

Comprehensive Nautical English Exam

Name: _____ Date: _____

I. Present Simple & Present Continuous

Choose the correct form to describe ship routines or current actions.

1. The lighthouse _____ a bright beam every ten seconds to warn ships. a) emits b) is emitting c) emit d) emitting
2. Hurry! The tide _____ very quickly, and we need to move the boat. a) rises b) is rising c) rise d) rose
3. The crew usually _____ the deck at 06:00, but today they are resting. a) is cleaning b) cleans c) clean d) cleaned
4. Listen! The engine _____ a strange noise. Can you hear it? a) makes b) is making c) make d) made
5. Navigation officers _____ the stars when the GPS fails. a) use b) are using c) uses d) used
6. Right now, the First Mate _____ the cargo manifest in the office. a) reviews b) is reviewing c) review d) reviewed
7. We _____ through the Suez Canal today; it's a long process. a) travel b) are traveling c) travels d) traveled
8. A standard tanker _____ about 15 knots on average. a) is doing b) do c) does d) doing
9. Why _____ you _____ the emergency flare? There is no danger! a) do / hold b) are / holding c) does / hold d) did / hold
10. The sun _____ in the East, which helps us check our compass. a) is rising b) rises c) rise d) rising

II. There is / There are & Quantifiers

(a, some, any, how much, how many, too much, too many)

11. _____ there any lifeboats on the port side of the vessel? a) Is b) Are c) Am d) Was
12. We don't have _____ spare fuel for the auxiliary engine. a) some b) a c) any d) many
13. How _____ knots is the ship traveling at right now? a) much b) many c) some d) any
14. There is _____ leak in the hull! We need a pump immediately. a) a b) some c) any d) many
15. There is _____ salt on the equipment; we must wash it with fresh water. a) too many b) too much c) any d) a
16. How _____ fresh water is left in the storage tanks? a) many b) much c) any d) some

17. Are there _____ survivors from the shipwreck? a) any b) some c) a d) much
18. There are _____ many containers on deck; the ship is unstable. a) much b) too c) enough d) a
19. We have _____ extra rope in the locker if you need it. a) any b) some c) a d) many
20. Is there _____ radio signal in this part of the ocean? a) any b) many c) a d) some
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III. Comparatives & Superlatives

Compare different vessels, weather conditions, and equipment.

21. The North Sea is often _____ than the Mediterranean. a) rougher b) more rough c) roughest d) rough
22. This is the _____ storm I have ever seen at sea! a) worse b) baddest c) worst d) more bad
23. A cruise ship is _____ than a fishing trawler. a) more big b) bigger c) biggest d) as big
24. Modern GPS systems are _____ than old paper charts. a) more accurate b) accurater c) most accurate d) accurate
25. Mount Everest is high, but the Mariana Trench is the _____ point on Earth. a) deeper b) deepest c) more deep d) most deep
26. Is steel _____ than fiberglass for building a hull? a) heavy b) heavier c) more heavy d) heaviest
27. This cabin is the _____ comfortable one on the whole ship. a) more b) most c) better d) best
28. The engine room is the _____ place on the vessel. a) noisier b) noisiest c) more noisy d) noisy
29. Sailing is _____ than motoring when the wind is strong. a) fast b) faster c) more fast d) fastest
30. That was the _____ sunset I've seen in my career. a) more beautiful b) most beautiful c) beautifulest d) beautiful
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IV. Past Simple (Was/Were & Regular/Irregular Verbs)

Describe incidents or journeys that happened in the past.

31. Where _____ the Captain when the alarm sounded? a) was b) were c) did d) is
32. Yesterday, the crew _____ the anchor at exactly 08:00. a) raises b) raised c) rise d) was raising
33. We _____ any whales during our trip last week. a) didn't see b) don't see c) wasn't see d) didn't saw
34. The waves _____ very high during the hurricane last night. a) was b) were c) did d) been
35. The Titanic _____ an iceberg in 1912. a) hit b) hitted c) hits d) was hit

36. Last month, I _____ to the Caribbean on a cargo ship. a) go b) went c) gone d) was go
37. _____ the radio working when the storm started? a) Was b) Were c) Did d) Does
38. They _____ the lifeboats as soon as the ship started to tilt. a) lowered b) lower c) lowers d) was lower
39. The sailor _____ into the water, but we rescued him quickly. a) fell b) fall c) felled d) falls
40. We _____ out of fuel two days before reaching the port. a) run b) ran c) runs d) running
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V. Futures (Will, Be Going To, Present Continuous)

Predictions and future plans.

41. Look at those black clouds! It _____ rain. a) will b) is going to c) rains d) was going to
42. The ship _____ in Marseille at 10:00 AM tomorrow. a) arrives b) is arriving c) arrived d) was arriving
43. I think ships _____ be fully autonomous in the future. a) will b) are going to c) are d) shall
44. We _____ the engine tomorrow morning to see why it's leaking. a) are going to check b) checked c) checks d) checking
45. "The wind is picking up." "Okay, I _____ close the hatches." a) am going to b) will c) do d) am closing
46. We _____ a party on the deck this Saturday night. a) have b) are having c) had d) will to have
47. Watch out! You _____ hit that buoy! a) will b) are going to c) hit d) are hitting
48. The Captain _____ a speech at the end of the voyage. a) is going to give b) gave c) gives d) giving
49. I _____ you in the galley for dinner later. a) see b) will see c) am seeing d) saw
50. Next year, the company _____ buy two new tankers. a) will b) is going to c) buying d) buys