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## Test 350 A

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I had been sitting . . 1 . . in my usual compartment . . 2 . . at least ten minutes, waiting . . 3 . . The trains from Littlebury never seemed to start . . 4 . . and I often thought that I could have . . 5 . . in bed a little longer or had . . 6 . . cup of tea before . . 7 . . Suddenly I heard someone shouting . . 8 . . the platform outside. A young girl was running towards the train. The man . . 9 . . put out his hand to stop her but she ran past him and opened the door of my compartment. Then the whistle blew and the train started.

"I nearly missed it, . . 10 . . ?" the girl said. "How long does it take to . . 11 . . London?"

"It depends on the . . 12 . ." I said. "Some days it's . . 13 . . others."

"I'll have to . . 14 . . . . 15 . . late again tomorrow," she said. "It's my first day . . 16 . . with a new firm today and they told me that the man . . 17 . . is very strict. I . . 18 . . him yet so I don't know . . 19 . . but he sounds a bit frightening."

She talked about her new job . . 20 . . the way to London and before long, I realised that she was going to work for my firm. My . . 21 . . secretary had just left so I must be her new boss. . . 22 . . only fair to tell her.

"Oh, dear," she said. ". . 23 . . mistake! I wish I . . 24 . ."

"Never mind," I said. "At least you'll know when your train's late that . . 25 . ."

- 1 A for myself  
B only myself  
C by myself  
D in my own

- 2 A for  
B during  
C since  
D meanwhile

- 3 A the train to start  
B for the train start  
C the train's start  
D for the train to start

- 4 A on their hour  
B on time  
C at their hour  
D at time

- 5 A lain  
B laid  
C lied  
D lay

- 6 A other  
B some other  
C another  
D one other

- 7 A I had left the home  
B leave from home  
C leaving home  
D to leave home

- 8 A at  
B by  
C in  
D on

- 9 A at place  
B on duty  
C for control  
D in post

- 10 A haven't I  
B don't I  
C wasn't I  
D didn't I

- 11 A get to  
B arrive to  
C reach to  
D make to
- 12 A driver to the engine  
B driver engine  
C engine's driver  
D engine driver
- 13 A far slower than  
B much slower than  
C a lot more slow than  
D a great deal more slow than
- 14 A mend me the watch  
B mend me my watch  
C have my watch mended  
D have mended my watch
- 15 A in order not to be  
B so as not to be  
C for not being  
D so that it's not
- 16 A at job  
B in job  
C in work  
D at work
- 17 A I'm going to work for  
B what I'm going to work for  
C for which I'm going to work  
D which I'm going to work for
- 18 A didn't meet  
B haven't met  
C didn't know  
D haven't known
- 19 A what he is like  
B what is he like  
C how he is  
D how is he
- 20 A through  
B by  
C on  
D in
- 21 A proper  
B own  
C same  
D self
- 22 A There was  
B That was  
C It was  
D Was
- 23 A What a terrible  
B What terrible  
C How terrible  
D So terrible a
- 24 A had known  
B have known  
C knew  
D would have known
- 25 A so will the mine be  
B the mine will be, too  
C so will mine  
D mine will be, too

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

**A Telephone Call**

Hello, Mary! I . . 26 . . you before now but I . . 27 . . so hard at the office that I didn't have time. My boss . . 28 . . on holiday tomorrow and he . . 29 . . arrange everything before he . . 30 . . . If he had given me sensible instructions I could have done the work next week. But you . . 31 . . the same problems with your boss. Anyway, . . 32 . . two tickets for the new play at the Grand Theatre on Saturday. . . 33 . . and see it together?

- 26 A should have rung  
B must have rung  
C had to ring  
D ought to ring

- 27 A must work  
B must have worked  
C have had to work  
D ought to work

- 28 A will go  
B is going  
C shall go  
D shall be going

- 29 A wants that I  
B would that I  
C would like that I  
D wants me to

- 30 A leaves  
B shall leave  
C will leave  
D is leaving

- 31 A have to have  
B can have  
C ought to have  
D must have

- 32 A they have been given  
to me  
B I have been given  
C I am given  
D they are given to me

- 33 A May we go  
B Do you like to go  
C Shall we go  
D Will we go

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

- 34 The lift is out of . . . . so we'll have to walk  
A function                      B order                      C running                      D work
- 35 Dinner will be ready . . . . but we have time for a drink before then.  
A currently                      B lately                      C presently                      D suddenly
- 36 What do you . . . . to do about the problem now that this solution has failed?  
A attempt                      B think                      C pretend                      D intend
- 37 We have . . . . for a new secretary but we haven't had any replies yet.  
A advertised                      B advised                      C announced                      D noticed
- 38 I've . . . . for the job and I hope I get it.  
A appointed                      B applied                      C presented                      D succeeded
- 39 He threw the box out of the window and it fell to the . . . . outside.  
A flat                      B floor                      C plain                      D ground
- 40 100 competitors had . . . . the race.  
A put their names for                      B entered for  
C put themselves for                      D taken part
- 41 I'm very . . . . to you for your help.  
A grateful                      B agreeable                      C pleased                      D thanks
- 42 He's so mean that he wouldn't give a beggar a . . . . of bread.  
A peel                      B shell                      C crust                      D skin
- 43 Will you be able to come to the party? I . . . .  
A believe yes                      B am afraid not                      C don't hope so                      D don't expect
- 44 I never expected you to turn . . . . at the meeting. I thought you were abroad.  
A around                      B on                      C in                      D up
- 45 The plane is just going to take . . . .  
A away                      B out                      C off                      D up

**In this series of questions, three words have the same sound but one does not. Choose the one that does not.**

- |                        |           |           |          |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <i>Example:</i> A go   | B so      | C show    | D do     |
| <b>46</b> A knees      | B peace   | C freeze  | D keys   |
| <b>47</b> A home       | B sum     | C crumb   | D come   |
| <b>48</b> A straighter | B greater | C water   | D later  |
| <b>49</b> A ache       | B shake   | C steak   | D weak   |
| <b>50</b> A another    | B bother  | C brother | D mother |



## Test 350 B

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I . . 1 . . don't believe in ghosts . . 2 . . my experience at the Rose Inn. . . 3 . . I have never seen one. But ghost stories have made me . . 4 . . uncomfortable since then. I . . 5 . . the inn late at night and asked . . 6 . .

"There's nothing left," he said, ". . 7 . . to sleep in Number 7."

"Why not?" I said. "What's wrong with it?" I was so tired that I would have slept . . 8 . .

"Nothing," he said slowly. "But something happened there a few months ago."

Every old inn has . . 9 . . strange stories, so I thought that . . 10 . . he told me about it, the better. I was willing to listen to anything for . . 11 . . a bed to sleep in.

"A man came here late at night, . . 12 . . you," the landlord said. "I thought there was something odd . . 13 . . him because he kept looking . . 14 . . his shoulder while he was signing his name in the book. He asked me . . 15 . . have and I offered . . 16 . . ". . 17 . . a man who has said he'll kill me," he said suddenly. "With a knife." He looked . . 18 . . that I thought I had better . . 19 . . him to his room. I locked the door and left him . . 20 . . The next day we . . 21 . . him dead, with a knife beside him. He had . . 22 . .", the landlord said. "Or someone else had done it. Do you mind sleeping there now you know the story?"

"Well," I said. ". . 23 . . is following me. But I wish you . . 24 . . the story in the morning. . . 25 . . , I'll sleep here on the floor in the bar if you've got a couple of blankets."

- 1 A already  
B yet  
C no longer  
D still

- 2 A even though  
B even after  
C although  
D in spite

- 3 A At least  
B At last  
C At first  
D At once

- 4 A to feel  
B feel myself  
C feel  
D that I feel

- 5 A arrived to  
B arrived at  
C reached to  
D reached at

- 6 A a room of the landlord  
B a room from the landlord  
C the landlord a room  
D the landlord for a room

- 7 A if you didn't like  
B if you don't like  
C unless you are liking  
D unless you'd like

- 8 A anywhere  
B somewhere  
C however  
D in whatever place

- 9 A his  
B its  
C their  
D the

- 10 A so soon as  
B as soon as  
C the soonest  
D the sooner
- 11 A the sake of  
B the lack of  
C the need of  
D the wish of
- 12 A as  
B like  
C the same that  
D similar with
- 13 A with  
B of  
C about  
D around
- 14 A through  
B back  
C over  
D after
- 15 A what room could he  
B what room he may  
C which room could he  
D which room he could
- 16 A to him the number 7  
B to him number 7  
C him number 7  
D him the number 7
- 17 A It's  
B There's  
C That's  
D He's
- 18 A to be so frightened  
B so frightened  
C with such a fright  
D with such fright
- 19 A to bring  
B to take  
C bring  
D take
- 20 A by himself  
B by his self  
C only himself  
D in his own
- 21 A met  
B knew  
C found  
D uncovered
- 22 A cut himself the throat  
B himself cut the throat  
C his throat cut  
D cut his throat
- 23 A None  
B No one  
C Anyone  
D Any one
- 24 A told me  
B had told me  
C would tell me  
D would have told me
- 25 A As it is  
B Like it is  
C Being like that  
D Being as that

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

**On the Way to the Seaside**

“Darling! There’s hardly any petrol left in the tank. I . . . 26 . . . it up before we left home. . . 27 . . . a garage quite near but I . . . 28 . . . drive carefully until we . . . 29 . . . there. If only I . . . 30 . . . the petrol before we started out! Damn! I . . . 31 . . . this to happen for the last ten minutes. I’ll have to push the car to the side of the road because we . . . 32 . . . if we leave it here. But I can’t imagine what . . . 33 . . . to let this happen.

- 26 A must have filled  
B should have filled  
C would have filled  
D had to fill

- 27 A There may be  
B It may be  
C There can be  
D It can be

- 28 A like better  
B would better  
C had better  
D prefer

- 29 A shall get  
B will get  
C are getting  
D get

- 30 A checked  
B would have checked  
C had checked  
D have checked

- 31 A am expecting  
B expect  
C have been expecting  
D was expecting

- 32 A will be fined  
B will fine  
C will be being fined  
D will be fining

- 33 A was I thinking about  
B I was thinking about  
C did I think about  
D I thought about

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

- 34 He . . . . me by two games to one.  
A beat                      B conquered                      C gained                      D won
- 35 His office is on the third . . . . of the building.  
A floor                      B flat                      C ground                      D level
- 36 How long are you thinking of . . . . in this country?  
A reminding                      B staying                      C resting                      D inhabiting
- 37 I don't want to go into the sea. I'd rather lie on the . . . .  
A coast                      B beach                      C bank                      D seaside
- 38 I'm . . . . I didn't pass the examination but I'll do better next time.  
A deceived                      B despaired                      C disillusioned                      D disappointed
- 39 The lecture was so . . . . that everyone went to sleep.  
A boring                      B bored                      C tiring                      D tired
- 40 I . . . . an answer to my letter within a few days.  
A hope                      B wait                      C look forward                      D expect
- 41 When he . . . . he wants to be an architect.  
A ages                      B grows                      C grows up                      D increases
- 42 It's on the top shelf, out of . . . .  
A distance                      B reach                      C touch                      D attempt
- 43 He's worked so . . . . that he deserves a rest.  
A roughly                      B intensive                      C hardly                      D hard
- 44 They're staying with us . . . . the time being until they find a place of their own.  
A during                      B in                      C since                      D for
- 45 I'll call . . . . you at 8.30 and give you a lift to work.  
A in                      B for                      C at                      D up

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- Example:* A go                      B so                      C show                      D do
- 46 A blood                      B stood                      C flood                      D mud
- 47 A word                      B third                      C stirred                      D lord
- 48 A war                      B bar                      C far                      D star
- 49 A eyes                      B price                      C lies                      D buys
- 50 A build                      B mild                      C wild                      D child

## Test 350 C

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I can clearly remember the first time I . . . 1 . . Mr Andrews, my old headmaster, . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . During the war, I had been . . . 4 . . school in the north of England but my family had just returned to London. . . . 5 . . for children to go to and my father had to go from . . . 6 . . , asking them . . . 7 . . . . 8 . . pupil. I used to go with him but he had . . . 9 . . hard time trying to persuade people . . . 10 . . him that I seldom had to do . . . 11 . . . We had been to all the schools . . . 12 . . we lived, but . . . 13 . . my father argued, the more impossible it became. In the end, we went to a school . . . 14 . . from home. The headmaster . . . 15 . . for at least an hour. While we were waiting, I looked round at the . . . 16 . . , . . . 17 . . was one of those old Victorian structures, completely . . . 18 . . but still standing. I could hear the boys playing in the playground outside. When the headmaster's secretary finally let us . . . 19 . . his office, Mr Andrews spoke to me first. "Why do you want to come here?" he said. I had been thinking . . . 20 . . something about studying but I couldn't help . . . 21 . . the boys outside. "I don't know . . . 22 . . in London," I said. "I'd like . . . 23 . . with the other boys. I read a lot of books, too" I added. "All right," Mr Andrews said. "We have one place free, . . . 24 . . ."

My two years at that school were among the . . . 25 . . of my life.

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 A met                    | 5 A There were not       |
| B knew                     | enough schools left      |
| C found                    | B There were not still   |
| D discovered               | enough schools           |
| 2 A even                   | C There did not stay     |
| B nevertheless             | enough schools           |
| C although                 | D Not enough schools     |
| D in spite                 | rested                   |
| 3 A it's now since over 20 | 6 A one to another       |
| years                      | B each to other          |
| B it's over 20 years ago   | C one to other           |
| now                        | D the ones to the others |
| C it's since more than 20  | 7 A that they took me    |
| years now                  | B for taking me          |
| D it makes more than 20    | C for to take me         |
| years now                  | D to take me             |
| 4 A in the                 | 8 A as                   |
| B in                       | B as a                   |
| C at                       | C like                   |
| D at the                   | D like a                 |

- 9 A such  
B such a  
C so  
D a so
- 10 A just for seeing  
B just for to see  
C even seeing  
D even to see
- 11 A no test  
B one test  
C any tests  
D some tests
- 12 A near where  
B near  
C near to  
D near the place there
- 13 A the most  
B the more  
C how much  
D for how much
- 14 A at five miles  
B five miles long  
C about five miles away  
D about five miles far
- 15 A kept us to wait  
B kept us waiting  
C made us to wait  
D made us waiting
- 16 A building of the school  
B building school  
C school's building  
D school building
- 17 A which  
B that  
C what  
D it
- 18 A of the old time  
B outside its time  
C past its date  
D out of date
- 19 A to enter  
B to pass in  
C to come into  
D into
- 20 A of saying  
B to say  
C of telling  
D to tell
- 21 A to remember  
B remembering  
C to remind  
D reminding
- 22 A no one  
B none  
C someone  
D anyone
- 23 A that I played  
B the play  
C to play  
D playing
- 24 A in truth  
B it's the truth  
C in fact  
D it's a fact
- 25 A happier  
B happiest  
C more happy  
D most happy

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

**Asking a Next-door Neighbour for Help**

Excuse me, Mrs Jones. Would you mind . . . 26 . . . me a favour? I . . . 27 . . . shopping. But as soon as I shut my front door I realised I had left my key in the house. So when I . . . 28 . . . back I . . . 29 . . . get in. It was very silly of me. I . . . 30 . . . at all because all the groceries . . . 31 . . . I only wanted some mustard. . . 32 . . . come in and climb over the fence into my back garden? That's very kind of you. I wish I . . . 33 . . . give you so much trouble.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 26 A making<br>B doing<br>C to make<br>D to do   | 31 A have already been delivered<br>B already have been delivered<br>C are being delivered already<br>D already are being delivered |
| 27 A have just been<br>B have just gone<br>C would just go<br>D was just going                             | 32 A Shall I<br>B Will I<br>C May I<br>D Do you want me to  |
| 28 A get<br>B am getting<br>C shall get<br>D will get  | 33 A don't have to<br>B haven't to<br>C hadn't to<br>D didn't have to   |
| 29 A can't<br>B will not be able to<br>C have not been able to<br>D couldn't                               |   |
| 30 A needn't have come out<br>B didn't need to come out<br>C mustn't have come out<br>D hadn't to come out |   |

**Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.**

- 34 Would you . . . . holding this box for me while I open the door?  
A like                      B matter                      C mind                      D object
- 35 He is . . . . dark glasses to protect his eyes from the sun.  
A carrying                      B fitting                      C bearing                      D wearing
- 36 He was told to get off the bus because he couldn't pay the . . . .  
A bill                      B journey                      C travel                      D fare
- 37 They have put the bird in a cage to . . . . it from flying away.  
A avoid                      B prevent                      C hinder                      D resist
- 38 He has some very . . . . habits. He always has a bath with his clothes on.  
A strange                      B rare                      C uneven                      D foreign
- 39 The . . . . outside the house said "Private".  
A advice                      B label                      C notice                      D signal
- 40 If the boss sees you doing that, you'll get into . . . .  
A trouble                      B nuisance                      C mess                      D problem
- 41 I was so . . . . by the news that I didn't know what to say.  
A admired                      B marvelled                      C amazed                      D wondered
- 42 He's . . . . because he has won the prize.  
A nervous                      B satisfying                      C excited                      D exciting
- 43 He likes lying in bed. He still wasn't . . . . when I rang him at 10 o'clock.  
A out                      B away                      C up                      D in
- 44 If you don't know how to spell a word, look it . . . . in the dictionary.  
A up                      B after                      C out                      D for
- 45 He carries . . . . as if he were the boss.  
A through                      B off                      C out                      D on

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- Example:* A go                      B so                      C show                      D do
- 46 A dull                      B bull                      C wool                      D pull
- 47 A earth                      B birth                      C worth                      D north
- 48 A gone                      B none                      C won                      D son
- 49 A warn                      B dawn                      C scorn                      D barn
- 50 A wise                      B cries                      C rice                      D sighs



## Test 350 D

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

We arrived . . 1 . . Spain for the first time . . 2 . . and I decided to buy a car because we had sold . . 3 . . we had in England before leaving. Yesterday the sales office rang us . . 4 . . the car was ready. I had tried out a model . . 5 . . it before but as I was . . 6 . . in this city, my wife did not . . 7 . . it on my own so we went together to . . 8 . . . We paid . . 9 . . and signed the papers. They told us that . . 10 . . us to a garage, . . 11 . . we could fill up. The . . 12 . . the office was . . 13 . . and we got there safely. But when I turned into the main road I suddenly saw a lot of cars racing towards me. I got . . 14 . . . 15 . . by backing into the garage . . 16 . . and the man behind me shouted at me. “. . 17 . . problem to . . 18 . . on the right, isn't it?” my wife said. “Yes, if only I . . 19 . . a few lessons for practice” I replied. “You . . 20 . . go carefully . . 21 . . home,” my wife said. “You'd be sorry if you had an accident . . 22 . . the first day, . . 23 . .” While we were talking, the man behind got out of his car and said in good English “Would you . . 24 . . me when you are thinking of leaving? Or are you going to sit in your car . . 25 . . day?”

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|--|--|
| 1 A to<br>B in<br>C at<br>D on   | 6 A no longer used to driving<br>B still not used to drive<br>C not yet used to driving<br>D already not used to drive |
| 2 A a few weeks since<br>B since a few weeks<br>C few weeks ago<br>D a few weeks ago | 7 A want me to collect<br>B like me to collect<br>C want that I collected<br>D like that I collected                   |
| 3 A that<br>B which<br>C the one<br>D the one what                                   | 8 A bring it<br>B take it<br>C fetch it<br>D carry it away   |
| 4 A for saying<br>B to say<br>C for telling<br>D to tell                             | 9 A the car<br>B the car for<br>C for the car<br>D how much the car  |
| 5 A as<br>B like<br>C the same that<br>D similar                                     |  |