count      C bite      D move

28 The office was closed for a week for refurbishment and now the staff have to deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ that built up during their absence.  
A backstage      B backlash      C backlog      D backdrop

29 This small mistake should not \_\_\_\_\_ from the wonderful work he has achieved so far.  
A detract      B diminish      C deceive      D deter

30 They were \_\_\_\_\_ over by his kindness and didn't know what to say.  
A turned      B knocked      C hooked      D bowled

31 The guards outside the palace were \_\_\_\_\_ armed.  
A heavily      B highly      C extremely      D decidedly

32 I'm afraid the new computer system is incompatible \_\_\_\_ the previous one.  
**A** by                   **B** to                   **C** with                   **D** for

33 The government have \_\_\_\_ a ban on exports to those countries because of their human rights records.  
**A** imposed           **B** taken                   **C** made                   **D** compelled

34 Please put your hands up if you are in \_\_\_\_ of signing the contract.  
**A** demand           **B** favour                   **C** advance                   **D** jeopardy

35 I think you need to \_\_\_\_ your horizons and have different experiences before settling down.  
**A** broaden           **B** embrace                   **C** enhance                   **D** meet

36 What sets him \_\_\_\_ from the others is his ability to take the initiative and deal with problems instantly.  
**A** away                   **B** apart                   **C** out                           **D** back

37 The accountant found a \_\_\_\_ in the figures and realised that someone was not being honest in the book-keeping.  
**A** difficulty           **B** distinction                   **C** disagreement           **D** discrepancy

38 In the \_\_\_\_ of what we now know, his decision was definitely the right one to make at that time.  
**A** light                   **B** hope                           **C** view                           **D** result

39 The scientists are on the \_\_\_\_ of making an incredible discovery about our past.  
**A** limit                   **B** extent                           **C** verge                           **D** edge

40 Fire had \_\_\_\_ the forest and driven everyone out of their homes.  
**A** desolated           **B** shattered                   **C** ravaged                           **D** smashed

41 After a 10 km run, the students \_\_\_\_ their way through the obstacle course and were exhausted by the end.  
**A** conducted           **B** handled                           **C** managed                           **D** negotiated

42 She wasn't on safe \_\_\_\_ when she started criticising the boss.  
**A** land                   **B** place                           **C** ground                           **D** soil

43 To all intents and \_\_\_\_ , the project is finished. There are just a few small things to tidy up now.  
**A** purposes           **B** reasons                           **C** hopes                           **D** bets

44 We need to protect elephants \_\_\_\_ they will be extinct in a very short time.  
**A** meanwhile           **B** whereas                           **C** unless                           **D** otherwise

45 The designer was given free \_\_\_\_ to produce any design he wanted.  
**A** rein                   **B** range                           **C** ride                                   **D** rope

46 No one ought \_\_\_\_ until we were sure of the results.  
**A** have contacted   **B** have been contacted   **C** to have contacted   **D** to have been contacted

47 It \_\_\_\_ have been you in the shop because I recognised your coat when I looked through the window.  
**A** can't                   **B** should                           **C** wouldn't                           **D** must

48 Hans was \_\_\_\_ convinced that he had left his briefcase on his desk, but it wasn't there now.

A absolutely      B enormously      C painfully      D slightly

49 You need to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with all the safety procedures before you start work.  
 A recognise      B acknowledge      C familiarise      D identify

50 The collapse of the American bank had \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.  
 A repetitions      B repercussions      C reflections      D reformations

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**2** For questions 1–25, read the sentences below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits in the space.

1 His paintings tend to be of the African \_\_\_\_\_. **LAND**

2 Suddenly everyone in the crowd stood up and started singing and their \_\_\_\_\_ added to the excitement of the day. **SPONTANEOUS**

3 Her \_\_\_\_\_ of buying shoes and handbags nearly bankrupted her, and her parents had to bail her out. **INDULGE**

4 A \_\_\_\_\_ silence descended on the valley before the flood arrived. **MYSTERY**

5 Their design \_\_\_\_\_ was essential to the project. **EXPERT**

6 The \_\_\_\_\_ forest has been undisturbed by human activity for millennia. **SPOIL**

7 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the children was a prime concern to the team of volunteers who arrived at the orphanage to help. **BE**

8 He doesn't want to speak to anyone at the moment. He's just being very \_\_\_\_\_ today. **SOCIAL**

9 Don't do too much and \_\_\_\_\_ yourself at the moment. You need to rest quite a bit. **STRETCH**

10 This story is \_\_\_\_\_ of many others we have received recently. **ILLUSTRATE**

11 Young children should be \_\_\_\_\_ from eating fast food too often as it is not good for them. **COURAGE**

12 We haven't \_\_\_\_\_ our records yet, so I don't have his new address. **DATE**

13 It's certainly \_\_\_\_\_ to find out as much about a company as you can before you go for a job interview. **ADVISE**

14 Her energy and \_\_\_\_\_ have shot her up the career ladder very quickly. **RESOURCE**

15 During her childhood she suffered a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ when her father lost his job. **HARD**

16 When she was born, her lungs were \_\_\_\_\_ so she had to stay in hospital for the first three months of her life. **DEVELOP**

17 Her \_\_\_\_\_ often annoyed other children who didn't want to play with her because she always insisted on winning. **COMPETE**

18 A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ are put into processed food, so it's a good idea to read the labels carefully. **PRESERVE**

19 My mother \_\_\_\_\_ threw away my new jeans because they had tears in them, or so she thought. She didn't know it was the fashion. **MISTAKE**

20 An \_\_\_\_\_ object was discovered at the bottom of the pond. **IDENTIFY**

21 I have no \_\_\_\_\_ of ever having been here before, although my parents say we once had a holiday here. **RECOLLECT**

22 It's \_\_\_\_\_ whether he'll be able to come to your party as he's travelling around Europe at the moment and we don't know when he'll be back. **DOUBT**

23 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the economy is a concern to us all. STABLE

24 He has behaved appallingly and his \_\_\_\_\_ will be punished. CONDUCT

25 When the boat capsized, the boy felt utterly \_\_\_\_\_ and had no idea whether he was going to be rescued or not. HELP

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3 For questions 1–25, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

**THE POWER OF "WHY"**

The world is full of fascination for a child, as any parent with a toddler will know. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ moment children discover the word "Why", there seems to be no end to the number of times they will use it, as it is their passport to understanding the world. They are absorbed (2) \_\_\_\_\_ everything around them, if (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for a few moments and, unfortunately, most of us are unable to satisfy their curiosity and we often get annoyed with the endless questioning. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that I am a parent, however, I've noticed that my son asks me in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a way that I cannot refuse to answer and I connect to the Internet to find the answer, no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ what the question. There's no (7) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to make things up off the top of my (8) \_\_\_\_\_, as my son will only repeat it to his teacher and I don't want to get it wrong. I have discovered things I had long forgotten, things I never knew and some things I'd (9) \_\_\_\_\_ forget! In (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of this, I've also learned that if we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the trouble to look at the world through a child's eyes, we might recapture some of that past magic of our childhoods. For instance, last winter when it snowed, I rushed outside excitedly with my son, Zac, to catch snowflakes and show him (12) \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful they are and that they're actually made of ice crystals and not frozen raindrops, as many people think. Then we set (13) \_\_\_\_\_ building snowmen and having snowball fights. Next his attention was (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by a robin hopping around the snowman and he was asking me why birds fly? As (15) \_\_\_\_\_ as he got bored, it was: how do they get their food when the ground is hard, why don't they get cold and so on. This continued (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Zac had had enough of that and announced he was cold and that it was time to go inside for a hot drink. Why does the kettle boil? Why does it hurt when we drop boiling water on us? – I was almost at my wits' (17) \_\_\_\_\_, to be quite honest. I no longer had the energy to (18) \_\_\_\_\_ up with any more answers and told him to put the television on. (19) \_\_\_\_\_ it or not, I'd (20) \_\_\_\_\_ it if he didn't watch TV too much, but sometimes there's just no other option. I (21) \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the (22) \_\_\_\_\_ and quiet offered by children's cartoons and started cooking dinner. When it was ready, I called Zac to come to dinner but (23) \_\_\_\_\_ of his usual noisy response, there was silence, so I poked my head round the door and you (24) \_\_\_\_\_ have knocked me down with a feather. He was sound asleep at five o'clock in the afternoon. It's usually a battle trying to get him into bed by 7 o'clock. Of course I'd have to wake him up to eat, and I gently patted him, which (25) \_\_\_\_\_ in him looking at me accusingly and asking, "Why did you wake me up?"

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**TOTAL /100**

