

# SEMESTER TEST



**Task 1.** Choose the best option. There is only **ONE** correct answer for every question.

1. I didn't have time to prepare a speech, so I just decided to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- a) wing
- b) run
- c) loosen

2. Before making a decision, he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal \_\_\_\_\_ his team.

- a) run / by
- b) set / up
- c) pick / brain of

3. We arrived at the airport with time to \_\_\_\_\_, so we got a coffee.

- a) cut
- b) ease
- c) spare

4. "She kept butting in during the meeting." =

- a) She kept jumping in.
- b) She kept winging it.
- c) She kept rooting for me.

5. "You think I'm angry? \_\_\_\_\_. I'm just concentrating."

- a) Nothing could be further from the truth!
- b) Sit up and take notice!
- c) Loosen up a bit!

6. You absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ that presentation – the client loved it.

- a) nailed
- b) hit
- c) kicked

7. The market has changed, so let's \_\_\_\_\_ and try a new approach.

- a) pivot
- b) switch off
- c) replace

8. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a huge client last quarter.

- a) landed
- b) caught
- c) won

9. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ clear rules for the whole team.

- a) set out
- b) put up
- c) laid down

10. With reminders, it's easier to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) stay above things
- b) stay on top of things
- c) stay over things

11. I missed yesterday's meeting. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ what was decided?

- a) fill / out
- b) bring / over
- c) fill / in

12. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and tell me exactly what happened.

- a) going / through / motions
- b) beating / around / bush
- c) talking / over / problem

13. The company wanted to reduce errors, so they \_\_\_\_\_ a new time-tracking system last month.

- a) implemented
- b) interrupted
- c) installed

14. After yesterday's meeting, I think we're all \_\_\_\_\_ now.

- a) on the same page
- b) in the right direction
- c) at the correct track

15. Let's coordinate with their department to avoid any project \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) overload
- b) overlap
- c) overslide

16. A: "Can you send that file today?"

B: "Sure, \_\_\_\_\_!"

- a) I'm in it!
- b) I'm behind it!
- c) I'm on it!

17. The report is \_\_\_\_\_ — I just need to add two charts.

- a) as ready as finished
- b) as good as done
- c) almost better than done

18. By the time I got to the box office, there were already 45 people, \_\_\_\_\_, waiting to buy tickets.

- a) give or take
- b) more or extra
- c) roughly exact

19. The holiday season is \_\_\_\_\_ for the toy industry.

- a) crash period
- b) crunch time
- c) pressure week

20. My work meetings always \_\_\_\_\_ — they never finish on time.

- a) move over
- b) run over
- c) carry over

21. The project is behind the schedule \_\_\_\_\_ six months.

- a) for
- b) by
- c) on

22. He \_\_\_\_\_ and accidentally deleted an important file from the system.

- a) stepped over
- b) slipped up
- c) fell behind

23. He made a real \_\_\_\_\_ during the presentation by misquoting key statistics.

- a) failure
- b) blunder
- c) slip

24. We encountered a technical \_\_\_\_\_ when the audio system malfunctioned.

- a) hitch
- b) hold
- c) hurdle

25. The team \_\_\_\_\_ numerous problems during development, causing delays.

- a) encountered
- b) faced with
- c) allocated

26. The temporary software patch was just a \_\_\_\_\_ solution and didn't fix the real security issues.

- a) quick-thinking
- b) Band-Aid
- c) fast-repair

27. With limited resources, they had to \_\_\_\_\_ the project \_\_\_\_\_ using whatever tools they had.

- a) patch / together
- b) glue / roughly
- c) pare / down

28. During the storm, we had a \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't cook dinner.

- a) power cut
- b) power stop
- c) electric break

29. Don't use the kitchen tap — the sink is completely \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) full
- b) clogged
- c) stuck

30. I can't join the meeting — the internet \_\_\_\_\_ again.

- a) fell
- b) is down
- c) stopped up

**Task 2.** Fill in the gaps. There is only **ONE** missing word in each gap.

1. We're working without any \_\_\_\_\_ room, so even a small delay could cause problems.

2. Repairs will cost \_\_\_\_\_ most a few hundred euros if nothing serious is damaged.

3. I can't stay long — I'm really pressed \_\_\_\_\_ time today.

4. Please don't ask for major changes on \_\_\_\_\_ notice.

5. I know something's wrong with the report, but I can't quite put my \_\_\_\_\_ on it yet.

6. We spent weeks barking up the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ before realizing the real problem.

7. I'd love to pick your \_\_\_\_\_ about how you approached this problem.

8. They kept bouncing ideas \_\_\_\_\_ each other until a clear strategy emerged.

9. Before submitting the application, let's tie up the \_\_\_\_\_ ends.

10. The concept is interesting, but you'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ it out with examples.

11. Getting approval from all stakeholders turned out to be a real tough nut to \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The investigation hit a wall because detectives were \_\_\_\_\_ their wheels.

13. When her files were deleted, she had to start her work from \_\_\_\_\_.

14. I borrowed the book ages ago but haven't gotten \_\_\_\_\_ to reading it.

15. Ignoring innovation would be a \_\_\_\_\_ backward for the industry.

### Task 3. Find the odd one out.

- *treading water*
- *spinning one's wheels*
- *going (around) in circles*
- *beating around the bush*

- *get around to doing smth*
- *start from scratch*
- *go back to square one*
- *go back to the drawing board*

- *get the green light*
- *get the go-ahead*
- *get kicked off*
- *get the okay*

- *table a discussion*
- *shelve a discussion*
- *bring forward a discussion*
- *put off a discussion*

- *on short notice*
- *on late notice*
- *cutting it close*
- *cutting corners*