Part Three
Use of English

Section One: Cloze Test
Directions: **Read the text and the sentences below and for each gap circle the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word that best completes each gap, marking your answer on your answer sheet.**

She had been upstairs for only 30 minutes, but she knew something was wrong the moment she stepped into the room. She didn't immediately notice that anything was **31) .....** or not in the right place, but something was definitely not as it should be.

She looked around. Everything seemed normal. All the cupboard doors were closed. All the rugs were **32) .....** where they usually were. The ornaments and photos on the various **33) .....** in the room were all neat and tidy. Anyway, she had checked that the front door and windows were locked before she went upstairs. Nobody could possibly have broken in without **34) .....** a noise. What's more, the cat was **35) .....** up in front of the fire, softly sleeping, seemingly without a care in the world.

36) ....., she sat in her easy chair by the fire and began to sip of the coffee she had brought into the room, absent-mindedly rubbing the cat with her foot as she did so. The animal stirred in **37) .....** to the attention. It yawned, stretched and then went back to sleep again. She froze, her coffee halfway to her mouth. She had realised something. Normally when the cat awoke and saw her in the room at this time of day, it would hiss loudly, **38) .....** to be fed.

Her eyes went to the tank in the corner which she'd installed for her pet fish **39) .....** months earlier. She was horrified. It was **40) .....** .

31.	**A.** missing	**B.** lacking	**C.** disappearing	**D.** losing
32.	**A.** properly	**B.** rightly	**C.** exactly	**D.** perfectly
33.	**A.** surfaces	**B.** tops	**C.** ends	**D.** skins
34.	**A.** doing	**B.** causing	**C.** making	**D.** taking
35.	**A.** rounded	**B.** curled	**C.** curved	**D.** rolled
36.	**A.** Mixed	**B.** Curious	**C.** Questioned	**D.** Puzzled
37.	**A.** return	**B.** response	**C.** reply	**D.** react
38.	**A.** requesting	**B.** demanding	**C.** ordering	**D.** commanding
39.	**A.** several	**B.** general	**C.** numerous	**D.** various
40.	**A.** blank	**B.** plain	**C.** bare	**D.** empty

41. They've closed the parliament building for the rest of the day because there's been some kind of security ..... .
A. accident
B. event
C. incident
D. occasion

42. You need to ..... the value of all the stolen items for the police as well as for the insurance company.
A. approximate
B. appraise
C. estimate
D. judge

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43. The committee's decision was …… and the policy was put into effect immediately.
A. harmonious
B. unanimous
C. common
D. united

44. The …… of water wasted by households is shocking.
A. amount
B. mass
C. total
D. sum

45. You should always sit …… while working at your desk.
A. straight-forward
B. perpendicular
C. upright
D. vertically

Section Two: Sentence Completion
Directions: **Read the sentences below and for each gap, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes its meaning, marking your answer on your answer sheet.**

46. The school authorities are rather disappointed with the fact that only …… students took part in the school fundraiser.
A. few
B. little
C. a little
D. a few

47. You …… that all employees were expected to hand in their reports three times a week.
A. ought to tell me
B. had better said me
C. should have told me
D. would better to tell me

48. James simply …… on the game and consequently lost a great deal of money.
A. couldn't resist betting
B. couldn't resist from betting
C. couldn't resist himself from betting
D. couldn't resist to bet

49. If you had listened to me and put on your warm pullover yesterday, you …… ill in bed at the moment.
A. will not be lying
B. would have not been lying
C. are not lying
D. would not be lying

50. Take your cardigan or jumper with you just in case it …… cold by the river in the evening.

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A. will get
B. would get
C. got
D. gets

51. Do you mind putting John up for a couple of weeks? He can't sleep in his flat as he is …… .
A. having it painted
B. painted it
C. to have it painted
D. been painting it

52. Now that I have two options to choose from, I think I would rather try my hand at ceramics than …… sculpting.
A. have attempted
B. attempting
C. to attempt
D. attempt

53. I couldn't stop myself from blushing when he introduced me. Never …… so mortified!
A. am I
B. have I been
C. I have been
D. I was

54. I have to admit that the inspectors …… me without any warning caught me well off guard.
A. to visit
B. having to visit
C. having visited
D. visiting

55. Looking at the list of guests, I can see that Frank and you …… to the charity event tonight, right?
A. are both coming
B. will come too
C. are to be coming
D. are going to both come

Note: This section of the exam normally contains 5 sentences. However, 5 extra sentences have been added to this particular test in order for more grammar structures to be practised.

Section Three: Sentence Transformations
Directions: **On your sheet for open-ended answers complete the second sentence so that it is as close as possible in meaning to the first one.**

56. I disagree with your decision not to see a dentist about your tooth.
If .....

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57. Jane heard a loud bang behind her seconds after she left the office.
No .....

58. It would be a good idea to talk to Jake's parents before we punish him so severely.
We had .....

59. My sister started learning to swim two months ago.
My sister ..... for two months now.

60. Mark fixed the lock on the door for me yesterday.
I ..... by Mark yesterday.

61. My father says that I am too young to drive our new car.
My father says that I am not .....

62. Sofia managed to finalise the project before she went on a business trip.
Sofia succeeded .....

63. They haven't mended my grandmother's old washing machine yet.
My grandmother's .....

64. It's a pity I didn't follow the sensible advice my parents had given me.
If only .....

65. You won't improve unless you practise more.
If .....

Part Four
Writing

Directions: **On your sheet for open-ended answers, write a composition of about 160-170 words on *ONE* of the following topics:**

1. You have seen a short story competition in an English magazine and have decided to enter. The rules of the competition state that the story must start with the words: "It was the worst present I've ever received." Write your story. Think about: What exactly was the gift? Who gave it to you? What was the occasion? Why didn't you like it? What did you do with it?

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