

PRACTICE TEST 8

Time allowance: 45 minutes

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 1. A. offer B. canoe C. country D. standard
Question 2. A. pollution B. computer C. currency D. allowance

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

Question 3. My father is very busy with (A) his business; therefore (B) he is always willing to give a hand (C) with the (D) housework.

Question 4. I found my new (A) contact lenses strangely (B) at first, but I got used (C) to them in the end (D).

Question 5. Rattan, a close (A) relative of bamboo, is often (B) used to make (C) tables, chairs, and other furnitures (D).

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 6. If you are not good at academic subjects, you should opt for vocational training in which you are equipped with skills for a certain job.

- A. consider B. get C. choose D. take

Question 7. An advanced degree from a prestigious institution is a must when you apply for a job as an astronaut.

- A. magnificent and well-known B. respected and of high quality
C. old-aged and famous D. modern and stimulating

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 8. The water in the lake is so clear that I can see the stems of the water-lilies.

- A. obscure B. colourful C. muddy D. transparent

Question 9. We ought to keep these proposals secret from the chairman for the time being.

- A. revealed B. frequented C. accessible D. lively

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Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 10. Mary: "It's a nice day today. Let's play a game of tennis."

Linda: "_____"

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| A. Will we not play? | B. Why not do we play? |
| C. Why not? | D. Shall not we play? |

Question 11. Ann: "More coffee? Anybody?" – Brian: "_____"

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| A. I don't agree, I'm afraid. | B. It's right I think. |
| C. I'd love to. | D. Yes, please. |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 12. A. ingredients B. noodles C. crisps D. snacks

Question 13. A. treasure B. unusual C. measure D. unsure

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

One of the largest and most luxurious palaces in the world is the Palace of Versailles. (14) _____ near Paris, France, the palace has more than 2,000 rooms, (15) _____ are extravagantly decorated. Versailles was constructed during the seventeenth century. Its original use was as a hunting lodge for King Louis XIV. However, he and his successors constantly expanded it until it became a massive palace. Versailles became one of (16) _____ prominent symbols of the French monarchy, and it served as the royal court from 1682 to 1789. Following the events of the French Revolution, the palace was (17) _____ into a museum. Today, Versailles contains thousands of works of art, including paintings, drawings, engravings, and sculptures. Due to its art and the beauty of the palace itself, it is a prime tourist attraction at the present. As a result, millions of people visit the palace (18) _____.

Question 14. A. is located B. Locating C. Having located D. Located

Question 15. A. every which B. all of which C. that are all D. what all

Question 16. A. the most B. more C. much more D. most of the

Question 17. A. designed B. constructed C. rehabilitated D. transformed

Question 18. A. permanently B. consistently C. continually D. annually

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Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

We owe the invention of paper to the Egyptian papyrus or the Egyptian paper. The Egyptians made paper from the papyrus plant (*Cyperus papyrus*) that was commonly found along the banks of river Nile. The pith of the plant was taken out and cut into long strips. These strips were placed diagonally over each other, and for better binding, were placed under a weight for a couple of days. The quality of papyrus paper is evident from the fact that they are still intact about 5000 years after they were written on.

Historical sources tell us that the ancient Egyptians were very secretive about the manufacturing technique of their papyrus. This was because papyrus was one of the main commodities that was exported by Egypt all over the region. Keeping **its** manufacturing process a secret enabled them to achieve monopoly in the market.

Question 19. What is the main topic of the article?

- A. The importance of papyrus in Egyptian history.
- B. Egyptian culture.
- C. The making of papyrus and its commercial role.
- D. Commercial trades between ancient Egypt and other countries

Question 20. To make a piece of papyrus, the first step is to _____.

- A. take out the pith of papyrus plants and cut it into long strips.
- B. place strips of pith diagonally over each other.
- C. place strips of pith under a flat stone
- D. keep the making process a secret

Question 21. Why did the ancient Egyptians keep the making process of papyrus a secret?

- A. Ancient Egypt was not an open country.
- B. it could be enable them to dominate the market.
- C. It took ancient Egyptians much time to invent papyrus
- D. Ancient Egypt didn't export papyrus

Question 22. In the second paragraph, the word '**its**' refers to _____.

- A. papyrus's
- B. Egyptians'
- C. a region's
- D. the pitch's

Question 23. What can we infer from the article?

- A. To make a piece of papyrus, you need to put strips of pith parallel over each other.
- B. Ancient Egypt didn't like trading.
- C. In the ancient times, the Egyptians possessed a basic commercial awareness.
- D. Papyrus was used within ancient Egypt only.

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Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 24. His doctor _____ him to eat less and do more exercise.

- A. said B. suggested C. advised D. insisted

Question 25. The curriculum at the public school is as good _____ of any private school.

- A. or better than B. as or better than
C. as or better than that D. as or better than those

Question 26. It's _____ a box for me to lift by myself so I think I need some help with this.

- A. big B. too big C. vey big D. such big

Question 27. He is _____ from a cut in his finger.

- A. blooding B. bleeding C. blood D. bloody

Question 28. The boss doesn't criticize other people like that. Why does he have to run her _____ all the time?

- A. down B. over C. up D. in

Question 29. Have you been to the new shopping centre ont he _____ of town?

- A. centre B. middle C. outskirts D. suburbs

Question 30. We'll let you buy a motorbike _____ you ride it carefully.

- A. as if B. whenever C. although D. as long as

Question 31. There are some parts of the world _____ even now people cannot live.

- A. to whom B. which C. that D. where

Question 32. He enjoys _____ tennis and keeps on _____ sensibly; that's why he is fat.

- A. playing – eating B. playing – to eat
C. to play – to eat D. to play – eating

Finish the second sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

Question 33. We can only get into the house if we have a key.

→ Unless _____

Question 34. Eight years ago we started writing to each other.

→ We have _____

Question 35. People say French food is the best in the world.

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→ French food is _____

Question 36. Her advice to her son was always good.

→ She always _____

Combine the two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any ways.

Question 37. We flew direct to Rome. We didn't want to get stuck in London. (**ORDER**)

Question 38. I'm reading Wuthering Heights. It was written by Emily Bronte. (**WHICH**)

Question 39. She has never been to Japan. She speaks Japanese very fluently. (**DESPITE**)

Question 40. He does everything to please her. She always finds something to complain about. (**MATTER**)

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