

现代英语题解
GUIDE TO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

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前 言

海外英语试题，内容丰富、形式多样、富有启发性。但由于版本多、篇幅大、起点高，使学者多感不便，有时查对了答案，也不知道自己究竟错在哪里。为此，本书删繁就简，保留各书精华，译成汉语，附以明确的答案，并针对难点加以注释，可供广大中学英语教师参考。学好英语的关键在于应用，许多人学了好几年英语，读了成本的语法书，也积累了一定数量的词汇，可是实际运用能力仍然较差，如能对本书加以揣摩练习，可收茅塞顿开、融会贯通的效果。因此，本书对要求掌握英语的科技人员、教师、研究生可提供一定的帮助。在教师指导下，也可作为高中毕业生进一步提高英语水平的辅导教材。

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第一部分 单 句

1. He had lived in Paris for some years before he returned to America. However, he does speak French like a French man.
A. He lived in America.
B. He lived in England.
C. He is from Paris.
D. He speaks French very well.
2. Mary married him six years ago when he was 28 years old, and her husband was just a few months older than she, How old is Mary now?
A. 34
B. 28
C. 32
D. 23
3. Would you like to go to the movie every day?
A. Yes, I would like to.
B. Yes, I like to.
C. Yes, I would like.
D. The movie.
4. It is very warm here. Would you please open the window?
A. Standing at the window.
B. Yes, I would.

- C. Very warm.
D. No, I didn't.
5. Professor Baker went to see us at the party in my house last night.
A. He didn't do it.
B. He saw us there.
C. He didn't come.
D. He didn't go.
6. There were some children there playing baseball in the morning.
A. They played the game.
B. They seemed happy.
C. They were sick.
D. In the morning.
7. If you have a three-man room in a college dormitory, how many room mates do you have?
A. 3 persons
B. 2 persons
C. 4 persons
D. 5 persons
8. Allen can't find his suit jacket.
A. Allen doesn't know where his suit jacket is.
B. Allen found a suit jacket.
C. Allen's suit jacket doesn't fit him.
D. Allen has many suit jackets.
9. I really need an electric typewriter.
A. I have no electricity in my apartment.

- B. I need typing lessons.
C. I am a secretary.
D. I do a lot of typing.
10. What time does the show start?
A. It's a mystery.
B. About eight.
C. In New York.
D. With my friend.
11. I can't believe Carlo would say that.
A. I don't believe anything Carlo says.
B. Carlo is a liar.
C. Carlo would never say that, in my opinion.
D. Carlo says he believes that.
12. Cindy would rather do anything but cook.
A. Cindy never does anything.
B. Cindy loves to cook.
C. Cindy would rather cook.
D. Cindy hates to cook.
13. Why did he laugh?
A. At a joke.
B. Someone told a joke.
C. Right in class.
D. It was yesterday.
14. Kenny walked to the post office.
A. Kenny is a postman.
B. Kenny had something to mail.
C. Kenny walks to his office.

- D. Kenny walked around a post in the road.
15. Wicky plays several instruments.
- A. Wicky is a musician.
 - B. Wicky never works.
 - C. Wicky works with tools.
 - D. Wicky is an actor.
16. Where have you been all day?
- A. At the park.
 - B. To read a novel.
 - C. Since ten o'clock.
 - D. All alone.
17. It's very muggy today.
- A. He bought a new coffee mug.
 - B. Someone was held up by a mugger.
 - C. It's a beautiful, cool day.
 - D. The weather is humid and hot.
18. Peggy is studying medicine here.
- A. Peggy is a nurse.
 - B. Peggy wants to become a doctor.
 - C. Peggy married a doctor.
 - D. Peggy is sick.
19. Who do you think will win the race?
- A. Because he's fastest.
 - B. In three minutes.
 - C. I have no idea.
 - D. At the track meet.
20. When did Pa get home?

- A. For vacation.
 - B. From Spain.
 - C. By plane.
 - D. Yesterday.
21. How long did it take you to memorize that poem?
- A. A few hours.
 - B. Only fifty lines.
 - C. I like it, too.
 - D. I have a good memory.
22. I can't imagine what happened to that book.
- A. I don't have a good imagination when I read a book.
 - B. I don't know where that book is.
 - C. That book is only one I thought I had.
 - D. I don't know what happened.
23. What do you anticipate doing during the vacation?
- A. Yes, I'm very excited.
 - B. I'll go skiing, I think.
 - C. To Vermont.
 - D. It's only a week long.
24. Willie can see like a cat in the dark.
- A. Willie likes cats.
 - B. Willie has good night vision.
 - C. Willie likes the dark.
 - D. Willie sees cats in the dark.

25. When did you see the movie?
- A. Yes, I did.
 - B. It was very good.
 - C. On Tuesday.
 - D. It cost only one dollar.
26. After the tennis match, Kow Sin went to the locker room to shower, and Min Ling, who lives nearby, went home.
- A. Kow Sin and Min Ling took showers after the tennis match.
 - B. Kow Sin took a shower and then played tennis.
 - C. Kow Sin lives farther away from the tennis courts than Min Ling.
 - D. Kow Sin took a shower and then went to Min Ling's house.
27. Anna bought a new hat.
- A. Anna cannot find her new hat.
 - B. Anna carried her hat with her.
 - C. Anna has been shopping.
 - D. Anna has a lot of hats.
28. Soon it will be time for the children to be in bed.
- A. It is almost the children's bedtime.
 - B. The children went to bed early.
 - C. The children fell asleep quickly.
 - D. It is past the children's bedtime.

29. Rowena drinks only well water because she thinks it tastes good.
- A. Rowena cannot taste very well.
 - B. Rowena drinks anything that tastes good.
 - C. Rowena likes the flavor of water from a well.
 - D. Rowena is better now because she drank a lot of water.
30. Billy slammed the door behind him.
- A. Billy broke down the door.
 - B. Billy is behind the door.
 - C. Billy closed the door forcefully.
 - D. Billy shut the door quietly.
31. Which one is your uncle?
- A. The man with beard.
 - B. My mother's brother, not my father's brother.
 - C. At the front of the door,
 - D. No, I have three.
32. I have no idea why Father objected to our plans.
- A. Father objected because we have no firm idea of what we're doing.
 - B. Father never has good ideas.
 - C. Father had no idea what our plans were.
 - D. I don't know what Father didn't like about our plans.

33. Shelly should have gone to the party instead of studying on Saturday night.
- A. Shelly studied but did not attend the party.
 - B. Shelly went to a party but did not study.
 - C. Shelly studied on Saturday night so she could go to a party on Sunday.
 - D. Shelly left the party to study.
34. The plane was due at 7:15, but it has been delayed a quarter of an hour.
- A. The plane will arrive at 8:00.
 - B. The plane will arrive at 7:30.
 - C. The plane will arrive at 7:00.
 - D. The plane will arrive at 7:15.
35. I don't understand why John hasn't arrived.
- A. I know why John is here.
 - B. I don't know why John is late.
 - C. I don't know why John is here.
 - D. John is understandably late.
36. How many days are left until your birthday?
- A. Ten days
 - B. Two hours
 - C. In October
 - D. August 5
37. When will you take your vacation?
- A. Three hours
 - B. For two weeks
 - C. In July

- D. To Vermont
38. Alice is having a hard time with Latin. But she is determined to make a good grade so she studies every night.
- A. Alice is taking English.
 - B. Alice finds Latin difficult.
 - C. Alice hates her Latin teacher.
 - D. Alice never studies.
39. Matt can hardly wait until hunting season begins.
- A. Matt doesn't like to go hunting.
 - B. Matt likes to go hunting.
 - C. Matt is impatient.
 - D. Hunting season starts in June.
40. George spent his childhood years on a farm in Georgia. He grew up in the wide open spaces of Kansas.
- A. He was born in Kansas.
 - B. He grew up on a farm.
 - C. His childhood was spent on a farm in Georgia.
 - D. He never leaves Georgia.
41. The bus is late by ten minutes and I am going to miss my first class.
- A. He missed the bus.
 - B. The bus stops today.
 - C. He won't make it to his first class.

- D. His first class is late today.
42. The doctor said I should rest a week, take his medicine and then go back to work.
- A. The doctor can't go back to work.
 - B. The man is sick.
 - C. The doctor goes back to work.
 - D. The man doesn't need to rest.
43. Can you come over and help me move the chairs to the corner of the room?
- A. Yes, please.
 - B. Yes, I'd like to.
 - C. No, I won't live in this room.
 - D. No, I won't break the chairs.
44. There are so many animals at the zoo. The bears appear to have scared the children very much but the monkeys are friendly.
- A. The bears are frightening.
 - B. The bears are not frightening.
 - C. The monkeys are frightening.
 - D. The children hit the bears.
45. What's the matter? I have a hard time getting out of the house.
- A. Bob has a good time.
 - B. Bob can't open the door.
 - C. Bob has something the matter.
 - D. Bob has got a house.
46. I took a cab to 23rd street and changed to a

- subway to Queens to visit my aunt.
- A. She arrived at her aunt's by cab.
 - B. She visited her aunt in Queens.
 - C. She took a subway and then a cab.
 - D. She changed to a cab going to Queens.
47. It is very comfortable here. By the way, did you go to that play last night?
- A. I did.
 - B. So am I.
 - C. No, I don't.
 - D. Very well.
48. Oh! That's a pity. He will have to remain at home in the coming summer vacation.
- A. So will I.
 - B. I don't.
 - C. He is right.
 - D. He believes it.
49. I can wear this hat, but I can not wear this coat any longer. I don't know why.
- A. Too tight.
 - B. Too big.
 - C. Too short.
 - D. Too wide.
50. I can't see the parade. Where should I stand if I wanted to see it?
- A. At the window.
 - B. Yes, I would.
 - C. Very cold.
 - D. So long.

51. There are some magazines to sell in the store,
but we don't want to buy any.
- A. There are no magazines in that store.
 - B. We sell magazines from door to door.
 - C. We don't want to buy magazines.
 - D. There are some magazines near the door.
52. We help people to look up the books they want.
Where do we work?
- A. We work in a travel agency.
 - B. We work in a post office.
 - C. We work in a library.
 - D. We work in a Department Store.
53. No, I just happen to like the place. But for
shows or shopping, I'd pick New York.
- A. She doesn't like New York.
 - B. She likes the show.
 - C. She doesn't like to live there.
 - D. She likes the shows and shopping in New
York.
54. Mary was sick this morning and she couldn't
go to school.
- A. Mary did not go to school.
 - B. Mary over-slept.
 - C. Mary was late for school.
 - D. Mary doesn't like school.
55. A farmer can never take it easy. He always
has things to do.

- A. Farmers like to take it lazy.
- B. Farmers are busy people.
- C. Farmers do not like to work.
- D. Farmers are not usually very busy.
56. I want a salad fork, not a soup spoon.
- A. I want a salad.
- B. I want a soup.
- C. I want a fork.
- D. I want a spoon.
57. Attending Professor Baker's class is not a good experience I ever look forward to.
- A. He enjoys Professor Baker's class.
- B. Professor Baker has a good experience.
- C. Professor Baker never attends class.
- D. He does not enjoy Professor Baker's class.
58. I used to read a lot of magazines, but I don't have time nowadays.
- A. He always reads magazines.
- B. He doesn't have time to read many magazines.
- C. He doesn't like magazines nowadays.
- D. He wanted a lot of magazines.
59. If I were you, I'd stay in Chicago instead of going to San Francisco.
- A. He thinks she should go to San Francisco.
- B. He thinks Chicago is dirty.
- C. I'm going to Chicago.

- D. He thinks she should stay in Chicago.
60. Mary and I found a good book in the library last night.
- A. They didn't like the book.
 - B. They couldn't find the library.
 - C. The library was closed last night.
 - D. They went to the library last night.
61. The boy cried when he heard he wasn't allowed to go to the circus.
- A. The boy couldn't go to the circus.
 - B. The boy laughed a lot.
 - C. The boy didn't want to go to the circus.
 - D. The boy was very happy.
62. My daughter is tall, but my son is short.
- A. My daughter is tall but my son is not.
 - B. My son is very tall like my daughter.
 - C. Both my son and daughter are very tall.
 - D. My son is taller than she is.
63. He said it would take at least ten days to do the job.
- A. He said he could not do the job at all.
 - B. He needs ten days for the job.
 - C. The job was ten days away.
 - D. Any job can be done in ten days.
64. Bob was supposed to arrive at 4:15 but his bus was an hour late.
- A. Bob did not catch the bus.

- B. Bob arrived at 5:15 because his bus was late.
- C. The bus was on time and Bob arrived at 4:15.
- D. The bus was cancelled and Bob took a train.
65. Michael ate a lot of potato salad, but he didn't even touch his ham sandwich.
- A. Michael ate only his ham sandwich.
- B. Michael ate only his potato salad.
- C. Michael didn't eat his salad or his sandwich.
- D. Michael ate only half his sandwich.
66. Because she is taking so many courses, Margaret is too busy to play basketball.
- A. Margaret doesn't like to study.
- B. She doesn't have time to play basketball.
- C. She doesn't like basketball.
- D. Margaret will play basketball instead of doing her work.
67. The teacher found it hard to believe that Henry passed the geometry test.
- A. Henry passed his geometry test.
- B. Henry didn't get to take his geometry test.
- C. The teacher didn't pass Henry in geometry.
- D. The teacher flunked Henry in geometry.
68. Charles is a writer like his brother.