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English Placement Test

STRUCTURE:

The Test has 4 sections: Total time allowed 90 minutes:

- i. SECTION A: Grammar (20 minutes)
- ii. SECTION B: Vocabulary (20 minutes)
- iii. SECTION C: Reading (20 minutes)
- iv. SECTION D: Writing (30 minutes)
 - a) Task 1: Descriptive writing
 - b) Task 2: Essay

INSTRUCTIONS:

- i. You must **NOT** use a mobile phone, a dictionary, any other books or get help from anyone else.
- ii. Keep to the time limits as indicated on the test (**90 minutes**).

STUDENT DETAILS	
Student Name: (PRINT)	
Contact email:	
Contact phone:	
Interested courses/programs:	
Signed:	Date:

Section A: Grammar (20 minutes)

Q1. Where do you come from? I _____ from Spain.

- a. coming
- b. am coming
- c. came
- d. come

Q2. The sentence below has **one** incorrect word. Please answer with the correct word (**one word only**).

After losing his job, he felt very depressing.

Answer: _____

Q3. The sentence below has **one** incorrect word. Please answer with the correct word (**one word only**).

She was feeling very loneliness.

Answer: _____

Q4. To keep these young _____ in prison _____ inhumane.

- a. person, be
- b. people, is
- c. people, are
- d. person, is

Q5. If you didn't study computers in high school, you _____ this course difficult.

- a. find
- b. might found
- c. might find
- d. might had find

Q6. _____ which shelf does the book go?

- a. In
- b. To
- c. By
- d. On

Q7. The teacher can be very annoying _____ times.

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

Q8. Please come _____ me to the dentist.

- a. off
- b. to
- c. at
- d. with

Q9. I arrived in Australia 2 months ago and I _____ already _____ studying for 1 month.

- a. have, being
- b. has, be
- c. have, been
- d. have, be

Q10. The sentence below has **one** incorrect word. Please answer with the correct word (**one word only**).

She had a beauty smile.

Answer: _____

Q11. I passed the exam _____ not answering all the questions.

- a. in spite of
- b. because
- c. so
- d. however

Q12. I would _____ a better degree, if I'd studied harder.

- a. gotten
- b. got
- c. get
- d. have got

Q13. Rearrange the following words to complete a correct sentence.

at / quite / the / presented / debate / Daniela / her / on / well / arguments / Thursday

- a. Daniela presented her arguments quite at the debate on Thursday well
- b. Daniela arguments well on the Thursday at her debate quite presented
- c. Daniela on the Thursday at her debate quite presented arguments well
- d. Daniela presented her arguments quite well at the debate on Thursday

Q14. The station is close _____.

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

Q15. Sally started the course because she _____ a job.

- a. hadn't finded
- b. hadn't found
- c. finded
- d. had found

Q16. The sentence below has **one** incorrect word. Please answer with the correct word (**one word only**).

Do you know when the time is now?

Answer: _____

Q17. Underfunding _____ to have contributed to the problem.

- a. has been acknowledged
- b. has been acknowledable
- c. have acknowledged
- d. have been acknowledged

Q18. He is rubbing his eye because he has something _____ it.

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

Q19. The _____ I work, the sooner I finish.

- a. fastest
- b. faster
- c. fast
- d. more fast

Q20. If I don't see you at school, I _____ you a call.

- a. gives
- b. will give
- c. giving
- d. am giving

Q21. I was on the beach with my friends when I _____.

- a. should have been studying
- b. should studied
- c. should have study
- d. should study

Q22. The sentence below has **one** incorrect word. Please answer with the correct word (**one word only**).

But you didn't finish the report, was you?

Answer: _____

Q23. He _____ several languages when he was studying at high school.

- a. learnt
- b. am learn
- c. learn
- d. learning

Q24. If you _____ about you passing your exams, you should study more at the weekend.

- a. are worried
- b. worries
- c. to worry
- d. worrying

Q25. I'd better finish my assignment this evening so that I can give it _____ tomorrow.

- a. for
- b. on
- c. up
- d. in

Section B: Vocabulary (20 minutes)

Q26. The kitchen was an absolute mess, dinner was still not ready yet. He said 'it's a work in _____'.

- a. progress
- b. the making
- c. cooking
- d. art

Q27. I am an _____ barista in my home country.

- a. smart
- b. experienced
- c. impossible
- d. clever

Q28. I don't know her very well but her name _____ a bell.

- a. is
- b. jumps
- c. rings
- d. writes

Q29. I paid for my course before my _____ in Sydney.

- a. arriver
- b. arrived
- c. arriving
- d. arrival

Q30. I study hard. My teacher will say that I am a _____ student.

- a. honest
- b. dedicated
- c. working
- d. trusting

Q31. I need to support myself in Sydney. I will _____ for a job at a coffee shop.

- a. apply
- b. ask
- c. request
- d. require

Q32. If you could _____ with me for a moment while I try and find my keys.

- a. bear
- b. baire
- c. bare
- d. bair

Q33. _____, I'll tidy my room and clean the kitchen.

- a. Always
- b. Alright
- c. Right
- d. Never

Q34. Oh no! My bags are too heavy, could you _____ a hand in getting these groceries home?

- a. show me
- b. borrow me
- c. help
- d. lend

Q35. The exchange rate is not in my favour. It is very _____ to live here.

- a. expensive
- b. important
- c. impossible
- d. easy

Q36. The owner is very friendly. He answers my questions and is very _____.

- a. generous
- b. assistant
- c. helpful
- d. convenient

Q37. I will be staying with a friend until I can find suitable _____.

- a. accommodate
- b. accommodating
- c. accommodated
- d. accommodation

Q38. Read the text and choose one of the words from below:

commence / cost / economics / end / English / Forecasts / language / learner / money / plan / study

When deciding to _____ in Australia it is necessary to know the _____ of tuition and living before you _____ your studies. If you are well prepared you will not have to worry about _____ while you are studying and you can concentrate on learning _____. You also need to consider where you would like to live as the different cities have different climates.

Q39. I need to improve my English. I feel _____ when I don't know how to answer.

- a. embarrassed
- b. embarrassingly
- c. embarrassing
- d. embarrass

Q40. I'm _____ I disagree with you on that! Pineapple does not belong on pizza!

- a. afraid
- b. wrong
- c. right
- d. scared

Q41. There is a long list of vocabulary we need to learn _____ before the test.

- a. in head
- b. by heart
- c. in heart
- d. by head

Q42. We're going to take _____ and see if the project will be successful.

- a. a lot
- b. a risk
- c. a few
- d. a moment

Q43. Sorry to _____ while you are talking, but is that white chocolate raspberry ice cream?

- a. cut in
- b. cut through
- c. cut out
- d. cut on

Q44. The café downstairs has a vacancy for a _____.

- a. waiting
- b. wait
- c. waited
- d. waiter

Q45. If I get the job, I will take the train to class. The station is centrally _____.

- a. situate
- b. located
- c. placed
- d. found

Q46. There has been a _____ a change of the date Australia Day is celebrated.

- a. call for
- b. call out
- c. call in
- d. call on

Section C: Reading (20 minutes)

Reading text has seven paragraphs, 1 - 7. Answer questions 47 -52 by choosing the correct main idea for paragraphs 2 - 7 from the list of main ideas (Matching).

Q47 - 52

Reading passage 1:

Wrap Rage

1) Have you ever bought something, taken it home and unsuccessfully attempted to open it? You come home from a hard day at work and all you want for dinner is a simple bowl of pasta with sauce. But thanks to many glass jars, that is not so simple. Some of them are vacuum sealed so tightly you need the strength of a superhero to get them open. You may have one of those handy jar keys but sometimes even they won't get the job done. Others admit to banging on the sides of the jar with a handle of a knife; banging the lid on the countertop or standing jars on their lids in boiling water to loosen them. But really, do you fancy third degree burns or glass cuts with your dinner?

2) It might have been an item of electronic equipment sealed in a hard plastic container that can only be opened with some sort of weapon. This type of packaging is commonly referred to as "the

clamshell” because you will need something to prise it open with – bare hands won’t do the job. With hard sealed plastic at the front, the clamshell requires sharp scissors, a knife or tin snips to open. Some websites even recommend a tin opener. Once you have managed to make an incision in the plastic, it is very easy to cut or scratch your fingers on the sharp plastic as you try to retrieve your purchased item from the inside. When you buy something, it should be yours. You should not have to get into a knife fight with it.

3) Or, perhaps it was a toy for an impatient child who grew increasingly hysterical as you struggled to free it. Many toys come not only in a mix of cardboard and plastic boxes but are also tied down – sometimes with string, others with a hazardous mix of sharp wires, cable ties, plastic spikes and sticky tape.

4) Sadly most of us have been there. In fact, it is so common, there is a name for this modern affliction – “wrap rage”. And with wrap rage comes trouble – everything from total frustration right through to injuries and visits to casualty and, in some cases, even malnutrition. Sometimes battles with unyielding packaging can result in injuries. While few countries record injury statistics related to packaging, a UK report in 1997 had alarming results. The report estimated 67,000 people in the UK visit hospital casualty departments every year due to an accident involving food or drink packaging. A further survey revealed that only 35% of all packaging accidents were reported to hospital with the remaining 65% being treated at home or by GPs.

5) In December 2012, Reader’s Digest conducted a survey of 500 people in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia on this issue. All of those surveyed said they had injured themselves on packaging at one time or another while trying to open a package, and 64% of the respondents suffered injuries including deep cuts, bruises, and broken or chipped teeth. That is a high price to pay for something you have just bought!

6) While packaging accessibility is an issue that can affect us all, it is understood that a large percentage of accidents caused by the packaging impacts those affected by a disability and the elderly who particularly have problems with reduced eyesight and hand strength. This is becoming an important issue and is set to increase. For example, countries like Australia have about 6.4 million people with arthritis or a disability. At least 7 million Australians are over 50 and 1.7 million have problems with their eyesight. If you combined the number of people with arthritis or a disability – it means that one in two people are facing some kind of restriction when opening packages. Society has changed and as a result many people eat at different times to each other and prefer pre-prepared meals and single serve portions. The problem is that many of these foods are packaged in ways that are difficult to access.

7) Many schools have had to remind parents to send kids to school only with packaged food if their child can open it easily. School teachers have reported that school lunches occasionally go uneaten simply because the child cannot open them. Consumers have more power than they realise. If you have trouble opening packaging, you should complain. Several manufacturers have redesigned their packaging after receiving such complaints.

(Adapted from “Choice.com.au” February 2013 p16 -19)

- a) Importance of making food wrappings child friendly
- b) Unfriendly toy packaging
- c) Statistics of arthritis sufferers versus the disabled
- d) Results of a survey in three different countries
- e) Frustration of parents opening toy packaging
- f) A serious problem for the disabled and elderly
- g) Strategies commonly used to open jars which won't budge
- h) Definition of the term "wrap rage" and the extent of it

- 47) Paragraph 6 main idea Answer: _____
- 48) Paragraph 4 main idea Answer: _____
- 49) Paragraph 5 main idea Answer: _____
- 50) Paragraph 3 main idea Answer: _____
- 51) Paragraph 7 main idea Answer: _____
- 52) Paragraph 2 main idea Answer: _____

Section C: Reading

Answer questions 53 - 55 **using the reading text: Wrap Rage** (True / False / Not Given).

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this.

Q53. The majority of Australians are aged or disabled.

- a. False
- b. Not Given
- c. True

Q54. Inaccessible packaging is becoming an increasing problem.

- a. False
- b. Not Given
- c. True

Q55. The majority of injuries incurred as a result of packaging accidents are never reported.

- a. Not Given
- b. True
- c. False

Section C: Reading

Answer questions 56 - 61 **using the reading text: Wrap Rage** (Multiple Choices).

Q56. (P7 in **Wrap Rage**) The reason most companies _____ their packaging is as a result of consumer complaints.

- a. change
- b. reassemble
- c. redesign
- d. design

Q57. (P6 in **Wrap Rage**) Packaged food items which are _____ present significant problems for the elderly and disabled who may not have the strength required.

- a. difficult to access
- b. difficult to apply
- c. easy to apply
- d. easy to open

Q58. (P2 in **Wrap Rage**) Although the clamshell type of packaging _____ theft, it is a major source of frustration for consumers.

- a. prevent
- b. encourages
- c. impact
- d. reduces

Q59. (P3 in **Wrap Rage**) Toys should be packaged in _____ type of packaging.

- a. inaccessible
- b. beautiful
- c. child-friendly
- d. friendly

Q60. (P4 in **Wrap Rage**) Wrap rage can be defined as the _____ consumers experience as a result of the way products are packaged.

- a. feelings
- b. modern affliction
- c. annoying
- d. frustration

Q61. Children, the elderly and the disabled are most affected by inaccessible packaging.

- a. False
- b. True
- c. Not Given

