

ENGLISH LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST 2000

Section 1: Listening Comprehension

Directions: In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand spoken English. (50%)

Part A

Directions: For each question in Part A, you will hear a short sentence. Each sentence will be spoken just one time. The sentences you hear will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what the speaker says.

After you hear a sentence, read the four choices in your test book, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D), and decide which one is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Example I

You will hear:

You will read: (A) Mary outswam the others.

(B) Mary ought to swim with them.

(C) Mary and her friends swam to the island.

(D) Mary's friends owned the island.

Sample Answer

(A)

(B)

(D)

The speaker said, "Mary swam out to the island with her friends." Sentence (C), "Mary and her friends swam to the island," is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

Example II

You will hear:

You will read: (A) Please remind me to read this book.

(B) Could you help me carry these books?

(C) I don't mind if you help me.

(D) Do you have a heavy course load this term?

Sample Answer

(A)

(C)

(D)

The speaker said, "Would you mind helping me with this load of books?" Sentence (B), "Could you help me carry these books?" is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

1. (A) My son was the smartest.
(B) We were shown the way by the boy.
(C) It was a sunny day.
(D) Some of them were bright.

2. (A) I made a phone call.
(B) I read the meter.
(C) I got some change.
(D) I paid the bill.

(背面仍有題目,請繼續作答)

3. (A) Some of the milk was stored.
(B) She bought some milk at the store.
(C) The milk spilled on the floor.
(D) She sent him to the store for some milk.
4. (A) Do you know where the office is?
(B) Why don't you look for an office job?
(C) I wouldn't recommend that you work on Main Street.
(D) I think I have seen you working at the post office.
5. (A) We would have stayed if they had asked.
(B) They took out the weeds today.
(C) They wanted us to stay.
(D) They asked me on Wednesday.
6. (A) Virginia has to complete her courses this year
(B) Virginia goes to class because attendance is required.
(C) Virginia must leave the university soon.
(D) Virginia will finish the required courses this year.
7. (A) I felt fine until this morning.
(B) Today I didn't know where my umbrella is.
(C) This morning I couldn't find Bella.
(D) I found my umbrella easily.
8. (A) Cheryl has many talents.
(B) Cheryl's experience is limited to the arts.
(C) Cheryl kept her promise.
(D) Cheryl knows several athletes and musicians.
9. (A) I must have dropped it.
(B) I will have to get some more ink.
(C) I will bring it in again.
(D) I will try another color.
10. (A) The dam was built to catch rain.
(B) The dam was designed for preventing floods.
(C) The rain filled the dam.
(D) The rain destroyed the dam.
11. (A) The students failed to complete the course.
(B) They fulfilled the course requirements.
(C) The room was full of students.
(D) They all passed the exam in that class.
12. (A) When is my cousin visiting?
(B) May my cousin come for a visit?
(C) It's possible that my cousin will visit twice.
(D) My cousin will visit early in May.
13. (A) Only a few people hadn't finished it.
(B) Everyone had most of it finished.
(C) All the people had finished it.
(D) Nobody had finished all of it.
14. (A) Peter says he knows about the claim.
(B) Peter isn't responsible for his actions.
(C) Peter feels it was all his fault.
(D) Peter doesn't care what happened.
15. (A) The train fare is higher before five o'clock.
(B) The train is usually on Track #5.
(C) The train fare is five dollars.
(D) Train #5 stops at the fair.

16. (A) Amy was taken over to the controller's office.
(B) The controller charged Amy too much.
(C) Amy overlooked the error.
(D) Amy had control over the situation.

17. (A) Let the driver get off at the intersection.
(B) Has the bus driver reached the intersection yet?
(C) Have you ever gotten off at this intersection?
(D) Tell the driver you will get out at the intersection.

18. (A) I'm not really disappointed about losing.
(B) I thought I would win.
(C) I won anyway.
(D) I didn't know what to expect.

19. (A) He's absent again!
(B) Isn't he forgetful!
(C) How often is he absent?
(D) How forgetful is he?

20. (A) High prices annoy me.
(B) The trail went up very steeply.
(C) I stay away from heights.
(D) I enjoy exciting places.

Part B

Directions: In Part B you will hear short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a third person will ask a question about what was said. You will hear each conversation and question about it just one time. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says. After you hear a conversation and the question about it, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one is the best answer to the question you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following example

You will hear

- You will read: (A) Present Professor Smith with a picture
(B) Photograph Professor Smith.
(C) Put glass over the photograph.
(D) Replace the broken headlight.

Sample Answer

- (A)
 (B)
 (C)
 (D)

From the conversation you learn that the woman thinks Professor Smith would like a photograph of the class. The best answer to the question "What does the woman think the class should do" is (A). "Present Professor Smith with a picture." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

21. (A) The operator can probably help him.
(B) She couldn't reach the operator either.
(C) She doesn't want to complain to the operator.
(D) If the operators are busy, he should try again later.

22. (A) In the spring.
(B) In the summer.
(C) In the fall.
(D) In the winter.

(背面仍有題目,請繼續作答)

23. (A) He left his notes in class.
(B) He forgot to borrow the notes.
(C) He doesn't have an exam.
(D) He loaned his notes to a classmate.
24. (A) This is the last month to do business with him.
(B) She bought her car from him last month.
(C) He has closed his business.
(D) She went to his store by car.
25. (A) Julie should come with him instead.
(B) He will go along with Julie's idea.
(C) He thinks Julie's play is very good.
(D) Julie should find out what the others prefer.
26. (A) She felt sleepy during the seminar, too.
(B) She will be away almost all semester.
(C) She doesn't understand why the man wants to leave.
(D) She doesn't agree with the man about the seminar.
27. (A) In a hardware store.
(B) At a post office.
(C) At a garage.
(D) In an art supply store.
28. (A) He wonders whether the club is interested.
(B) They can't enter the club without tickets.
(C) They'd like tickets to the game very much.
(D) He's been trying to locate Tom everywhere.
29. (A) Go to bed.
(B) Work most of the night.
(C) Make up a story.
(D) Report to work tomorrow.
30. (A) Cathy has something else to do.
(B) They didn't plan on her coming.
(C) He shouldn't invite anyone else.
(D) Cathy's helping to give the party.
31. (A) He wants to know about the jobs.
(B) She should ask for more money.
(C) She's very lucky.
(D) He wants her advice.
32. (A) Steve lives far away.
(B) Not everybody likes Steve.
(C) Good friends are hard to find.
(D) She likes few of the man's friends.
33. (A) She's going to the eye doctor.
(B) She's supervising new employees.
(C) She's having her lunch in the cafeteria.
(D) She's looking for some help.
34. (A) Falling down.
(B) Missing the bus.
(C) Taking a trip.
(D) Fixing his shoe.
35. (A) He takes only black and white pictures.
(B) He does part of his own film developing.
(C) He buys most of his film from a lab.
(D) He owns a lab that develops pictures.

Part C

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear short talks and conversations. After each of them, you will be asked some questions. You will hear the talks and conversations and the questions about them just one time. They will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one is the best answer to the question you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Answer all questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the talk or conversation.

Listen to this sample talk.

You will hear:

Now look at the following example.

You will hear:

- You will read: (A) They are impossible to guide.
 (B) They may go up in flames.
 (C) They tend to leak gas.
 (D) They are cheaply made.

Sample Answer

(A)

(C)

(D)

The best answer to the question "Why are gas balloons considered dangerous?" is (B), "They may go up in flames." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

Now look at the next example.

You will hear:

- You will read: (A) Watch for changes in weather.
 (B) Watch their altitude.
 (C) Check for weak spots in their balloons.
 (D) Test the strength of the ropes.

Sample Answer

(B)

(C)

(D)

The best answer to the question "According to the speaker, what must balloon pilots be careful to do" is (A), "Watch for changes in weather." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

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| 36. (A) In a classroom.
(B) In a snack bar.
(C) In the dormitory.
(D) In a camera shop. | 40. (A) The function and nature of the brain.
(B) The function and nature of nerve cells.
(C) The five senses.
(D) The spinal cord. |
| 37. (A) The man's brother.
(B) The man's roommate.
(C) A neighbor.
(D) A photographer. | 41. (A) Part of a textbook.
(B) A large chart.
(C) Some microscope slides.
(D) Her recent research. |
| 38. (A) He's noisy.
(B) He's messy.
(C) He doesn't tell the truth.
(D) He doesn't close the door. | 42. (A) In order to reproduce themselves.
(B) In order to stretch and grow.
(C) In order to attach themselves to muscles.
(D) In order to carry messages. |
| 39. (A) He worked for a radio station.
(B) He lived in a dormitory.
(C) He took a long trip.
(D) He visited the man's family. | |

43. (A) Elongated and stringy.
(B) Round and compact.
(C) Flat and transparent.
(D) Flexible and chainlike.
44. (A) One.
(B) Two.
(C) Three.
(D) Four.
45. (A) To move the muscles.
(B) To detect light.
(C) To protect the nerves.
(D) To soothe the brain.
46. (A) American literature.
(B) Elementary education.
(C) Art history.
(D) Veterinary medicine.
47. (A) They are professional storytellers.
(B) They are the parents of young children.
(C) The stories will help them improve their vocabulary.
(D) The stories are required for a course.
48. (A) Psychology professors.
(B) Friends of the speakers.
(C) The same person.
(D) Fictional characters.
49. (A) It uses an extensive vocabulary.
(B) It's useful as a teaching tool.
(C) Its author is unknown.
(D) Children find it repetitive and boring.
50. (A) At the beginning of a semester.
(B) During midterm week.
(C) At the end of a semester.
(D) In the middle of summer vacation.

Section 2. Dictation

Directions: In this section of the test, you will hear 5 different sentences. Each sentence will be read out twice for you. After the second reading, please write down the sentence on your answer sheet. You will have about ten seconds to write down the sentence, so please use your time wisely. Meanwhile be sure to write down each sentence on your answer sheet. (25%)

Sentence 1:

Sentence 2:

Sentence 3:

Sentence 4:

Sentence 5:

(Write on the Answer Sheet!)

Section 3: Conversation

Directions: In this section of the test, you will hear a short talk between characters. The conversation will be read out twice for you. Listen to their talk carefully and then at the second hearing, fill in each blank the missing sentence. You will have about ten seconds to finish your writing, so please use your time wisely. Be sure to write the missing sentences on your answer sheet.
(25%)

A: Now why did you do that?

B: What?

A: _____ 1 _____ . I saw you and Jean do it.

B: It wasn't my idea. It was hers.

A: Don't you think for yourself.

B: _____ 2 _____ ?

A: Oh, nothing . . . until Mother finds out.

B: _____ 3 _____ .

A: Unless a little bird tells her.

B: _____ 4. _____ .

A: What's worse to you?

B: Oh, you little creep.

A: _____ 5. _____ .