

## **ENGLISH PRACTICE TEST**

### **SECTION I: Grammar (Use of English)**

1. This castle ..... by our king George II.  
a) built      b) was built      c) was building
2. I can paint ....., but I want to be better than my sister.  
a) nice      b) good      c) well
3. The kid was ..... fast that no one saw him.  
a) so      b) too      c) such
4. ..... adults know how to use the Internet.  
a) Little      b) Few      c) Much
5. ..... to the Martin's party next Friday.  
a) Do you come      b) Are you coming      c) Did you come
6. Could you please turn ..... the volume? I'd like to listen to the news.  
a) up      b) out      c) on
7. Can I have ..... sugar, please.  
a) a      b) any      c) some
8. I ..... TV, when suddenly something crashed into our house.  
a) watched      b) am watching      c) was watching
9. Jeudith ..... to the club every day, but now she doesn't.  
a) was going      b) used to go      c) didn't use to go
10. He hasn't seen Gill ..... he left school.  
a) just      b) since      c) for
11. Susan ..... eat meat, but now she does.  
a) didn't use to      b) used to      c) doesn't
12. "This is a nice bathroom." "Yes. It's the one ..... we've just redecorated."  
a) when      b) who      c) which
13. "Did you know that John is getting married?" "Yes. He .... me yesterday."

a) told      b) said      c) spoke

14. Judy ..... type since she went to college.

a) can't      b) has been able to      c) can

15. I'm thirsty. I ..... for fifty minutes.

a) am running      b) have run      c) have been running

16. When I am older, I ..... live by myself.

a) will be able to      b) can't      c) have been able to

17. I'm going to the doctor .....tomorrow morning.

a) on      b) -      c) at

18. Thea ..... my best friend since 2008.

a) was      b) is being      c) has been

19. "I didn't enjoy that film last night." "Neither did I. It was .... boring that I almost fell asleep."

a) such      b) so      c) such a

20. ..... I take your order, please?

a) Mustn't      b) Must      c) May

## **SECTION II: Reading Comprehension**

***Read the text about the popular app TikTok, and for questions 1 to 6, complete the text with the correct sentences. There is ONE EXTRA SENTENCE that you don't need to use.***

### **Deadly TikTok challenges**

TikTok, the popular app that allows users to create and share short videos, is now the most downloaded app in the world. One of the most popular ways users engage with the app is to carry out challenges. 1 \_\_\_\_\_. A successful challenge will go viral, with hundreds of thousands of people around the world taking part.

Copying another person's video is hardly original or creative. Even so, it's easy to see the appeal, especially among young audiences. Anyone with a Smartphone can get involved. 2 \_\_\_\_\_. Users can just ride the trend to gain popularity. As a result, challenges

are ideal for people who have a little spare time, enjoy performing and like getting attention. Unsurprisingly, most of those who take part are children, teenagers and young adults.

The problem is that these are the very people who are most at risk from performing challenges. This is because the part of the brain that handles rational thought is not fully developed in humans until we are in our mid-20s. Until then, we are less able to make long-term plans and analyse risk. It's no secret that the young brain values things that provide a sense of inclusion and popularity. **3** \_\_\_\_.

The Tik Tok challenge trend has had severe consequences. In 2020, the 'skull-breaker' challenge, which involves two people kicking a third person's legs to make them fall over, caused teenagers in both the UK and the US to be badly injured. In response, TikTok stated that it did not allow content that encourages dangerous challenges that might lead to injury. **4** \_\_\_\_\_. Any such content on its platform would be removed. Users searching for the skull-breaker challenge would only see a warning about its dangers.

This reaction was clearly not thorough enough because, in 2021, several fatal incidents occurred resulting from another viral challenge on Tiktok, the 'blackout' challenge, which encouraged people to choke themselves until they passed out. Three youngsters died from attempting this challenge in January 2021. This was followed later in the year by a number of deaths in the USA and UK. Two of those who died were young girls under the age of ten. **5** \_\_\_\_.

The challenge did not actually originate on TikTok, nor is it the only platform where videos of it have spread. According to a TIME report in 2018, millions of videos of the 'Pass Out Challenge' were currently on YouTube. However, where and when the viral trend originated is not known. **6** \_\_\_\_\_. They say that the videos were intentionally and repeatedly pushed onto their children's feeds, encouraging them to participate. They claim that the company has prioritised corporate profits over the health and safety of its users.

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- A.** The bereaved families are suing TikTok for spreading the challenge among impressionable youngsters.
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### **SECTION III: Listening Comprehension**

***Listen to an interview with a woman about her experience living in a campervan and answer the questions.***

**1. Why did Deb and Nick decide to move into a campervan?**

- A. Nick was travelling a lot with his job.
- B. Nick lost his job.
- C. They couldn't afford a house or flat.

**2. How long do they stay in the same place?**

- A. less than a week
- B. about a week

C. a couple of weeks

**3. What does Deb do during the day?**

- A. She paints and sells art.
- B. She is studying.
- C. She works remotely.

**4. Why does Deb write a blog?**

- A. To promote her exciting lifestyle
- B. To let friends know what she's doing
- C. To express her personal feelings

**5. What does Deb miss about living in a flat?**

- A. having many possessions
- B. having hot baths
- C. doing chores easily

**6. What does Deb like about her lifestyle?**

- A. Having more free time
- B. Being close to nature
- C. Exploring different places