

## IELTS Task 1 Prepositions Practice Test

### PART A: Fill in the blanks

Choose the correct preposition from the box to complete the sentences. Each word may be used more than once.

[in, on, by, at, from, to, over, between, with, of]

1. The percentage of car owners rose sharply \_\_\_\_ 2000 and 2010.
2. There was a significant increase \_\_\_\_ the number of students enrolling in 2012.
3. The proportion of men in higher education remained stable \_\_\_\_ the given period.
4. Sales dropped \_\_\_\_ 50% in just two months.
5. The figure peaked \_\_\_\_ around 80%.
6. There was a gradual decline \_\_\_\_ 2010 \_\_\_\_ 2015.
7. The data shows fluctuations \_\_\_\_ the second half of the year.
8. Employment rates were lowest \_\_\_\_ 1998.
9. The graph illustrates changes \_\_\_\_ the price of oil.
10. The number of visitors fell \_\_\_\_ 1.5 million to 1.2 million.

### PART B: Choose the correct option

11. The amount of rainfall increased steadily \_\_\_\_ the summer months.  
A. in   B. by   C. over   D. from
12. The population of the city remained unchanged \_\_\_\_ a decade.  
A. over   B. during   C. at   D. since
13. The temperature dropped suddenly \_\_\_\_ midnight.  
A. at   B. on   C. in   D. by
14. Exports reached their highest point \_\_\_\_ 2015.  
A. in   B. on   C. by   D. with

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15. The chart compares the literacy rates \_\_\_\_ five different countries.

A. in B. for C. with D. among

### PART C: Sentence Rewriting (Use a suitable preposition)

16. The number of online shoppers increased (\_\_\_\_) 30% in five years.

-> Rewritten: There was a 30% increase \_\_\_\_\_ online shoppers in five years.

17. Oil production declined from 5 million barrels to 3 million barrels.

-> Rewritten: Oil production dropped \_\_\_\_\_ 2 million barrels.

18. The percentage of students remained unchanged during the period.

-> Rewritten: There was no change \_\_\_\_\_ the percentage of students during the period.

19. The diagram shows the process of recycling paper.

-> Rewritten: The process illustrated is concerned \_\_\_\_\_ recycling paper.

20. There was a sharp rise in internet use between 2005 and 2010.

-> Rewritten: Internet use rose sharply \_\_\_\_\_ 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.