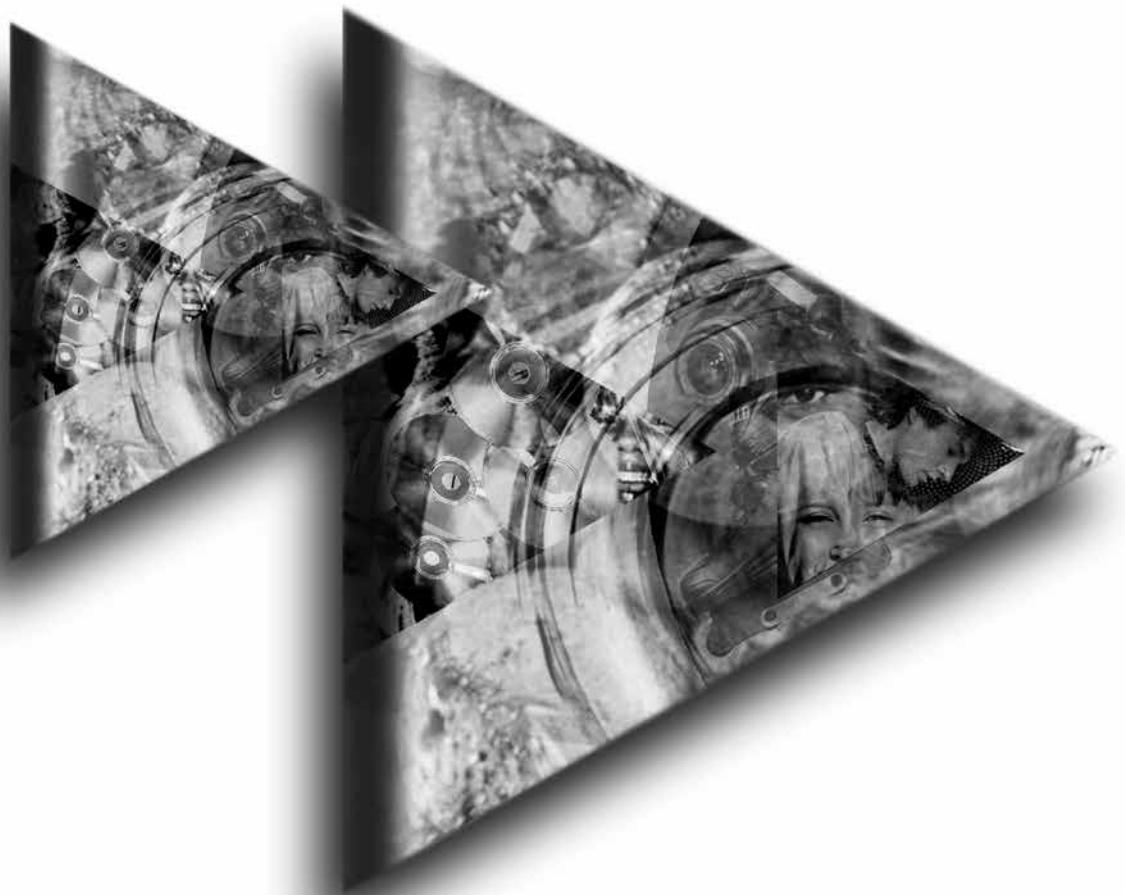


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# English

## Placement Test A



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## Choose the best answer.

- 1 Pete \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher.  
a isn't  
b not  
c aren't  
d am not
- 2 Bill \_\_\_\_\_ two brothers.  
a have  
b has  
c is  
d are
- 3 A: \_\_\_\_\_ Italian food?  
B: Yes, I do.  
a Are you like  
b Likes  
c Do you like  
d You're like
- 4 A: Was Shakespeare a painter?  
B: No, he \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a weren't  
b didn't  
c isn't  
d wasn't
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ up early yesterday morning?  
a Got  
b Did you  
c You get  
d Did you get
- 6 Michael \_\_\_\_\_ to work yesterday.  
a not go  
b didn't go  
c didn't  
d wasn't
- 7 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ French?  
a speak  
b to speak  
c speaks  
d spoke
- 8 A: Good night.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
a That's great. Thank you.  
b No, I don't know.  
c You too. Sleep well.  
d Hello. How are you?
- 9 A: How do you spell 'friend'?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
a It's Miguel.  
b F-R-I-E-N-D.  
c My surname is Jackson.  
d Yes, he is.
- 10 A: How much is the camera?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
a It's on page thirty.  
b It's from Spain.  
c It's about six months old.  
d It's fifty pounds.
- 11 A: Excuse me. How do I get to the bus station?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
a In Oxford Street.  
b Yes, that's right.  
c It's about ten minutes.  
d Go out of the school and turn right.
- 12 A: What time were you born?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
a My birthday's in August.  
b On the third of March.  
c At six o'clock in the morning.  
d In 1999.
- 13 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: I have a headache, that's all.  
a What's the matter?  
b Can I have a coffee, please?  
c Thanks for everything.  
d Here's a present for you.
- 14 A: What's your job?  
B: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a married  
b a doctor  
c from Italy  
d Paul Johnson

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- 15 John isn't Alice's \_\_\_\_\_. They aren't married.  
 a husband  
 b wife  
 c father  
 d mother
- 16 What do they speak in \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 a Spanish  
 b Portuguese  
 c American  
 d Brazil
- 17 Your car keys are in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a lamp  
 b armchair  
 c drawer  
 d sofa
- 18 We \_\_\_\_\_ a painting for €500.  
 a were  
 b said  
 c bought  
 d heard
- 19 Do you play \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 a ice hockey  
 b the cinema  
 c holidays  
 d sailing
- 21 Angela is Susan's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a sister  
 b father  
 c mother  
 d brother
- 22 Robert isn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a a student  
 b a child  
 c a doctor  
 d Susan's brother
- 23 David, Angela, Robert and Susan went to the park \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a at night  
 b in the evening  
 c in the afternoon  
 d in the morning
- 24 David \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.  
 a didn't enjoy  
 b bought  
 c cooked  
 d didn't have
- 25 They had \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a a holiday  
 b a lot of housework  
 c a horrible day  
 d a good time

**Read the text, then choose the best answer for questions 20–25.**

David Smith is a doctor. He works in a hospital. His wife, Angela, is a bank manager. They have two children, Robert and Susan. Robert is eleven and Susan is nine. They're at school.

Last Sunday, the family got up early. David made a big breakfast of eggs and sausages. Then they went to the park. David and Robert played football, and Angela and Susan played tennis. The weather was beautiful. They enjoyed it. In the afternoon, they went out to a restaurant for lunch.

- 20 David and Angela are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a brother and sister  
 b married  
 c doctors  
 d bank managers
- 26 They \_\_\_\_\_ in Hong Kong in 2010.  
 a isn't  
 b aren't  
 c wasn't  
 d weren't
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_ swim when I was five years old.  
 a I can  
 b I could  
 c I  
 d I was
- 28 I \_\_\_\_\_ to my brother right now.  
 a 'm talking  
 b talk  
 c talking  
 d talked

**Choose the best answer.**

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- 29 \_\_\_\_\_ to stay home and watch TV.  
 a I'm going  
 b I going  
 c Going  
 d Am going
- 30 Helena has never \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia.  
 a went  
 b go  
 c been  
 d goes
- 31 We \_\_\_\_\_ invite Tomas to the party.  
 a haven't  
 b won't  
 c not  
 d aren't
- 32 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: Sure. Good idea.  
 a What does 'bilingual' mean?  
 b Can I open a window? It's hot in here.  
 c I like your jumper.  
 d Excuse me! Can you help me?
- 33 A: There's an Internet café in Park Lane, next to the bank.  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Is that near here?  
 b Just two minutes, that's all.  
 c Do you need some money?  
 d Go straight ahead.
- 34 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: No, it isn't.  
 a Can I speak to Emma, please?  
 b What's the address?  
 c Can I take a message?  
 d Is that Emma?
- 35 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: Yes, please. It's delicious.  
 a Could you pass the salt, please?  
 b How would you like your coffee?  
 c Would you like some more rice?  
 d Is there any more salad left?
- 36 A: What about this jacket?  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Credit card's fine.  
 b No, it isn't the right blue.  
 c How do you want to pay?  
 d Can I help you?
- 37 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B: Well, we could go swimming.  
 a How are you feeling today?  
 b What shall we do this afternoon?  
 c OK. I'll get my swimming costume.  
 d It's too cold to go swimming.
- 38 A: How do you find living in New York?  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a No, I missed it.  
 b Thank you. I'm glad you like it.  
 c I'm enjoying it a lot.  
 d I'm very well, thanks.
- 39 I don't like preparing food, but I like \_\_\_\_\_ in restaurants.  
 a cooking  
 b eating  
 c going  
 d using
- 40 The plates are in the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a cups  
 b fridge  
 c cooker  
 d cupboard
- 41 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ this from German to English?  
 a speak  
 b make  
 c think  
 d translate
- 42 She speaks \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish.  
 a fluent  
 b hard  
 c well  
 d very

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43 It's a lovely day. It's \_\_\_\_\_. Let's go to the beach.

- a cool and cloudy
- b cold and foggy
- c sunny and warm
- d wet and windy

44 My father is a nurse. He works in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a cinema
- b hospital
- c factory
- d shop

**Read the text, then choose the best answer for questions 45–50.**

My name's Rachel. I like summer best. We cook and eat in the garden, and we often go to the beach. I don't like sunbathing, but I love swimming. I was born in a village near the seaside, and my family went to the beach almost every day. I could swim when I was a baby. I loved it then, and I love it now.

My brother loves surfing and he's really good at it. He's the best surfer in our school. He's won ten or fifteen competitions. I've tried it, but I've never learnt to surf. Maybe I'll try it again when I retire!

45 Rachel talks about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a her plans for the future
- b her favourite season
- c what she did last month
- d her favourite food

46 Rachel talks about her \_\_\_\_\_.

- a leisure activities
- b working life
- c school days
- d parents and grandparents

47 Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ when she was a very little girl.

- a learned to swim
- b didn't like swimming
- c lived in the city
- d rarely went to the beach

48 Rachel's brother \_\_\_\_\_ surfing.

- a is learning
- b has never been
- c has done a lot of
- d is going to try

49 Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ surfing.

- a has never been
- b isn't good at
- c has won awards for
- d hates

50 Rachel's brother is \_\_\_\_\_ surfer than his classmates.

- a an older
- b a safer
- c a worse
- d a better

**Choose the best answer.**

51 I'm thinking \_\_\_\_\_ to Japan next year.

- a of going
- b I go
- c goes
- d going

52 One day, I hope \_\_\_\_\_ China.

- a will visit
- b visit
- c visiting
- d to visit

53 If I \_\_\_\_\_ travelling, I'll send you lots of postcards.

- a 'll go
- b went
- c go
- d 'll

54 In the future, cities on Mars \_\_\_\_\_.

- a are being built
- b can build
- c will be built
- d are building

55 All of the sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_.

- a were eaten
- b are eating
- c were eating
- d have eaten

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- 56** There was no money in the office when I arrived at work. All of it \_\_\_\_\_ by burglars.
- has been stolen
  - had been stealing
  - had stolen
  - had been stolen
- 57** A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: £8 for an adult, £4.50 for children under 12.
- How much is it to get in?
  - I gave you a £10 note, not a £5 note.
  - How much is a litre of petrol?
  - It's cheaper if you buy a family ticket.
- 58** A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Cheer up! You've got me. I'm always here for you.
- I passed my exam.
  - I'm getting married next week.
  - I'm going on holiday to Australia tomorrow.
  - I don't think I have many friends.
- 59** A: What are your symptoms?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
- I've got a temperature and I feel awful.
  - Just take it easy for a while.
  - I've got food poisoning.
  - Drink plenty of liquids.
- 60** A: Hello? Hello?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm not sure. Can I get back to you later?
  - Sorry, we were cut off.
  - OK. Speak to you soon.
  - Oh, and can you give me Dean's number?
- 61** A: Mike and Jo are such nice people.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
- I know. There were so many problems.
  - Yes, I don't know how they live in it.
  - You're right. We had so much fun with them.
  - That's true. I don't know where it's all gone.
- 62** A: I'll give you a lift into town if you like.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm sorry, it's not working today.
  - I've got enough already thanks.
  - Go ahead. It's very hot in here.
  - That would be great.
- 63** I didn't have much time, so I did my homework \_\_\_\_\_.
- quickly
  - lazily
  - peacefully
  - tragically
- 64** I haven't got any \_\_\_\_\_. Is there a chemist's near here?
- envelopes
  - doughnuts
  - stamps
  - deodorant
- 65** We were \_\_\_\_\_ during the film. It wasn't interesting at all.
- shocked
  - bored
  - annoyed
  - depressed
- 66** I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of training for my new job.
- spending
  - studying
  - doing
  - working
- 67** Henry wants to study at Oxford University, but he also wants to study at Cambridge University. He can't \_\_\_\_\_ up his mind.
- get
  - go
  - take
  - make
- 68** I \_\_\_\_\_ my job because the hours were too long.
- gave up
  - took off
  - put away
  - went back
- 69** My brother really \_\_\_\_\_ my father.
- picks up
  - gets on
  - takes after
  - looks up

## Placement Test A

**Read the text, then choose the best answer for questions 70–75.**

Greg is 21 years old. He's been studying at Manchester University for the past three years, but he's going to finish his course next month. 'I'd like to get a job here in Manchester,' he says, 'but that may not be possible. My degree is in Business, and I'd like to work in management. But there aren't a lot of jobs right now, and I haven't got any money. I'm feeling a bit nervous and depressed about finding a job, actually. It's on my mind a lot. I'm afraid I won't find one, and I'll be unemployed for a long time.'

If Greg doesn't find a job in Manchester, he'll look for something in nearby Leeds or Sheffield. 'As soon as I finish my exams, I'll start applying,' he says. 'That's next month. Right now, I need to concentrate on my studies.' He adds, 'I don't think I'll be happy until I start working in Manchester.'

- 70** Greg \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a would like to leave Manchester  
 b hopes to continue studying for another year  
 c hasn't finished his course yet  
 d wasn't studying last year
- 71** Greg \_\_\_\_\_ Business.  
 a would like to study  
 b is studying  
 c already has a job in  
 d isn't interested in
- 72** Greg \_\_\_\_\_ finding a job.  
 a doesn't think a lot about  
 b thinks it won't be difficult  
 c says he feels confident about  
 d feels worried about
- 73** Greg is going to apply for jobs in Leeds and Sheffield \_\_\_\_\_ in Manchester.  
 a after trying for a job  
 b as soon as he finds a job  
 c while he's applying for jobs  
 d before he looks for work
- 74** At the moment, Greg's main focus is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a his studies  
 b applying for jobs  
 c searching for a flat  
 d preparing to move
- 75** Greg won't be happy if he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a fail his exams  
 b have his exams next month  
 c get work in Leeds or Sheffield  
 d find a job in Manchester
- Choose the best answer.**
- 76** The sign says *No parking*. We \_\_\_\_\_ to park here.  
 a shouldn't  
 b aren't allowed  
 c can't  
 d should
- 77** A: How long have you \_\_\_\_\_ English?  
 B: For about six years.  
 a studying  
 b been studying  
 c study  
 d to study
- 78** If \_\_\_\_\_ told me about your problems, I'd have helped.  
 a you'll  
 b you're  
 c you've  
 d you'd
- 79** We can text \_\_\_\_\_ after work and arrange a place to meet.  
 a each other  
 b each  
 c us  
 d another
- 80** I saw Mrs Jones yesterday. She was surprised and asked me what \_\_\_\_\_ in London.  
 a are you doing  
 b am I doing  
 c I was doing  
 d if I'm doing
- 81** I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ before you speak.  
 a 'd think  
 b 'll think  
 c think  
 d 're thinking

Correct answers on this page: ..... out of 12

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- 82** A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Oh, dear. I'd love to, but this weekend I'm so busy.  
**a** Are you doing anything next Saturday afternoon?  
**b** I was wondering if we could meet next Saturday morning.  
**c** What are you doing next Sunday evening?  
**d** I'm afraid I've already got something to do on Sunday.
- 83** A: I failed my driving test again.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
**a** Absolutely.  
**b** That's too bad.  
**c** Fair enough.  
**d** That's amazing!
- 84** A: I think you must have made a mistake. I'm pretty sure I gave you a £20 note.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
**a** Thanks. That's for you.  
**b** Yes, I'm afraid it is. But it doesn't include tax.  
**c** Sure. Tell me your account number.  
**d** Oh, did you? Er... sorry about that.
- 85** A: What time will we arrive?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
**a** Presumably, the others will be late.  
**b** Generally, on time.  
**c** Hopefully, in the next hour.  
**d** Obviously, we're late.
- 86** A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Oh, well. You live and learn.  
**a** I trusted Adam and he stole my money.  
**b** I've got ten exams in the next two weeks.  
**c** I forgot her birthday, so I sent her a text.  
**d** I wonder if their marriage will last.
- 87** A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: In your dreams. Not if you were the last man on earth.  
**a** Come on, you know you want to go out with me really.  
**b** I'm cleaned out! This new jacket cost the earth.  
**c** We're throwing caution to the wind and emigrating to Australia.  
**d** I'm really tired, so I'm going to stay home tonight.
- 88** His attendance is \_\_\_\_\_. Some weeks he comes every day, other weeks he misses several classes.  
**a** irregular  
**b** unsuitable  
**c** untrue  
**d** inaccurate
- 89** I don't eat much fruit. I'm not that \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
**a** crazy  
**b** keen  
**c** fond  
**d** excited
- 90** A lot of people visited the art gallery to see the painter's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** service  
**b** masterpiece  
**c** architecture  
**d** headline
- 91** Two men \_\_\_\_\_ jail last night.  
**a** broke out of  
**b** sorted out  
**c** took up  
**d** broke up with
- 92** I felt bad because my brother and I \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** admitted  
**b** accused  
**c** quarrelled  
**d** criticized
- 93** The sailors didn't see \_\_\_\_\_ for two months as they crossed the Atlantic.  
**a** world  
**b** earth  
**c** ground  
**d** land



## Placement Test A

**Read the text, then choose the best answer for questions 94–100.**

Seamus Carver had lived next door to Andrew Smith for about two years before they met. 'Seamus used to go to work early in the morning and come home in the afternoon, and I used to work nights at the factory,' said Andrew. 'We were never home at the same time. He worked on Saturdays and Sundays, and had Tuesdays and Wednesdays off. We never had a good look at each other.' But when both men retired in the same year, their schedules changed. 'We'd both been out to the cinema one night, and we came home at the same time and met in front of our houses.'

'Right away, Seamus asked me if I'd gone to school at Oak Park Primary School in York. I said that I had, and then I understood. He and I had known each other for a year or two when we were young kids, like maybe six. And amazingly, we still remembered each other!' Both Seamus and Andrew said their families had moved away from York when they were young. What they hadn't realised was that both families had moved to Bristol, and both men had been living there ever since.

- 94** Seamus and Andrew became next door neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ .
- two years after they first met
  - before they met
  - after they met at work
  - because they were friends
- 95** While they were working, they \_\_\_\_\_ .
- tried to meet
  - sometimes met
  - didn't meet
  - didn't get along well
- 96** When they met, they \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema.
- hadn't yet been to
  - were in
  - were leaving
  - were coming home from
- 97** Seamus asked, ' \_\_\_\_\_ to Oak Park Primary School in York?'
- Have you ever been
  - Did you go
  - Were you going
  - Had you gone
- 98** Seamus and Andrew had been friends \_\_\_\_\_ .
- after their families had moved to Bristol
  - for the past two years
  - their whole lives
  - when they were very young
- 99** Andrew and Seamus had known each other \_\_\_\_\_ .
- when they were one or two years old
  - for about six years, as kids
  - when they were about six years old
  - for the past six years
- 100** Andrew said that \_\_\_\_\_ remembered each other.
- it would have been amazing if they had
  - he wasn't shocked that they
  - he was surprised that they
  - he hadn't realised that they

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**Total test score: ..... out of 100**

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