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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.



*"He sends his compliments to the chef and asks to see the wine list."*

1. This is . . . fish and chip shop.
  - a. the
  - b. a
  - c. that
  - d. —
2. The man . . . is sitting with his family is French.
  - a. what
  - b. who
  - c. —
  - d. which
3. . . . four people in his family.
  - a. They are
  - b. There is
  - c. It is
  - d. There are
4. Do they look hungry? Yes, . . .
  - a. they are.
  - b. they shall.
  - c. they do.
  - d. they look.



5. His car is parked . . . the shop.
- before
  - beside
  - in front of
  - at
6. They are sitting . . . a table.
- on
  - in
  - to
  - at
7. The . . . are not very clean.
- cook's clothes
  - clothes to the cook
  - cook his clothes
  - cooks' clothes
8. They . . . the wine list.
- like
  - are liking
  - would like
  - did like
9. The waitress is . . . the cook.
- youngest than
  - younger to
  - the younger
  - younger than
10. She is leaning . . . the counter.
- in
  - against
  - at
  - onto
11. He . . . surprised by what she said.
- has been
  - is
  - is being
  - had been
12. "What . . . ?" he asks.
- did you say
  - you say
  - have you said
  - had you said
13. The family will be unhappy if there . . . any wine.
- wasn't
  - won't be
  - isn't
  - weren't
14. The cook is holding a piece of fish . . . his hand.
- on
  - onto
  - in
  - into
15. He is going to . . . the fish.
- frying
  - fries
  - fried
  - fry
16. There is . . . smoke coming from the fryer.
- much of
  - many
  - a lot of
  - a great deal

17. Not everyone . . . fish and chips.

- a. like
- b. are liking
- c. doesn't like
- d. likes

18. They are . . . better when cooked fresh.

- a. more
- b. much
- c. much more
- d. very

19. The food in a fish and chip shop isn't really very good, . . . ?

- a. was it
- b. is it
- c. isn't it
- d. it is

20. It isn't what a French family . . .

- a. is used to eat.
- b. used to eat.
- c. used to eating.
- d. is used to eating.

21. They like food . . . more flavour.

- a. that has
- b. what has
- c. which have
- d. that does have

22. "In England, people don't often have wine with . . . dinner," says the cook.

- a. his
- b. their
- c. ones
- d. there

23. Nobody . . . for wine before.

- a. never has asked
- b. never asked
- c. has ever asked
- d. had asked ever

24. If the cook had wine, he . . . bring it out.

- a. can
- b. could have
- c. will
- d. would

25. He doesn't . . . have foreigners in his cafe.

- a. soon
- b. seldom
- c. often
- d. sometimes

26. If he . . . on tourists for his business, he would have to close his shop.

- a. depends
- b. will depend
- c. depended
- d. has depended

27. In fact, he's never had a French family in his cafe, . . . ?

- a. had he
- b. is he
- c. does he
- d. has he

28. The mother is telling her son, "You . . . eat with your fingers!"

- a. wouldn't
- b. hadn't to
- c. mustn't
- d. shouldn't to

29. He told her he ... his meal.

- a. wasn't like
- b. don't like
- c. didn't like
- d. wasn't liking

30. He doesn't like ... very much.

- a. fishes
- b. fish
- c. a fish
- d. the fishes

31. "I ... any dessert yet," the little girl says.

- a. didn't have
- b. am not having
- c. wasn't having
- d. haven't had

32. "Let's order some now, ...?" the mother suggests.

- a. do we
- b. shall we
- c. are we
- d. let us

33. "... like some ice cream?"

- a. Will you
- b. Could you
- c. Would you
- d. You will

34. "When ...?" asks the girl.

- a. do we go
- b. we shall go
- c. are we going
- d. shall we going

35. ... father said he didn't know.

- a. His
- b. Theirs
- c. Her
- d. Hers

36. He thought it ... soon.

- a. will be
- b. would be
- c. had been
- d. was

37. If they were in France, they ... eat better food.

- a. do
- b. can
- c. would
- d. did

38. I remember when fish was ...

- a. more cheap.
- b. more cheaper.
- c. much cheap.
- d. cheaper.

39. Now they have finished, it's time to pay the ...

- a. ticket.
- b. cost.
- c. bill.
- d. price.

40. And, please, ... to tip the nice lady.

- a. to forget
- b. don't forget
- c. not forgetting
- d. haven't forgotten

## 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*.

- (a) Why doesn't the writer usually help his wife do the housework?
- (b) Why did he have to do the housework two weeks ago?
- (c) What did he cook for himself?
- (d) How long did he have to do the housework for?
- (e) What is he thinking of giving his wife?

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

When friends come to visit us in the evening, they spend their time telling us that they are in a hurry and looking at their watches. It isn't that our friends are all very busy, it is just that we haven't got a television. People think that we are very strange. "But what do you do in the evenings?" they are always asking. The answer is simple. Both my wife and I have hobbies. We certainly don't spend our evenings staring at the walls. My wife enjoys cooking and painting and often attends evening classes in foreign languages. This is particularly useful as we always go abroad for our holidays. I collect stamps and am always busy with my collection. Both of us enjoy listening to music and playing chess together.

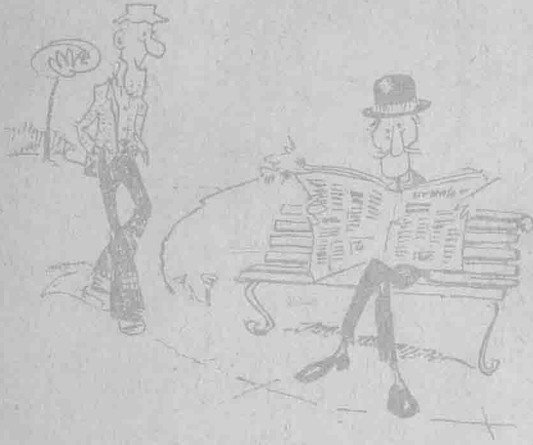
Sometimes there are power cuts and we have no electricity in the house. This does not worry us as we just light candles and carry on with what we were doing before. Our friends are lost – no television! – so they don't know what to do. On such evenings our house is very full as they all come to us. They all have a good time. Instead of sitting in silence in front of the television, everybody talks and plays games. Yes, life is possible without television!

- (a) Why do the writer's friends seem busy when they visit them in the evening?
- (b) How are the writer's wife's hobbies useful?
- (c) Why is the writer not worried when there are power cuts?
- (d) How do the writer's friends feel when there is no electricity?
- (e) What lessons do the writer's friends learn from an evening at his house without television?

### 3. A friend of yours is arriving by air to spend a holiday with you. Unfortunately, you will not be able to meet him/her at the airport. Write a letter to him/her to apologize for this and explain why you cannot come to the airport. Give him/her clear instructions about how to get to your house. Your letter should be correctly set out with the address. Use between 100 and 120 words.

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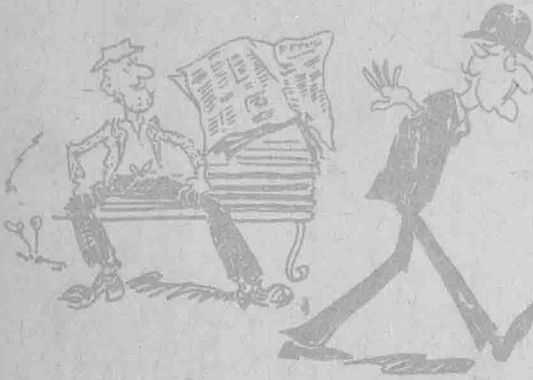
4. Look at the following four pictures and write between 100 and 120 words telling what happened when a businessman was in the park one day.



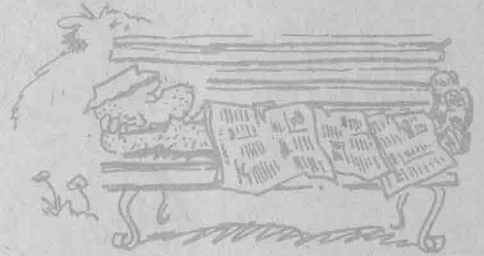
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## TEST 2

### 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.



*"I only came in to buy a tie."*

1. ... sales are fun?
  - a. Are you thinking
  - b. You do think
  - c. Think you
  - d. Do you think
2. They are usually ...
  - a. too crowding.
  - b. being too crowded.
  - c. too crowded.
  - d. having too much crowds.
3. ... people pack the stores than at any other time of the year.
  - a. Many
  - b. Most
  - c. More
  - d. Much
4. They push ... about like animals in a market.
  - a. someone
  - b. each other
  - c. them
  - d. those others



# TEST 2

5. They . . . at any other time of the year.
  - a. did not this
  - b. hadn't done this
  - c. this didn't do
  - d. wouldn't do this
6. They rush . . . the stores as soon as the doors are opened.
  - a. in
  - b. into
  - c. at
  - d. from
7. They want to buy goods . . .
  - a. more cheaply.
  - b. more cheaper.
  - c. most cheaply.
  - d. some cheaper.
8. Stores have sales when they . . . to get rid of extra stocks.
  - a. wished
  - b. will want
  - c. did hope
  - d. want
9. But the management . . . there are many problems when there are sales.
  - a. does know
  - b. do know
  - c. knows
  - d. is knowing
10. They must employ nurses . . . after customers who are hurt.
  - a. to look
  - b. who looked
  - c. are looking
  - d. that must look
11. There is . . . nurse in the picture helping a man to his feet.
  - a. the
  - b. a
  - c. that
  - d. —
12. He doesn't look very well, . . . ?
  - a. is he
  - b. does he look
  - c. does he
  - d. doesn't he
13. The nurse . . . by the floor manager.
  - a. has help
  - b. is being helped
  - c. has been helped
  - d. was to be helped
14. He is holding . . .
  - a. the man's other arm.
  - b. an other man's arm.
  - c. the arm of the man.
  - d. the mans arm.
15. " . . . , sir," he said.
  - a. I'd help you
  - b. Let's be helping you
  - c. Can I helping you
  - d. Let me help you
16. "I'll be all right," the man answered. The man said he . . . all right.
  - a. will be
  - b. would be
  - c. was
  - d. is

# TEST 2

17. He had tried . . . a tie.

- a. to have bought
- b. buying
- c. having bought
- d. to buy

18. He hadn't seen a large woman . . . brushed him aside.

- a. which
- b. what
- c. who
- d. —

19. She also hit him over the head . . . her umbrella.

- a. from
- b. by
- c. with
- d. at

20. . . . that she didn't like him;

- a. Is it not
- b. It is
- c. Isn't it
- d. It isn't

21. she just . . . to get to the counter.

- a. wanted
- b. had liked
- c. would wish
- d. did hope

22. All the women want to buy something . . . someone else does.

- a. until
- b. not later than
- c. before
- d. in front of

23. . . . , they don't worry if someone else is rudely pushed.

- a. So that is
- b. In order that
- c. When this is
- d. To do this

24. They have been in the store since . . .

- a. a long time.
- b. it had been open.
- c. 9 o'clock.
- d. two hours.

25. When the store was opened, everyone . . . in.

- a. did rush
- b. had rushed
- c. rushed
- d. has rushed

26. One lady . . . climb onto a display case.

- a. tries to
- b. is trying to
- c. is trying
- d. will try

27. She can't do this . . . herself.

- a. by
- b. with
- c. from
- d. on

28. . . . has come to help.

- a. Someone else
- b. Anyone else
- c. Some woman else
- d. Another one

29. She ... a push.
- gives to her
  - is herself giving
  - gives to herself
  - is giving her
30. A ... lady is pushing a large lady in the back with her umbrella.
- very smaller
  - very small
  - too small
  - small enough
31. She doesn't seem to worry what the other ... think of her.
- lady's
  - ladies'
  - ladies
  - lady
32. She just knows she ... something at the sale.
- had to buy
  - must buy
  - could buy
  - must to buy
33. And, with her handbag flying about, she's not very safe, ... ?
- is she
  - has she
  - isn't she
  - was she
34. ... old lady is crawling across the floor.
- An other
  - Which other
  - Another
  - The other
35. She hopes ... something from the sale.
- to get
  - she is getting
  - getting
  - she would be getting
36. If she is not careful, her hand ... stepped on.
- is
  - is being
  - is going to be
  - goes to be
37. ... sales are better organized, more people will be hurt.
- Whether
  - If
  - When
  - Unless
38. Sales ... so crowded.
- weren't used to be
  - used not to be
  - didn't used to be
  - aren't used to being
39. "Don't worry," the manager tells the staff, "there's just one more day ..."
- that will go.
  - to go.
  - going.
  - that goes.
40. They will all be very happy when the sale is ...
- over.
  - out.
  - off.
  - finish.