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To the learner

This book has similar tests to those in Book 3. They are at a more difficult stage of English study, but you should be able to answer the questions as well as before.

In each test there are three Sections, A, B and C. The sentences in Section A are a test of your writing or speaking ability; you have to choose the word(s) to complete each sentence correctly. Section B uses complete sentences too; your job here is to choose the right meaning. Section C of each test is now a little different; this is what you have to do. First read the whole story in order to get some idea of the meaning; then think of the best word to go in each space. Each space must have only *one* word in it.

Write your answers to each of the questions. Make sure that you give each answer its correct number. In Sections A and B there is only one correct answer to each question; Section C may have more than one answer to each missing word. Give the letter of the correct answer – A, B, C or D – or write the correct word.

Time You should be able to do each test in about 45 minutes.

Section A – 20 minutes. Take one minute for each question.

Section B – 15 minutes. Take up to three minutes for each question.

Section C – 10 minutes.

Test 1

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 Even after I washed the coat, it still had some ____ marks on it.
A weak B faint C thin D uncertain
- 2 The cost of a hotel room doesn't usually ____ the price of breakfast.
A hold B contain C share D include
- 3 The town stands on the south side of the ____ road to London.
A top B main C quick D leading
- 4 Most of the students agreed to the plan but a few ____ it.
A opposed B differed C failed D argued
- 5 He was seen crying, and his face ____ red with shame.
A caught B broke C turned D suffered
- 6 They stared up into the sky until the noise of the rocket ____ .
A died away B went out C gave up D wore off
- 7 Because of heavy rain, the game was put ____ for a few days.
A out B off C up D away
- 8 The bicycle he lent me badly needed ____ .
A to clean B clean C cleaning D to be cleaning
- 9 I was getting out of my car when I saw her ____ by.
A passes B passed C to pass D pass
- 10 The bus leaves in five minutes, so we must ____ now.
A go B to go C have gone D have been going
- 11 The plate is empty; the birds ____ all the food.
A must eat B have to eat C should have eaten D must have eaten
- 12 Help yourself to sugar; I've forgotten how much you ____ in coffee.
A take B took C have taken D are taking
- 13 I'm sorry you've missed the train; it ____ five minutes ago.
A has left B had left C left D has been left
- 14 I won't pay you today ____ you finish the work.
A without B unless C except D don't
- 15 He arrived for work ____ that the manager sent him home again.
A too late B very late C so late D much later
- 16 It was ____ serious accident he was kept in hospital for a month.
A such B such a C so D so a
- 17 She wants to go shopping, but she has hardly ____ .
A any money B some money C money D no money
- 18 He was brave; ____ soldier fought so bravely in that battle.
A no another B no others C no other D none others
- 19 No one helped him; he did it ____ .
A himself all B by himself all C by all himself D all by himself
- 20 "That letter," he said, "is ____ with me."
A to do nothing B nothing to do C to nothing do D nothing do to

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the most suitable answer — A,

21 *He used to write home once a week.*

From this sentence we understand that

- A he enjoys writing home every week.
- B he never fails to write a weekly letter home.
- C he doesn't now write home once a week.
- D he was forced to write home every week.

22 *They arrived too late to get good seats.*

This sentence means that

- A when they arrived the good seats were already taken.
- B although they were late they found some good seats.
- C they got good seats some time after they arrived.
- D they had to stand for the whole show.

23 *I can't help feeling worried about Tom.*

The speaker of this sentence means that she

- A doesn't worry about Tom.
- B can do nothing to help Tom.
- C is glad to have someone like Tom to worry about.
- D finds it impossible not to worry about Tom.

24 *The holiday wouldn't have cost so much if they hadn't gone abroad.*

From this sentence we know that

- A they went abroad for the holiday and spent a lot.
- B they didn't go abroad for the holiday, so they didn't spend much.
- C they had a holiday abroad at a very low cost.
- D the holiday cost as much as a foreign holiday would have cost.

25 *Mrs Mason said, "Janet may have gone to the cinema."*

Mrs Mason meant that

- A she knew Janet had gone to the cinema.
- B she wasn't sure where Janet had gone.
- C Janet was allowed to go to the cinema.
- D Janet had certainly not gone to the cinema.

Section C

Put **one** suitable word in each of the numbered spaces.

Jack Pask and his 26 Dora were worried about their son Danny. The boy **stayed** out too long, not coming home 27 very late at night. This bad habit 28 the parents anxious. So one day Jack said to Mrs 29 , "I'm going to teach our son a 30 . He's got 31 business being out till after midnight." The next evening Danny left the house 32 usual. "I'm going to a disco," he 33 to his mother. "There's no need to wait up 34 me." Then the front door shut with a bang 35 big Danny.

Test 2

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 The difference between the cost and the selling price is usually the ____ .
A advantage B increase C winnings D profit
- 2 When she saw the clouds, she went back to the house to ____ her umbrella.
A carry B fetch C gather D reach
- 3 In Britain the ____ on a letter is now twelve pence.
A postage B posting C post D postal
- 4 ____ to animals is forbidden by law.
A Cruel B The cruel C Cruelty D Cruelly
- 5 The police asked me for ____ on the accident.
A information B informations C an information D some informations
- 6 Tom is looking forward to ____ his new job on Monday.
A be starting B be started C start D starting
- 7 The first question must ____ before you attempt the others.
A be answered B have answered C answer D to answer.
- 8 You promised her a letter; you ought to ____ days ago.
A write B be writing C have written D be written
- 9 I wish you ____ me that Jack was your boy friend.
A have told B had told C should tell D would have told
- 10 If the horse wins today, he ____ thirty races in the last five years.
A will win B will have won C would have won D had won
- 11 She knows that I've sold this house, ____ ?
A isn't it B haven't I C doesn't she D hasn't she
- 12 He was ____ tired that he went to bed as soon as he got home.
A quite B too C very D so
- 13 It wasn't such a good meal ____ she had promised us.
A as B than C what D like
- 14 The truth of the matter ____ Dr Grey wants to leave the hospital.
A that B is C it D is it
- 15 Those two families have been quarrelling ____ each other for many years.
A towards B between C against D with
- 16 Professor Smith will guide you ____ the difficulties of geography.
A away B through C along D against
- 17 I didn't buy the apples; she gave them to me ____ nothing.
A with B for C at D by
- 18 He gave a talk on ____ .
A human right B humans right C human rights D humans rights
- 19 There's no need to take two ____ for a day's climbing.
A pair of boots B pairs of boots C pairs of boot D pair of boot
- 20 I won't pay £20 for the coat; it's not worth ____ .
A all that much B that all much C that much all D much all that

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the most suitable answer — A, B, C or D.

21 *I could have gone by bus and so saved a lot of money.*

From this sentence we understand that the speaker

A wouldn't have saved much if he had taken the bus.

B would have gone by bus if he had saved money for the fare.

C travelled by bus, and it didn't cost him much.

D would have spent less money if he had travelled by bus.

22 *She would eat nothing but small pieces of bread and butter.*

This sentence means that she

A ate small pieces of bread and butter but didn't like them.

B ate only some small pieces of bread and butter.

C didn't eat anything, not even the bread and butter.

D wouldn't touch the bread and butter, but she ate other things.

23 *"If only I'd learnt to drive," Roger says.*

We know from this sentence that Roger

A wishes he could drive.

B is glad he learnt to drive.

C thinks there are too many drivers on the roads.

D is sorry that he ever learnt to drive.

24 *Peter has hardly worked since April.*

This means that since April

A Peter has been fully employed.

B Peter has worked very well.

C Peter has done very little work.

D Peter hasn't worked at all.

25 *Mr Bridges is by far the richest man I know.*

From this sentence it is clear that Mr Bridges

A is the richest man in my country.

B is one of many very rich men I know.

C is richer than all his friends.

D is much richer than anyone else I know.

Section C

Put **one** suitable word in each of the numbered spaces.

One morning last summer Jessie — 26 — some sandwiches for her husband's lunch. They were sausage sandwiches. There was one small sausage — 27 — over, so Jessie gave — 28 — to Henry, her little dog. Henry ate it up. Half an hour — 29 —, the dog got ill. He kept — 30 — shaking his head, and rubbing it — 31 — his foot. Jessie thought, "He's ill. He must have eaten — 32 — that didn't agree with him. Maybe that — 33 — was bad." Then she remembered her husband's — 34 —. She ran to the telephone and — 35 — Jim at his office in town.

Test 3

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 The woman said, "This carpet was made _____, so it is expensive."
A by hand B by the hand C by hands D by our hands
- 2 The spy was tried _____.
A public B in public C in a public D in the public
- 3 The Minister listened to arguments for and _____ the planned airport.
A from B away from C down D against
- 4 Those who completed the race were greeted _____ handshakes and kisses.
A in B to C with D from
- 5 I think you'll win the race; indeed we all think _____.
A to B so C such D same
- 6 I'm not sure she isn't coming, but I suppose _____.
A isn't B won't C no D not
- 7 She practises playing the piano _____ than I do.
A more regularly B most regularly C quite regularly D as regularly
- 8 I think Sally is quite _____ her sister.
A as pretty B as pretty than C as pretty as D prettier
- 9 He hasn't been back to his home town _____ forty years.
A for B during C since D through
- 10 The police don't know who _____ for the accident.
A blames B will blame C be blamed D to blame
- 11 They were each _____ black shoes and stockings.
A wear B wearing C wore D worn
- 12 It would have been a good match if it _____.
A didn't rain B isn't raining C hadn't rained D hasn't rained
- 13 She won't give us the money unless we _____ the job today.
A finish B finished C will finish D had finished
- 14 His garage is empty; he _____ out in his car.
A must go B must be going C must have gone D should have gone
- 15 Janet _____ one dress already, and now she's making another.
A made B has made C had made D would have made
- 16 We _____ supper when a policeman came to the door.
A just have had B had had just C have just had D had just had
- 17 I don't want _____ any mistakes.
A that you make B you make them C to make you D you to make
- 18 Hurrying across the street, _____ on to the moving bus.
A I jumped B and I jumped C to jump D and jumping
- 19 "I'd like to be in one of that _____," Paul said.
A teachers classes B teacher's classes C teacher's class D teacher classes
- 20 I felt in _____ and took out some money.
A a pocket my coat B my coat's pocket C my pocket coat D my coat pocket

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the most suitable answer — A, B, C, or D.

21 *Seeing that he was so angry, she left the office.*

From this sentence we understand that

A she didn't want to make him angry, so she left

B she left the office when she saw how angry he was.

C he grew very angry when he saw her leaving the office.

D he wouldn't have been so angry if she hadn't left.

22 *It's unlikely to rain this afternoon.*

This sentence means that

A it will rain this afternoon.

B there's no chance of rain this afternoon.

C the afternoon will probably be wet.

D the afternoon looks like being dry.

23 *Mary might have phoned while we were out.*

The speaker of this sentence meant that

A unfortunately they were out when Mary phoned.

B she hoped Mary had phoned while they were out.

C possibly Mary had phoned while they were out.

D Mary ought to have phoned while they were out.

24 *She would have sung for us if he had asked her.*

From this sentence we know that

A he didn't ask her to sing, and she didn't sing.

B she was going to sing for us but then changed her mind.

C she sang for us although he didn't ask her.

D he asked her to sing but she refused.

25 *By next August Charles will have worked here for seven years.*

From this sentence, it is true to say that

A Charles no longer works here.

B Charles has now worked here for seven years.

C Charles is going to work here for the next seven years.

D Charles is at present working here.

Section C

Put **one** suitable word in each of the numbered spaces.

Edgar Lewis was a coal miner. 26 thirty years he had worked underground in a coal mine. It was hard and dangerous 27. One day Edgar had an 28 in the mine; a lot of stone fell on him. A sharp stone cut through his left leg like a 29 through butter. Edgar lost consciousness. When he 30, he was in bed in the mine doctor's room. He felt around with his 31. There was no left leg 32 his left leg ought to be. "Nurse!" he called loudly. A nurse came. "What have you 33 with my left leg?" Edgar demanded. She pointed to a brown cardboard box 34 the floor. "35 it is, Mr Lewis; in that box," she said.

Test 4

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 I was wakened by the sound of someone ____ on the door.
A crashing B bumping C knocking D hitting
- 2 He didn't go into detail on the subject; he spoke in ____ .
A common B regular C general D ordinary
- 3 After the ____ of the climbers, the police were thanked for their work.
A rescue B freedom C help D safety
- 4 The firemen fought for three hours before they managed to ____ the fire.
A give up B put out C break off D cut back
- 5 I'm glad to say that she has now ____ her illness.
A got into B got on C got around D got over
- 6 You'd rather watch TV this evening, ____ ?
A isn't it B hadn't you C wouldn't you D won't you
- 7 He went into the bank ____ out some money.
A to be taking B to take C and take D and taking
- 8 He looked forward to ____ his first pay packet.
A receive B have received C be receiving D receiving
- 9 "I can't come to the meeting," she wrote, "because I ____ my leg."
A have broken B had broken C break D was breaking
- 10 Sally couldn't have written to him, or he ____ received her letter.
A has B had C would have D could have
- 11 If ____ you were coming, I'd have baked a cake.
A I've known B I'd known C I'd have known D I'll know
- 12 The old lady ____ is Janet's grandmother.
A you talked B which you talked C you talked to her D you talked to
- 13 If you don't feel well, you ____ better go to bed.
A are B would C had D may
- 14 We saw a new play at the theatre, ____ we had supper at a restaurant.
A after which B which after C then which D and that after
- 15 He manages to visit his mother ____ Saturday.
A every the other B every other C another every D other every
- 16 The horse was ____ excitable that no one could ride it.
A too B as C more D so
- 17 I won't go ____ Susan goes too.
A if not B without C unless D except
- 18 Bob is captain of our team, and we all have confidence ____ him.
A to B on C with D in
- 19 We shall be competing ____ some of the best teams in the country.
A over B against C between D beside
- 20 A notice on the gate said "Beware ____ the dog."
A of B for C to D from

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the most suitable answer — A, B, C or D.

21 *I've persuaded Tom to become the new secretary of the club.*

From this sentence we know that

A the speaker is considering Tom for the job of secretary.

B the speaker asked Tom to be the secretary and Tom agreed.

C Tom is wondering whether to accept the job of secretary.

D Tom has begged to become secretary of the club.

22 *She said she would go to the police unless she was given her money back.*

This sentence tells us that she

A went to the police because she hadn't got her money back.

B wasn't given her money back because she had gone to the police.

C was given her money back and then went to the police.

D hasn't yet got her money back or gone to the police.

23 *There'll be a bus later on, but we might as well walk.*

The speaker of this sentence

A meant that they had to walk because the bus was late.

B would much prefer to wait for the bus.

C was quite ready to walk.

D thought they would be late if they walked.

24 *At the factory he likes people to let him have his own way.*

The person described in this sentence

A doesn't like it when people tell him what to do.

B often needs the help of other people in his work.

C doesn't accept help from people he dislikes.

D likes people to think all good ideas are his own.

25 *I'd have bought Sam's car if I'd known he was selling it.*

Which of these sentences about Sam's car is true?

A I knew Sam wanted to sell his car.

B I didn't buy Sam's car.

C I bought the car without knowing it was Sam's.

D I'll buy the car as soon as Sam decides to sell it.

Section C

Put **one** suitable word in each of the numbered spaces.

We moved into our new house __ 26 __ a warm September day. It was not really a new house; it was a hundred and four years __ 27 __, but it was new to us. The house had running __ 28 __, gas and electricity, but for __ 29 __ reason there was no electric light in the kitchen. We had not noticed this shortage __ 30 __ we had first looked over the house. It was something quite unexpected: a house with electricity but __ 31 __ a kitchen light. It was especially puzzling because our __ 32 __ was a large room, perhaps __ 33 __ largest in the house. I telephoned for an __ 34 __. He came and fixed it for us. And he charged £85 for __ 35 __ the job.

Test 5

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 The ____ of the poetry competition will be known today.
A decision B result C effect D choice
- 2 What a ____ that your father is ill again.
A pain B sorrow C sadness D pity
- 3 In some countries more and more young people now need ____ teeth.
A false B spare C untrue D unnatural
- 4 After the storm the ____ of a small ship was thrown up on the shore.
A damage B breakage C wastage D wreckage
- 5 Although they are poor, they have ____ five children very well.
A grown up B taken up C brought up D pulled up
- 6 General Wynding was placed ____ command of the southern army.
A in B to C at D with
- 7 The police say they have some important clues ____ the murderer.
A on B about C to D in
- 8 He said he would pay back the money ____ the sake of peace in the town.
A to B in C by D for
- 9 She said she had come ____ the afternoon with me.
A spend B to spend C spending D and spend
- 10 He drove off as soon as the light ____ green.
A turned B has turned C is turning D was turning
- 11 ____ him busy in his garage, I said I would call again later.
A To find B When found C Finding D As finding
- 12 By the time she reached the dentist, the pain in her tooth ____ .
A stopped B had stopped C has stopped D has been stopped
- 13 "All these photographs ____ with a very cheap camera," he said.
A have taken B had taken C were taking D were taken
- 14 When I saw Tom, he looked ____ he had been ill.
A as if B the same C so D such as
- 15 It was a poor game. We had never before played ____ heavy rain.
A in a such B in such C in so D in so a
- 16 I paid £1 for my seat, ____ I thought it would cost.
A less as B not so much as C not so much D not so many
- 17 The office ____ I work is on the third floor.
A that B which C where D in that
- 18 We invited them although we didn't know ____ very well.
A her or him B she or he C her or he D she or him
- 19 The country's wealth comes chiefly from its many ____ .
A herd of cattle B herd of cattles C herds of cattle D herds of cattles
- 20 When you cross the road, be careful of ____ .
A traffics B the traffics C a traffic D the traffic

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the most suitable answer — A, B, C or D.

21 *I wouldn't mind another camping holiday in Spain.*

The speaker of this sentence

A thinks he would enjoy a camping holiday in Spain again.

B didn't remember much about his camping holiday in Spain.

C certainly wouldn't go to Spain for another camping holiday.

D wants to go to Spain for another kind of holiday.

22 *If Tom could have repaired the roof, he wouldn't have called in a builder.*

From this sentence it is clear that

A the roof was repaired by a builder.

B the roof was so bad that it couldn't be repaired.

C Tom didn't ask a builder to repair the roof.

D Tom could repair the roof himself and did so.

23 *All right, Jenny, you may pay for the coffee if you insist.*

We understand from this sentence that

A it's Jenny's duty to pay for the coffee.

B Jenny would pay if she had enough money.

C Jenny is being asked to pay for the coffee.

D Jenny wants to pay for the coffee.

24 *The woman was too weak to lift the basket.*

Choose the statement nearest in meaning to this sentence.

A Although she was very weak, she could lift the basket.

B The woman shouldn't have lifted the basket because she was so weak.

C She was so weak that she couldn't lift the basket.

D The woman lifted the basket, so she wasn't very weak.

25 *I doubt he'll have reached his office yet.*

We judge from this sentence that

A he plans to keep away from his office today.

B he's probably still on the way to his office.

C he probably stopped somewhere before he reached his office.

D he must have arrived at his office by now.

Section C

Put **one** suitable word in each of the numbered spaces.

The big tree at my gate was old and beautiful. I was saddened when it blew 26 in a winter storm. After the storm I sawed 27 the remains of the tree, level 28 the ground. Some of the wood was rotten. Pieces came away in my 29. But a good part of the wood was alive and strong. I did not dig 30 the roots of the tree. I 31 them in the ground. Three months 32, in spring, the old tree began to grow again. It grew strong and beautiful, straight up 33 the side of the sawn-off part. The colour and smell of its heart-shaped 34 were exactly the same as 35 of the old tree. I felt very happy.

Test 6

Section A

Choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D. Give only one answer.

- 1 ____ of the shop, my friend Roger went in.
A Coming out B On coming out C When coming out D As I came out
- 2 After reading the letter, ____ it on the table.
A leaving B and leaving C she left D and she left
- 3 ____ that we were late, we began to run.
A Knowing B To know C We knew D As knowing
- 4 ____ another cup of tea, Janet?
A Do you like B Did you like C Will you like D Would you like
- 5 Susan is in the kitchen looking for something ____ .
A for eating B to eating C to eat D eating
- 6 If you look hard enough, you ____ it.
A will find B will be finding C are finding D found
- 7 We had hardly sat down when she ____ plates of food for us.
A brought B has brought C had brought D would have brought
- 8 ____ you at the station if you'd told me you were coming today.
A I'd meet B I'd have met C I met D I was meeting
- 9 He made us ____ all the broken glass.
A to pick up B picking up C pick up D picked up
- 10 I was ____ angry to argue with him.
A so B very C quite D too
- 11 He couldn't finish the meal; she had given him ____ much.
A quite so B rather too C very so D many too
- 12 Are you the boy ____ bicycle was stolen?
A who his B of which the C his D whose
- 13 Here is the picture ____ in the shop window.
A you saw B you saw it C that you saw it D that saw it
- 14 Robert is ____ than his brother.
A as taller B taller C too tall D the taller
- 15 In the art competition, the ____ picture was painted by my sister.
A winner B winner's C won D winning
- 16 I think our team depends too heavily ____ a few very good players.
A for B in C on D with
- 17 David tried to reason ____ her, but she refused to listen to him.
A with B against C to D upon
- 18 Mrs Green's two sons are ____ good progress at school.
A finding B making C causing D doing
- 19 He ____ some unusual educational beliefs.
A keeps B carries C takes D holds
- 20 Some diseases ____ quickly from one person to another.
A move B catch C spread D get about