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TEST 1

PART I

Objective Test

(Thirty minutes)

Look at the picture and read the questions. The picture will help you to answer the questions. Choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d.



1. If the cars hadn't stopped, there ... a nasty accident.
 - a. will be
 - b. won't have been
 - c. had been
 - d. would have been
2. The old lady ... worry. Her dog is quite safe.
 - a. needn't
 - b. oughtn't
 - c. don't
 - d. shouldn't to
3. The dog wanted ... the cat.
 - a. catch
 - b. to catch
 - c. to catching
 - d. catching
4. She ... the dog for a walk when it saw the cat.
 - a. was taken
 - b. has taken
 - c. had been taking
 - d. taking

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5. The dog oughtn't to ... into the road.
 - a. running
 - b. had run
 - c. ran
 - d. have run
6. Dogs are ... cats.
 - a. used to chasing
 - b. used to chase
 - c. used chase
 - d. use chasing
7. The car drivers are ... what has happened.
 - a. annoying in
 - b. annoyed in
 - c. annoyed at
 - d. annoying at
8. The dog made them ... sharply.
 - a. braking
 - b. brake
 - c. to brake
 - d. to braking
9. The old lady wishes she ... such a big dog.
 - a. didn't buy
 - b. had bought
 - c. hadn't bought
 - d. bought
10. The cat will not ...
 - a. get down from the tree.
 - b. get the tree down.
 - c. get from the tree.
 - d. get the tree down from.
11. It is trying to save ... by staying there.
 - a. its self
 - b. itself
 - c. it
 - d. self
12. It ... very fast.
 - a. had running
 - b. had to run
 - c. has been run
 - d. had ran
13. The lady ... the dog.
 - a. needed stop
 - b. ought stop
 - c. should have stopped
 - d. ought have stopped
14. The car drivers are very shocked. She is ...
 - a. either.
 - b. neither.
 - c. so.
 - d. as well.
15. Perhaps it ... raining by this time tomorrow.
 - a. shall stop
 - b. will be stopping
 - c. would stop
 - d. will have stopped
16. There may be many accidents if it ... on raining.
 - a. kept
 - b. keeps
 - c. will keep
 - d. is keeping
17. It's time the dog ... how to behave properly.
 - a. is learning
 - b. learns
 - c. learned
 - d. to learn
18. If the lady had a smaller dog, it ... easier to control.
 - a. will be
 - b. were
 - c. would be
 - d. is

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19. It was lucky the cars stopped . . . the dog.
 - a. avoided
 - b. to avoid
 - c. for to avoid
 - d. avoiding
20. Will the dog let the cat . . . ?
 - a. escaped
 - b. escaping
 - c. to escape
 - d. escape
21. The cat will have to come down soon, . . . ?
 - a. hasn't it
 - b. doesn't it
 - c. won't it
 - d. mustn't it
22. It will probably stay in the tree . . . the dog goes away.
 - a. during
 - b. until
 - c. whether
 - d. by the time
23. The cat is . . . frightened that it cannot move.
 - a. so
 - b. such
 - c. so that
 - d. such that
24. The two drivers were both . . . way home.
 - a. in the
 - b. on the
 - c. under
 - d. at the
25. I expect their wives will be . . . if they arrive late.
 - a. put over
 - b. put back
 - c. put out
 - d. put up
26. Do you remember ever . . . a car accident?
 - a. seeing
 - b. you saw
 - c. see
 - d. to see
27. I wonder . . . to stop in time.
 - a. how the men managed
 - b. if the men managed
 - c. whether the men did manage
 - d. how the men did manage
28. Luckily, they had just been to the garage to . . .
 - a. having their brakes checked.
 - b. having checked their brakes.
 - c. have their brakes checked.
 - d. checked their brakes.
29. They would . . . check their brakes than have an accident.
 - a. sooner
 - b. better
 - c. prefer
 - d. more
30. Do you think they mind . . . seat-belts?
 - a. to wear
 - b. wore
 - c. to wearing
 - d. wearing
31. You don't have to wear them in England, . . . ?
 - a. must you
 - b. need you
 - c. do you
 - d. can you
32. I think everyone should wear them. Yes, . . .
 - a. so do I.
 - b. I think.
 - c. I wear.
 - d. I do either.

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33. Have you ever ... in a car accident?
- being involved
 - be involve
 - been involved
 - involved
34. The old lady needs ... after her shock.
- to comfort
 - be comforted
 - comforting
 - comforted
35. She thought she ... her dog.
- was going to lose
 - was losing
 - lost
 - would have lost
36. She'll soon have to look ... someone
- after
 - over
 - for
 - through
37. ... her catch her dog.
- helping
 - to help
 - helped
 - who helping
38. She will go home without the dog unless she ... someone.
- finds
 - will find
 - would find
 - found
39. Old ladies really ... have such big dogs.
- oughtn't
 - shouldn't
 - mightn't
 - shan't
40. But it's no use ... her that.
- telling
 - you told
 - to tell
 - to telling

PART II

Answer all the questions

(Two hours)

1. Aural Comprehension Test

Answer the following questions, which are based on the passage read out to you. You should answer each question in *not more than* one sentence.

- Why did writing a letter take a long time before the invention of the fountain pen and ballpoint pen?
- Why was it necessary to sharpen pens made from birds' feathers?
- What are the disadvantages of using a typewriter instead of a pen?
- What does the writer think people will do instead of writing in the future?
- What doesn't the writer do with his fountain and ballpoint pens?

2. Read the following and answer the questions below. You should answer each question in *not more than one sentence*.

I was recently told that listening to loud music is gradually making people hard of hearing. I'm sure this has already happened to my next-door neighbour. For years she has turned a deaf ear to my requests to control the volume of her hi-fi. When she gives a party, she doesn't have to invite the rest of the street. Everyone can dance to her music in his own living room.

Now an amateur inventor has discovered that certain electronic sounds have strange effects on rats. He claims they collapse, almost paralysed, with their legs twitching. Then it is simply a matter of slinging them out by their tails. I wonder if the same thing will happen to my neighbour someday and she and her guests will have to be collected, twitching, and carted off somewhere far away?

- (a) What is the writer's feeling about people who listen to loud music?
- (b) What is meant by "turning a deaf ear" to a request?
- (c) Why doesn't the lady next door have to invite her neighbours to her parties?
- (d) What happens to rats who hear the inventor's electronic sounds?
- (e) What can be the practical use of his invention?

3. Read the following and answer the questions below. You should answer each question in *not more than one sentence*.

Many films, TV programmes, and even a musical play have been made about Henry VIII and his six wives. But Henry owes his place in history not only to his marriages.

He was responsible for one of the most important changes in English life and politics ever made. His first wife, Catherine, had given him only a daughter, but he desperately wanted a son to succeed him as king. He decided to divorce her and marry someone younger. To do this, he needed the permission of the head of the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope, because at this time England was a Catholic country.

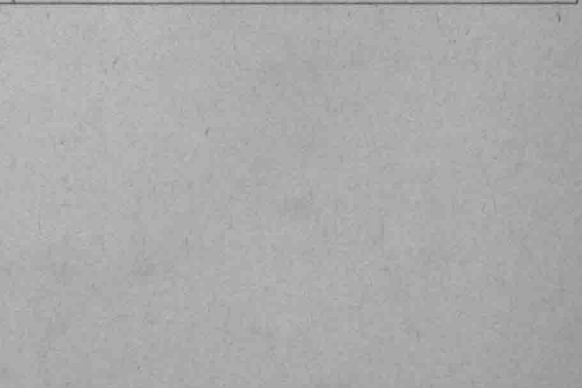
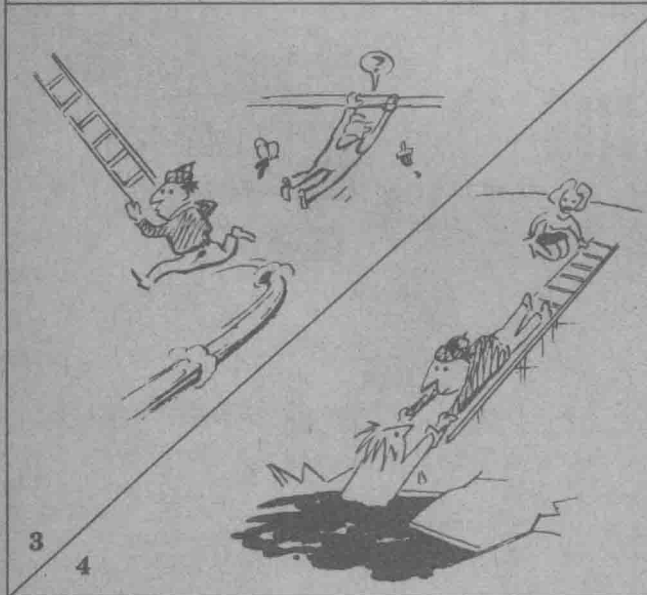
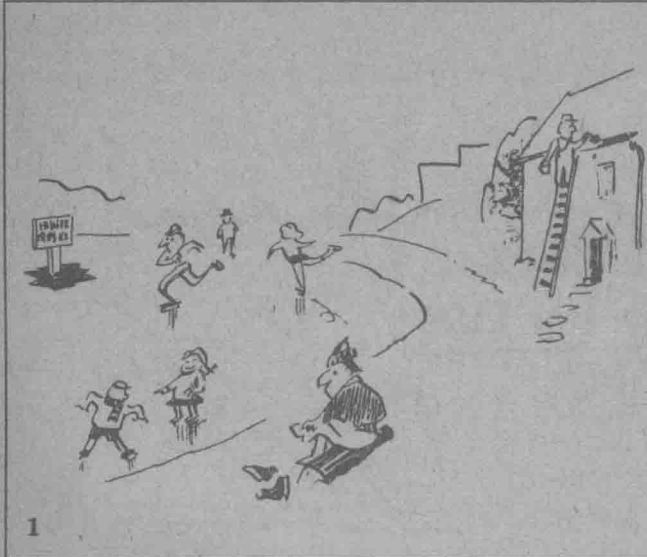
When permission was refused he declared himself head of the English church. With the authority of the Pope ended in England, Henry could divorce Catherine and remarry. As a result, England became a Protestant country with the king (or queen) head of both the State and the Church.

- (a) What shows us that Henry VIII is perhaps the most famous English king?
- (b) Why did Henry want to divorce Catherine?
- (c) Whose permission did Henry need to get a divorce?
- (d) What did Henry do when permission for his divorce was refused?
- (e) What was the important consequence of Henry's action in divorcing Catherine?

4. You would like to take up a career as a journalist. Write a letter (correctly set out with address, date, etc.) to the personnel manager of a newspaper, asking how you might go about training for such a profession. You should write between 120 and 150 words.

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5. Look at the following five pictures and write 150–200 words telling what happened when Mr Jenkins decided to go ice-skating.



TEST 2

PART I

Objective Test

(Thirty minutes)

Look at the picture and read the questions. The picture will help you to answer the questions. Choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d.



1. In England . . . fish are sold "wet" or "dry".
 - a. a
 - b. —
 - c. the
 - d. all of
2. The "wet" fish are fresh and the "dry" fish . . .
 - a. are being cured.
 - b. have cured.
 - c. have been cured.
 - d. were cured.
3. Fish . . . are usually salted or smoked.
 - a. that are cured
 - b. , are cured,
 - c. that cure
 - d. , which are cured,
4. Then they can be kept . . . fresh fish.
 - a. more longer than
 - b. much longer as
 - c. as longer as
 - d. much longer than

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5. Mr Talbot ... fish for 20 years.
 - a. has been selling
 - b. has sold
 - c. sold
 - d. was selling
6. He intends ... selling fish for another 20 years.
 - a. to going on
 - b. to go on
 - c. going to
 - d. to go on to
7. Then he hopes ...
 - a. retire.
 - b. he has retired.
 - c. to be retiring.
 - d. to retire.
8. His job means he must ... every morning.
 - a. get quite early up
 - b. get up quite early
 - c. quite early get up
 - d. quite get up early
9. He goes to the market and buys the fish ... have come off the boats.
 - a. from where
 - b. which
 - c. they
 - d. —
10. He returns to his shop and sets out the wet fish on one side and the dry fish on ...
 - a. one other.
 - b. the other.
 - c. another.
 - d. that other.
11. Today has been ...
 - a. very unusual.
 - b. unusually.
 - c. the unusualest.
 - d. more unusually.
12. Rain began to pour ... Mr Talbot's shop.
 - a. on down
 - b. over
 - c. down onto
 - d. above
13. But it only fell on ... shop.
 - a. the half
 - b. half
 - c. half of
 - d. half the
14. "I can't believe what I see, ...?" Mr Talbot asked Bert.
 - a. do you
 - b. can you
 - c. can't you
 - d. will you
15. It wasn't too bad ... it only fell on the wet fish.
 - a. although
 - b. unless
 - c. so
 - d. because
16. If it hadn't, Mr Talbot ... bring in his dry fish.
 - a. would have to
 - b. had to
 - c. would have had to
 - d. would have had
17. Mr Talbot is ... in fish when it rains.
 - a. used to bring
 - b. used to bringing
 - c. used bringing
 - d. use to bring
18. It ... a lot in England.
 - a. is raining
 - b. rains
 - c. rain
 - d. will have rained

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19. "... to bring in the fish?" Bert asked Mr Talbot.
 - a. Shall I
 - b. Could I
 - c. Ought I
 - d. Should I
20. "Don't bother," Mr Talbot said. He told Bert ...
 - a. not to bother.
 - b. he didn't bother.
 - c. he was not to be bothered.
 - d. he wouldn't bother.
21. So he went back ... fish.
 - a. cut
 - b. for cutting
 - c. cutting
 - d. to cutting
22. The more Bert works, ... he smells of fish.
 - a. the more
 - b. much more
 - c. the most
 - d. mostly
23. When he ... home this evening, he will have a hot bath.
 - a. goes
 - b. will go
 - c. is going
 - d. will be going
24. His wife expects ... this.
 - a. his doing
 - b. that he does
 - c. him to do
 - d. him doing
25. "I don't mind him working in a fish shop ... I don't want to live with fish," she says.
 - a. so
 - b. nevertheless
 - c. however
 - d. but
26. "He gets no supper ... he cleans up," she adds.
 - a. but
 - b. if
 - c. unless
 - d. suppose
27. He never brings ... fish home.
 - a. some
 - b. no
 - c. any
 - d. the
28. He sees ... fish throughout the day.
 - a. too much of
 - b. more enough
 - c. more of
 - d. those many
29. Mr Talbot ... likes fish.
 - a. , however,
 - b. although
 - c. because he
 - d. instead
30. He has the appetite ... a cat.
 - a. as
 - b. of
 - c. like
 - d. same as
31. Most evenings he helps ... some fish.
 - a. to himself
 - b. him to
 - c. himself to
 - d. to him
32. He can take one ... he likes.
 - a. all the time
 - b. whichever
 - c. whenever
 - d. the times

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33. After all, it is . . . shop.
- himself his
 - his own
 - he owns
 - owning his
34. But Mr Talbot . . . eels home for his supper.
- takes not
 - never takes no
 - not takes
 - never takes
35. People think eels look . . . water snakes.
- as
 - being
 - like
 - same as
36. . . . they don't fancy them, they stare at them in fish shops.
- Although
 - Since
 - If
 - Therefore
37. They seem . . . by them.
- fascinating
 - to fascinate
 - to be fascinated
 - to be fascinating
38. Eels are sold . . .
- lives.
 - live.
 - living.
 - lived.
39. If the rain keeps up, Mr Talbot . . . to buy himself half an umbrella.
- has
 - will have
 - will be having
 - will have had
40. Perhaps he . . . wiser to take one step to his left.
- can be
 - has been
 - had been
 - would be

PART II

Answer all the questions

(Two hours)

Aural Comprehension Test

1. Answer the following questions which are based on the passage read out to you. You should answer each question in *not more than* one sentence.
- What do gentlemen now do when a lady gets on a crowded bus or train?
 - What does the new generation of women want?
 - What does the writer think is not a bad idea?
 - What is replacing automatic male politeness?
 - How did men use to see women?