

# Placement Test

## Part 1A

### Questions 1 – 5

Where can you see these notices? For questions 1 to 5, mark A, B or C on your Answer Sheet. Give only one answer to each question.

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**DAY TRIP**  
**£10**  
**see the island from the sea**

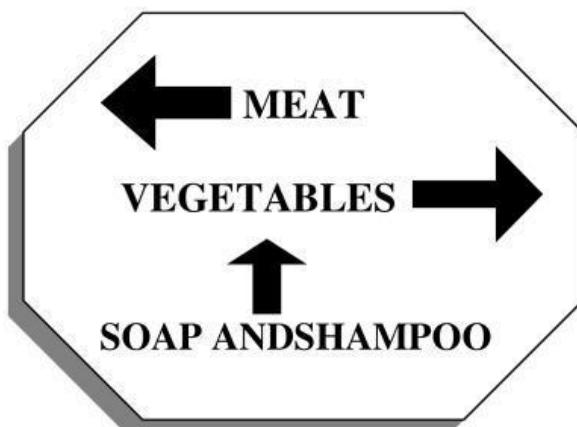
- A on a bus
- B on a boat
- C on a train

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**Today's weather  
inside on page 6**

- A in a book
- B on television
- C in a newspaper

3



- A in a supermarket
- B in a hospital
- C in a restaurant

4



- A** on a road
- B** at a cinema
- C** in a park

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- A** in a hotel
- B** in a library
- C** in a station

## Part 1B

### Section A

#### Questions 6 – 10

In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the text below.

For questions 6 to 10, mark one letter A, B or C on your Answer Sheet.

#### The City of Sheffield

Sheffield is Britain's fifth largest city with a population of more than half a million people. It is built on eight rivers and many hills. Sheffield is (6) ..... very green city. It has more parks and woods than (7) ..... other English city. Sheffield is a working city. (8) ..... many years, its factories sent knives, forks and steel to countries all around the world. Since the 1980s, many of the old factories (9) ..... closed, but new shops and offices are being opened every day. Sheffield has a lot to offer its visitors. Here you can see the world's oldest football club. You can watch ice hockey, rugby and, in April, the World Snooker Championship. Sheffield is a friendly city. Many people who come here to work or study find that they do (10) ..... want to leave!

6	A	a	B	the	C	one
7	A	some	B	any	C	all
8	A	On	B	In	C	For
9	A	will	B	have	C	did
10	A	not	B	never	C	no

## Section B

### Questions 11 – 20

In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the texts below.

For questions 11 to 20, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

#### The Cat Family

Cats are popular pets (11) ..... Britain, but do you know that they are closely related to some of the biggest and (12) ..... of all wild animals? Despite their differences of size, lions, tigers and cats have a lot in (13) ..... . All cats, for instance, eat other animals and hunt for their food. A house cat is not likely to catch anything bigger (14) ..... a mouse or a bird, but it goes about catching it in much the same way as a lion or tiger (15) ..... its food.

11	A at	B on	C to	D in
12	A angriest	B noisiest	C roughest	D fiercest
13	A common	B similar	C like	D same
14	A as	B than	C that	D from
15	A hunt	B hunting	C hunts	D hunted

## LEARNING TO MAKE A PERFECT PIZZA

According to the European Pizza-Makers' Association, making a good pizza is not a straightforward skill to learn. In Italy, 70 per cent of pizza makers could improve on their product, not to (16) ..... all the pizza makers around the world who (17) ..... uneatable meals,' says Antonio Primiceri, the Association's founder. He has now started a pizza school in an attempt to (18) ..... the reputation of this traditional dish. As part of a short (19) ..... course, the students at Mr Primiceri's school are taught to (20) ..... common mistakes, produce a good basic mixture, add a tasty topping and cook the pizza properly.

<b>16</b>	<b>A</b> state	<b>B</b> mention	<b>C</b> remark	<b>D</b> tell
<b>17</b>	<b>A</b> submit	<b>B</b> give	<b>C</b> serve	<b>D</b> deal
<b>18</b>	<b>A</b> save	<b>B</b> provide	<b>C</b> deliver	<b>D</b> return
<b>19</b>	<b>A</b> extensive	<b>B</b> extreme	<b>C</b> intensive	<b>D</b> intentional
<b>20</b>	<b>A</b> pass	<b>B</b> escape	<b>C</b> miss	<b>D</b> avoid

## Part 1C

### Questions 21 – 40

**In this part you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.**

**For questions 21 to 40, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.**

**21** They bought their son a bike ..... a reward for working hard at school.

<b>A</b> as	<b>B</b> for	<b>C</b> In	<b>D</b> by
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**22** I'm sending you a photograph of Carol ..... you'll recognise her at the airport.

<b>A</b> in case	<b>B</b> as long as	<b>C</b> so that	<b>D</b> in order
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**23** John's father ordered ..... not to stay out late again.

A him      B to him      C that he      D for him

24 It took Michael a long time to find a pair of shoes that ..... him.

A liked      B fitted      C Agreed      D matched

25 Try to avoid ..... through the city centre, because of the traffic.

A to go      B going      C from going      D of going

26 The best athletes in the world ..... in the Olympic Games.

A compare      B compete      C Conflict      D contrast

27 I wish I ..... to the concert with them, but there are no tickets left.

A went      B would go      C could go      D will go

28 She is now taking a more positive ..... to her studies and should do well.

A attitude      B behaviour      C Manner      D style

29 What ..... milk shake do you want - strawberry, chocolate, or orange?

A taste      B kind      C Flavour      D type

30 The argument with the waiter completely ..... our evening.

A damaged      B harmed      C Hurt      D spoiled

31 You would be a fool not to take ..... of such a wonderful opportunity!

A benefit      B advantage      C Profit      D gain

32 When she arrived at the party, Jane discovered she was wearing the same dress

..... her hostess.

A than      B with      C As      D like

33 There's no point ..... knocking at the door – she's already gone out.

A before      B for      C With      D in

34 For the first few minutes she was leading the race, then she began to fall .....

A out

B through

C Back

D off

35 The meeting room was rather cramped and had no ..... of natural light.

A source

B origin

C Supply

D root

36 The success of the captain in the individual events ..... for the poor performance of the athletics team as a whole.

A compensated

B rewarded

C Reassured

D counteracted

37 When she was a child, she ..... visit her grandparents every week.

A had

B tried

C Used

D would

38 Richard has ..... interest in politics.

A small

B few

C Slight

D little

39 The film lasted three hours with ..... of 15 minutes between part one and part two.

A an interval

B a pause

C a stop

D an interruption

40 I went to another shop, but they didn't have the book I wanted .....

A as well

B either

C Too

D neither

## Part 2A

### Questions 41 – 50

In this part you must choose the word or phrase which best fits each space in the texts below. For questions 41 to 50, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

#### The Value of Holidays

Unsuccessful holidays often result from disputes over who does what and when, where you go, and how far you travel. All these can (41) ..... arguments. With all the possible problems, you'd be (42) ..... for deciding it isn't worth the trouble of going on holiday at all. Psychologists are convinced this is not so. Holidays are important. We need breaks; we need to relax. (43) ..... the holiday may create anxiety, it will be less of a strain than work, and a change is almost certain to (44) ..... you good. It's a question of taking the right holiday at the right (45) .....

<b>41</b> A raise	B cause	C lead	D build
<b>42</b> A forgiven	B defended	C permitted	D allowed
<b>43</b> A Although	B Still	C However	D Despite
<b>44</b> A do	B give	C have	D offer
<b>45</b> A season	B period	C month	D time

## FILM TECHNIQUES

Hollywood, in California, is the centre of a major film industry which(46) ..... films to cinemas all over the world. Most films exported from the U.S.A. to other countries are 'dubbed' so that the(47) ..... can understand and(48) ..... the film in their own language. The(49) ..... of dubbing involves, first of all, translating the film script so that it is as near to the original as possible. Then it is the(50) ..... of the professional dubbing actors whose voices will be heard. Finally, the new voices are matched as closely as possible to the facial movements in the original film.

<b>46</b> A produces	B supplies	C gives	D contributes
<b>47</b> A watchers	B spectators	C crowd	D audience
<b>48</b> A enjoy	B please	C like	D delight
<b>49</b> A action	B process	C system	D
performance			
<b>50</b> A chance	B turn	C opportunity	D attempt

## Part 2B

### Questions 51 – 60

In this part you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.

For questions 51 to 60, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

**51** This information must be kept secret at all ..... ; if the newspapers find out, we're in real trouble.

A Sides	B events	C Chances	D costs
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**52** This film star is ..... to be one of the richest women in the country.

A Revealed      B famed      C Reputed      D disclosed

**53**The government is meeting now in an attempt to ..... out a new agreement.

A Break      B work      C Find      D hold

**54**Have you any objections ..... this new road scheme?

A with      B for      C At      D to

**55**Drink this medicine – it'll ..... you good.

A do      B bring      C Help      D make

**56**In the hotel lobby the detective caught ..... of the man he had been hired to follow.

A glance      B view      C Vision      D sight

**57** The teacher was very..... of her pupils' excitement as the holidays drew near.

A tolerant      B patient      C Wise      D relaxed

**58**Thousands of people were thought ..... paying the tax last year.

A avoiding      B having avoided      C to avoid      D to have avoided

**59**A person who is physically fit may be better able to ..... psychological stress.

A meet      B cope      C Encounter      D withstand

**60**Sara always spends a long time ..... up the consequences of her decisions.

A weighing      B rating      C Valuing      D balancing