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To the learner

How is your English? How well are you learning? You now know more English, so you can do the tests in this second book.

Each test has three sections – Section A, B and C. The questions in Section A test how correctly you can write or say things in English. Section B has five different sentences; it tries to find out how well you can understand each of these sentences. In Section C a number of sentences make a paragraph or short story; and the test shows if you understand all or part of the story.

Write your answers to each question. First, read the question and read all the answers. Then choose the right answer. There is only one correct answer to each question. Write the letter of the correct answer – A, B, C or D; or write the correct answer word.

Time You can do each test in about 45 minutes.

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

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

Section C – 10 minutes.

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Test 1

Section A

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

- 1 Frank ____ at the bus stop.
A wait B waiting C will waiting D is waiting
- 2 He must ____ the doctor today.
A seeing B see C to see D saw
- 3 Poor Frank! He ____ ill since last Tuesday.
A has felt B have felt C feel D felt
- 4 But he never likes ____ the doctor.
A visit B visiting C visits D visited
- 5 Frank last ____ to the doctor about six months ago.
A goes B has gone C gone D went
- 6 I'm sorry I can't come ____ your party.
A along B at C to D on
- 7 All the drinks on this table are ____ the adults.
A for B of C by D to
- 8 Tom told her to start the story ____ the beginning.
A on B from C to D by
- 9 My sister very much wants to get married ____ church.
A to B from C in D with
- 10 My bag is different ____ yours.
A from B as C than D of
- 11 These shoes are too dear; I'm looking for ____ ones.
A lower B cheaper C dearer D less cheap
- 12 The story is about an unknown boy who became a ____ scientist.
A knowing B high C great D large
- 13 The bottle was empty; so I took it into the kitchen to ____ it.
A fall B full C fell D fill
- 14 The food smells very good, but what does it ____ like?
A taste B feel C try D eat
- 15 It was a holiday, but a paper on the shop-door said "____ at 10 o'clock".
A Begin B On C Open D Doing

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Dave: Which ____ 16__ are you reading now?

Paul: This one. ____ 17__ *Oliver Twist*. ____ 18__ it?

Dave: Oh yes. We read it at school ____ 19__.

Paul: It's a good story, ____ 20__ it? I'm enjoying it.

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|----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 16 book | 17 Is called | 18 Do you read | 19 last year | 20 doesn't |
| a book | It called | You read | in last year | isn't |
| one book | It's called | You reading | past year | didn't |
| the book | Its name | Have you read | in past year | don't |

Section B

Read the parts in italic. Then choose the true sentence — A, B, C or D.

21 *The story was about life in London.*

- A The story was about a person who lived in London.
- B The story told how people lived in London.
- C The story was about the plants and animals of London.
- D The story told how doctors fought illnesses in London.

22 *A boy called Kevin Drew came to live in our street.*

- A The street is ours because it all belongs to our family.
- B We call it our street because we built it.
- C It's our street because it's on our land.
- D We say it's our street because we live in it.

23 *Neither Janet nor Susan can dance well.*

- A Janet can't dance well but Susan can.
- B Both Janet and Susan can dance well.
- C Janet can't dance well and Susan can't either.
- D Susan can't dance well but Janet can.

24 *"Do you have a happy life here?" he asked the woman.*

"Oh yes," she said, "but not when I haven't any work."

- A The woman didn't like the place when there was a lot of work.
- B She said that she was always very happy there.
- C The woman was most happy when she finished work there.
- D Her life there was unhappy when there was no work.

25 *Please let me go away unhurt.*

- A I want to go away because I am hurt.
- B Don't hurt me, but please let me go away.
- C If I'm unhurt, I won't want to go away.
- D I want to get better before I go away.

Section C

Choose the correct word for each space from the group at the side.

The town was not a beautiful place. Most people did not ___ 26 ___ good houses. Only a few ___ 27 ___ were stone houses. Many people made ___ 28 ___ houses out of old boxes and paper. There ___ 29 ___ no water in the houses. The women carried ___ 30 ___ to the houses on their ___ 31 ___. The people cooked outside their houses because of the ___ 32 ___ of fire inside. Life was ___ 33 ___ there.

But on Fridays the ___ 34 ___ were happy. There was music on Fridays, and the people ___ 35 ___.

26 — 35
their water
have was
heads hard
houses
danced
danger
people

Test 2

Section A

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

- 1 Tom ____ to France for a holiday two weeks ago.
A went B gone C has gone D have gone
- 2 He ____ back.
A came just B just comes C just has come D has just come
- 3 And yesterday he ____ about it.
A tell me B is telling me C told me D was told me
- 4 He said, "____ much sand in the south of France."
A There isn't B There aren't C It isn't D It wasn't
- 5 I asked him, "____ there again, Tom?"
A Do you go B Go you C Will you go D You are going
- 6 When Bob wanted some money, I ____ clean my car.
A said him B said him to C asked him D asked him to
- 7 He told me that he ____ it for fifty pence.
A would clean B will clean C is cleaning D shall clean
- 8 So I told him ____ there and then.
A do B do it C to do it D to do
- 9 Two hours later, I ____ him very much for the job.
A thank you B thanked C thanks D said thank you
- 10 My car was ____ I ever saw it before.
A cleanest B the cleanest C much cleaner D cleaner than
- 11 It was midnight! I didn't know the party would finish ____ like that.
A last B late C long D at last
- 12 If you want to buy his car, I'll ____ the price for you.
A find out B find it C find it out D find out it
- 13 It was ten o'clock in the evening but the sky was still ____ .
A white B fair C light D sunny
- 14 There was a strange look on her face – was she ____ or crying?
A enjoying B laughing C pleasing D liking
- 15 I looked at the window for three minutes, and then the light ____ .
A went down B went up C went out D went back

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Peter: What are you going to __ 16__ when you leave school?

Frank: I don't know yet. Perhaps I'll __ 17__ a policeman.

Peter: You're __ 18__ for the police, and it's a good __ 19__ .

Frank: Yes. But my father says no. He's a builder, and he wants me to work with him in the __ 20__ .

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| 16 work | 17 get to | 18 big enough | 19 work | 20 way |
| do | do | enough big | live | business |
| make | be | too big | doing | life |
| take | work | very big | job | kind |

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the true sentence — A, B, C or D.

21 *Joe was one of the poorest men in the town of Scaply.*

- A There were some poor people in Scaply, but Joe was the poorest one.
- B One man who lived in Scaply was much poorer than Joe.
- C Joe thought that he was the only poor man in Scaply.
- D Some very poor men lived in Scaply, and Joe was one of them.

22 *Without money for food and drink he'll die.*

- A When he dies, he'll have no money for food and drink.
- B He'll die if he has no money for food and drink.
- C He'll spend his money on food and drink, and then he'll die.
- D He's going to die, so money for food and drink is no good to him.

23 *Julie has less money than Tom.*

- A Tom has more money than Julie has.
- B Julie and Tom both have less money.
- C They each have some money but Julie has more.
- D Neither Tom nor Julie has any money.

24 *From under the tree the man kept his eyes on the vegetables.*

- A The man saw the vegetables. They grew under the tree.
- B The man took the vegetables from under the tree.
- C The man was under the tree, and he looked at the vegetables.
- D The man cut the vegetables and put them under the tree.

25 *We're not going to eat only vegetables this week.*

- A We're going to eat vegetables and other things this week.
- B This week we'll have enough money to buy some vegetables too.
- C We'll have only enough money to buy a few vegetables this week.
- D If we can't get any vegetables, we won't eat anything this week.

Section C

Choose the correct word for each space from the group at the side.

Peter 26 a train to London. He went to a small hotel in a back 27.

"Write your name here," said the man at the hotel 28.

Peter 29 the name 'John Smith' in the book.

That night Peter went out. He walked 30 the big London streets.

When he got 31 to the hotel, a policeman was there.

"I saw 32 name on your case," said the hotel man. "It was Peter Riley, not John Smith. Why did you give me the 33 name?"

The policeman came 34 to Peter. "We're looking 35 a man called Peter Riley," he said.

26 — 35
wrote your
back wrong
street for
took desk
across about

Test 3

Section A

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

- 1 June and Tom ____ give a party at their home tomorrow evening.
A will be B going to C are going to D want
- 2 They ____ twenty-five of their friends to come.
A have ask B have asked C have said D are saying
- 3 There ____ music and perhaps some dancing at the party.
A will be B will have C it is D they are
- 4 And at ten o'clock all the people ____ supper.
A having B they having C they have D will have
- 5 All day today, June and her sister ____ very hard at home.
A are work B they work C are working D they working
- 6 It is seven o'clock ____ .
A in evening B in the evening C of evening D of the evening
- 7 June and Tom are waiting ____ friends to arrive for the party.
A their B for their C those D for they
- 8 Their house is warm and friendly ____ .
A and soft lights B of lights soft C with soft lights D from lights soft
- 9 The first people arrive and Tom meets them ____ .
A to the door B at the door C in the door D on the door
- 10 Soon, all the people are talking ____ people.
A other B to other C another D to another
- 11 The train leaves London at ten o'clock and ____ Bristol at twelve.
A reaches B comes C ends D finishes
- 12 "I'm not going first," she said. "You ____ the way, and I'll follow."
A open B begin C make D lead
- 13 The ____ of his new car was £4000.
A money B spends C price D expensive
- 14 Last night I ____ my mother on the phone.
A spoke B talked C said D called
- 15 Her case was very ____ , and I could not carry it.
A hard B heavy C strong D great

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Gwen: __ 16__ my new hat?

Brian: Is that the one __ 17__ cost £11.

Gwen: Ah, you remember the price, __ 18__ ?

Brian: Yes. It's a lot of money __ 19__ for a hat.

Gwen: It's my money. I can spend my money __ 20__ I like.

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|---------------|-------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 16 Like you | 17 it | 18 don't you | 19 spend | 20 as |
| Do you like | what | didn't you | to buy | way |
| You do like | who | aren't you | to pay | what |
| Have you like | that | won't you | cost | why |

Section B

Read the parts in italic. Then choose the true sentence — A, B, C or D.

21 *Henry put out a hand to open his case. Then he found that the case was already open.*

- A When Henry touched the case, it opened very suddenly.
- B The case was open before Henry tried to open it.
- C The open case was one that belonged to another person.
- D Henry found a case. It was open when he found it.

22 *There wasn't much money on him.*

- A He didn't ask for much money.
- B They didn't pay him much money.
- C He lived happily enough without much money.
- D He didn't have much money in his pockets.

23 *"I didn't take the money," Peter said. "You must believe that." He looked the policeman in the eyes as he said it.*

- A The policeman looked closely at Peter as he spoke.
- B As Peter spoke he knew that the policeman did not believe him.
- C Peter spoke truly, and he wasn't afraid of the policeman.
- D Peter said untrue things and tried to hide them from the policeman.

24 *The meeting was soon over.*

- A The meeting started soon after we came.
- B We soon had another meeting.
- C We quickly came to the hardest part of the meeting.
- D The meeting was a short one.

25 *George said, "He wore my coat while I was asleep. So when the police saw him, they thought it was me."*

- A The police saw a man with George's coat on. "That's George," they thought.
- B "The police thought I was you," said George, "because of the coat."
- C George was in bed asleep when the police came for him.
- D George said, "They saw you in bed, and they thought you were me."

Section C

Choose the correct word for each space from the group at the side.

The woman said, "There's enough money here ___ 26 ___ food. We'll buy some food, and we ___ 27 ___ be hungry for a long ___ 28 ___ . Now we must go to the shop. Come children." She held the money in her ___ 29 ___ . "We're going to buy enough food for ___ 30 ___ all."

The family walked ___ 31 ___ the road to the ___ 32 ___ . The woman did not go to the shop ___ 33 ___ . She did not have enough money. But today was ___ 34 ___ . She had a lot of money. She laughed and called ___ 35 ___ to her friends.

26 — 35
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different
for shop
out time
us down
won't

Test 4

Section A

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

- 1 One day last week a woman ____ into our village.
A walk B walked C has walked D is walking
- 2 She said to us, "I ____ from the village over the mountain."
A have come B have came C am coming D am come
- 3 "There ____ no rain in my village for the past three months."
A are B has C has been D have been
- 4 "And most of our animals ____."
A dead B has dead C has died D have died
- 5 "____ men to our village with water, a lot of water?"
A Send you B You will send C Will you send D Do you send
- 6 The sick man asked the girl ____ a glass of water for him.
A brought B to brought C bring D to bring
- 7 She said that ____ find a glass.
A I can't B she couldn't C she hasn't D she isn't
- 8 The man then told her that a cup of water ____ all right.
A will B will be C would D would be
- 9 She brought it and said happily, "I know that ____ better soon."
A you'll get B will you get C you will D you would
- 10 The man answered, "I hope ____ right."
A you would B are you C you are D that you
- 11 We must get a new house; this one is ____ for a family of six.
A smallest B smaller C too small D more small
- 12 I love your garden, Mrs Green; it's much ____ mine.
A big than B bigger than C too big than D biggest than
- 13 The Eiger is one of ____ difficult mountains to climb in Europe.
A more B more than C the most D too
- 14 Joe's bicycle was dear, but Peter's was ____.
A dearer B much dear C more dearer D dearer than
- 15 Will you buy the sweets, Dick? I have ____ money than you have.
A little B less C not much D fewer

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Mary: Did you __ 16__ my letter, Tom?

Tom: I don't remember __ 17__ it in the letter-box. But I __ 18__ it in my pocket. So — yes, I __ 19__ it.

Mary: I hope you __ 20__!

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| 16 posting | 17 put | 18 don't get | 19 post | 20 posted |
| post | putting | didn't got | have post | posting |
| to post | I put | haven't get | posted | doing |
| posted | have put | haven't got | posting | did |

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the true sentence — A, B, C or D.

21 *The woman brought some money home every Friday.*

- A If she has any money on Friday, she will go home.
- B Every Friday the woman came home with some money in her bag.
- C Every Friday the woman must pay some money for her home.
- D Every Friday the woman bought something for her home.

22 *His face was happy, but his eyes were cold.*

- A It was a cold day, but he was happy.
- B He was dead, but his face had a happy look on it.
- C His face was happy, but his eyes were unkind.
- D He tried to laugh and be happy, but he was afraid.

23 *Joe's shop was the only one in the town.*

- A There were a few shops, but they all belonged to Joe.
- B Joe's shop stood alone — it was not near the other shops.
- C Joe had only one shop, but there were other shops in the town.
- D The town had one shop only; that was Joe's.

24 *It is only Sunday, and already she has no money.*

- A It is only Sunday, so of course she hasn't any money yet.
- B She has spent all her money, and today is only Sunday.
- C It's Sunday, and she never has any money at the weekend.
- D She starts spending on Monday, but it's only Sunday today.

25 *"What can I do for you?" the shopkeeper asked.*

- A "What would you like to buy?" the shopkeeper asked.
- B "How much will you give me for this?" the shopkeeper asked.
- C "What can I do?" the shopkeeper asked. "I just don't know."
- D "Are you poor? If you are, I'll try to help you," the shopkeeper said.

Section C

Choose the correct word for each space from the group at the side.

A few weeks after they got __ 26__ the woman and her husband went down to __ 27__ at the house. One day they walked from the house __ 28__ the woods to an old tree. A stone __ 29__ in the long grass beside the __ 30__. There was a __ 31__ name on the stone. The woman put some __ 32__ flowers on the stone. Then she sat in the __ 33__ and her husband sat beside her. He took her hand in __ 34__. "Tell me," he said. "How old was he __ 35__ he died?"

26 — 35
stood man's
grass stay
married red
when tree
his through

Test 5

Section A

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Freda: I've had a lovely morning at the shops.

George: I hope you 1 too much money.

Freda: I don't think 2. But look at these shoes. They're beautiful, 3?

George: Beautiful, yes, but how much 4?

Freda: Only £32. They're 5 shoes I've ever bought.

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|----------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 didn't spent | 2 I am | 3 are they | 4 the cost | 5 better |
| didn't spend | I was | aren't they | they cost | better than |
| don't spent | I did | do they | did it cost | best |
| haven't spend | I spent | don't they | did they cost | the best |

Mrs Wilson: These apples are not bad but 6 soft.

Shopkeeper: Look over here, madam. Here are some 7 soft.

Mrs Wilson: Oh yes, these are better. 8 a kilo of these.

Shopkeeper: 9 get any other fruit for you, madam?

Mrs Wilson: No thanks, but I 10 a bag of potatoes please.

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 6 there are | 7 aren't | 8 I'll have | 9 Will you | 10 like |
| they're | they aren't | I have | Can I | 'm liking |
| their | which aren't | Will I have | Am I | could like |
| they | which they aren't | I had | Do you | would like |

Policeman: Who broke this window?

Boy: I 11, sir. The boy who broke it 12 away.

Policeman: Do you know his name? Where 13?

Boy: I don't know. He 14 near here.

Policeman: I'll get him. His football went through the window, 15?

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|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 11 don't | 12 he ran | 13 he goes | 14 not live | 15 didn't it |
| didn't | he run | he went | isn't live | hasn't it |
| 'm not | has run | did he went | doesn't live | wasn't it |
| won't | has ran | did he go | didn't live | isn't it |

I went into the shop. There were some new tables and chairs 16 and a lot of old things. A man got up 17 a desk and came across to me. I knew him. I remembered 18 him before. And he knew me. He took my hand 19. We went to a small room behind the shop. He gave me 20 tea.

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|------------|---------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 16 in that | 17 from | 18 see | 19 with him | 20 a cup |
| into | of | seeing | to his | the cup |
| inside | out | saw | in him | the cup with |
| into it | for | have seen | in his | a cup of |

Section B

Read the parts in *italic*. Then choose the true sentence — A, B, C or D.

21 *Jack said to me, "I'll be a better climber than Tom."*

- A Jack told me that I would be a better climber than Tom was.
- B Jack told me that Tom would be a better climber than he was.
- C Jack told me that I would be a better climber than he was.
- D Jack told me that he would be a better climber than Tom was.

22 *That day he made friends with another new boy at school.*

- A He found some friends for another new boy.
- B He and another new boy became friendly.
- C He was with another new boy when he met some friends.
- D The two new boys were soon friendly with the others.

23 *Don't ask her for the money or she won't give it to you.*

- A If you don't ask her for the money, she won't give it to you.
- B Either she has given you the money or you must ask for it.
- C She won't give you the money if you ask her for it.
- D If she doesn't give you the money, don't ask her for it.

24 *I don't suppose it's going to rain this afternoon.*

- A It'll stay dry this afternoon, I think.
- B I don't know if it'll rain this afternoon or not.
- C It'll rain this afternoon, and I don't like it.
- D I'll be sorry if it isn't going to rain this afternoon.

25 *From that day on, Ted went to work on his bike.*

- A Before that day Ted went to work on his bike.
- B After that day Ted went to work on his bike.
- C On that day Ted went to work on his bike, but not after that.
- D Ted always went to work on his bike.

Section C

Choose the correct word for each space from the group at the side.

Have you heard about the cow that can dance? This ___26___ belongs to Farmer James. One evening Farmer James gave a party at his ___27___, and he asked all his friends to ___28___ to the party. The evening was hot, and many people danced ___29___, in the garden. That was near the ___30___ where the cows slept. One cow couldn't sleep that night. The music kept her ___31___ perhaps. So she ___32___ up and came into the garden and started to ___33___. She danced alone, of course, but ___34___ danced very well. And now all the other cows at the farm are ___35___ about her.

26 — 35
outside cow
awake house
dance got
talking
building
come she

Test 6

Section A

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

- 1 At Susan's office ____ at nine o'clock.
A starts work B work starts C works start D starts the work
- 2 First, she opens and reads ____ on her desk.
A all letter B every letters C the all letters D all the letters
- 3 She must then write answers to ____ the letters.
A some of B any of C a few D many
- 4 A woman brings Susan ____ at eleven o'clock.
A a cup coffee B some coffee cup C a cup of coffee D cup of the coffee
- 5 The lunch hour is ____ one and two o'clock.
A from B about C between D at
- 6 In the afternoons Susan has a lot of ____ to do.
A other work B other works C others work D others works
- 7 She goes to business meetings ____ she must write notes.
A at them B where C at where D that
- 8 She must also meet the visitors to the office and ____ .
A showed round B show round C show round them D show them round
- 9 It is half past five ____ Susan finishes her work.
A that B at that C when D and when
- 10 She is often ____ to leave the office.
A the last person B at last person C the last which D the last when
- 11 I live in a small house ____ four rooms.
A that has B that it has C that has it D and has it
- 12 There are twelve houses in the street, and they are ____ .
A like all mine B like mine all C all mine like D all like mine
- 13 Small families live in ____ beside mine.
A both the house B both the houses C the houses both D houses both
- 14 These people are very good friends ____ .
A of my B to my C of mine D to mine
- 15 I have known them ____ seven years.
A during B from C for D since

Choose the correct answer from the numbered group below.

Bob: Have you ever __ 16__ a meal at this restaurant?

Tom: Yes, I __ 17__ , but only once.

Bob: Well, what __ 18__ ? Do you remember?

Tom: No. But it __ 19__ expensive. __ 20__ it today?

Bob: Yes, let's go in.

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|---------|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| 16 have | 17 ever had | 18 did you eat | 19 hasn't | 20 Are we try |
| had | 've | are you eating | wasn't | Have we tried |
| ate | had | do you eat | didn't | Shall we try |
| took | have | you ate | won't | We trying |