



## English Language Proficiency Exam

Time: 30 minutes

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### Examination Instructions

1. Examinees will be provided with an examination booklet containing questions.
2. Questions are on both the front and back of the page.
3. A separate answer sheet will be distributed for multiple-choice questions.
4. Answer ALL questions to the best of your ability.
5. The examination booklet will be collected at the end of the exam.

SECTION	GRADE
READING	/20
STRUCTURE/GRAMMAR	/30
VOCABULARY	/30
WRITING	/20
TOTAL	/100



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Read the instructions for each part carefully.

You are required to answer ALL questions.

### Section 1: Reading

A. Choose the correct word that fits in the blanks below:

As the climate crisis gets worse, millions of people are being 1. \_\_\_\_\_ – forced to leave their homes – due to environmental problems. These people, often called climate 2. \_\_\_\_\_ or climate refugees, face serious challenges. Climate change is causing many areas to become less safe or less able to support life. Some people 3. \_\_\_\_\_ their homes because of sudden disasters like floods, hurricanes, or wildfires. Others must move because of slower changes like 4. \_\_\_\_\_ sea levels, which threaten entire islands and coastal cities, or because 5. \_\_\_\_\_ make it hard to grow food.

1. a. moved  
b. towed  
**c. displaced**  
d. hungry
2. **a. migrants**  
b. people  
c. friends  
d. runners
3. a. build  
**b. abandon**  
c. construct  
d. dry
4. a. decreasing  
b. building  
c. lowering  
**d. rising**
5. a. water  
b. animals  
**c. droughts**  
d. heat



**B. Read the passage carefully and fill the gaps with the sentences below:**

A survey has found that one in three men wouldn't tell anyone they were on a diet. So why is there so much shame surrounding this issue? Before they even start dieting, men have difficulty accepting that they have a problem in the first place.

When you're trying to diet in secret in a busy office, says Dave Briscoe (not his real name), a researcher from Surrey, the trick is to accept each treat that is offered – but only one chocolate, and the smallest piece of cake. Accept less, and you'll be suspect. Accept more, and your plan will fail. “That was the rule I kept to,” he says, “to avoid people asking awkward questions”.

Briscoe isn't the only man who has dieted in secret. A survey of more than 600 men, conducted for the home delivery brand Diet Chef, found 90% wanted to lose weight, 6 **f** – even friends and family. It seems that too much shame still exists around weight and a good proportion of people at any one time are likely to be dieting secretly. But this issue seems to affect men and women in different ways.

Phil Mundy, a food and diet writer says many men are unwilling to say they are on a diet 7 **g**. He thinks there might be more willingness among younger men to discuss weight in public – but the problem is, if they do, says Briscoe, it's still considered acceptable “to take the piss out of them, in a way you never would with women. It's seen as just a part of office banter, but for men it's equally upsetting. Why wouldn't it be”?

Bob Baker (again, not his real name), from Brighton, says the moment it becomes possible to discuss weight is often 8 **c**, and feels proud of their achievement. At that stage, Briscoe agrees, men will often start talking about it, “but in my experience, they'll make it sound simpler, more sensible and easier than it probably was. They just cut out a certain food, or stopped eating after a certain time. They won't be telling the whole truth; just a version. They won't be saying: ‘Actually, 9 **e**’. They want to portray it like a DIY problem. ‘There was a problem, and I fixed it’”.

There are mixed outlooks 10 **b**; support from family and friends can, of course, be helpful, but divulging your diet to anyone who might respond with fat jibes could prompt a sorry descent into comfort eating, says Mundy. When it comes to this subject, we probably all just need to grow up, so it can be discussed honestly and clearly. It's not an uncommon problem – and it shouldn't be an unspeakable one.

- to have had eating disorders
- on whether it is healthier to be open
- when a secret dieter has shifted a good few stone
- that highlight the importance of being open-minded
- this has been quite a big part of my everyday thoughts
- but almost one in three wouldn't tell anyone about their diet plans
- correct
- because it involves admitting they have a problem in the first place



## Section 2: Grammar and Structure

11. My friend Adam \_\_\_\_\_ to Russia last year.  
**a. went**  
b. has gone  
c. has been  
d. had been went
12. Many modern architects insist on \_\_\_\_\_ materials native to the region that will blend into the surrounding landscape.  
a. used  
**b. using**  
c. the use  
d. use
13. According to some historians, if Napoleon had not invaded Russia, he \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of Europe.  
a. had conquered  
b. would conquer  
**c. would have conquered**  
d. would be conquered
14. A college bookstore that sells used textbooks stocks \_\_\_\_\_ along with the new ones on the shelf under the course title.  
a. its  
b. their  
c. they  
**d. them**
15. Oxford isn't \_\_\_\_\_ Bristol.  
a. so beautiful that  
b. as beautiful than  
**c. as beautiful as**  
d. so beautiful than
16. I'm sorry. I haven't done my report \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. presently  
b. already  
**c. yet**  
d. until the present



17. Hawaii, which is a part of a group of islands, \_\_\_\_\_ active volcanoes.  
a. that has  
**b. has**  
c. which has  
d. have
18. Immigrants, \_\_\_\_\_ after 1880, settled mainly in large cities.  
**a. who came to America**  
b. they came to America  
c. which came to America  
d. whose came to America
19. I don't understand. What language \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
a. are you speak  
**b. do you speak**  
c. you are speaking  
d. you speak
20. If \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. you had come to my office, I would to pay you  
b. you shall come to my office, I'll pay you  
c. you shall come to my office, I'll have to pay you  
**d. you come to my office, I'll pay you**
21. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ grammar.  
**a. interested in learning**  
b. interest in learning  
c. interesting in learning  
d. interested to learn
22. No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ in through the door than the phone rang.  
a. I was walking  
**b. had I walked**  
c. I did walk  
d. I had walked
23. Where are you going \_\_\_\_\_ Friday?  
a. at  
**b. on**  
c. in  
d. to



24. \_\_\_\_\_ riding a bicycle is a good leg exercise, it does not use up a lot of calories.

- a. As
- b. So that
- c. Although**
- d. Since

25. My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ getting a job in Bahrain.

- a. would like
- b. is plan on
- c. is planning
- d. is thinking of**

### Section 3: Vocabulary

#### A. Choose the correct answer from a, b, c, or d

26. The two machines \_\_\_\_\_ considerably. One has an electric motor, the other runs on oil

- a. differential
- b. difference
- c. differentiate
- d. differ**

27. Mr. John is very \_\_\_\_\_. He is never late, and he never forgets to do things.

- a. flexible
- b. reliable**
- c. patient
- d. hard-working

28. The police took immediate \_\_\_\_\_ when they realized that the situation was getting out of control

- a. activity
- b. process
- c. action**
- d. procedures

29. Photographers and designers need to be very \_\_\_\_\_ as it is important for them to come up with ideas all the time .

- a. creative**
- b. meticulous
- c. annoying
- d. fit



30. This used to be \_\_\_\_\_ part of the city, but since the old buildings were renovated, it's become a very fashionable area .
- an affluent
  - a used
  - a run – down**
  - a trendy
31. Some parents need to \_\_\_\_\_ their children more strictly.
- bring up**
  - bring about
  - bring down
  - bring on
32. A local politician has \_\_\_\_\_ charges of corruption made by the opposition party.
- accused
  - blamed
  - assumed
  - denied**
33. Researchers claim the new discovery is a major \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against malaria.
- innovation
  - investigation
  - progress
  - breakthrough**
34. The author's last book received an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper.
- preview
  - review**
  - feedback
  - comment
35. British and Australian people share the same language, but in other respects, they are as different as \_\_\_\_\_.
- cats and dogs
  - chalk and marker
  - salt and pepper
  - night and day**



**B. Match the words below with the appropriate sentence:**

36. interference	<b>b</b>	a. Marcus is more _____ than his brother.
37. reserved	<b>a</b>	b. The problem was blamed on signal _____, possibly from solar radiation.
38. acknowledge	<b>e</b>	c. Their accounts of what happened that evening don't _____ at all.
39. establish	<b>d</b>	d. The health authority's representatives again sought to _____ a sense of purpose and to embody this in a method of working.
40. correspond	<b>c</b>	e. Music teachers should _____ the many generic definitions of gifted and talented achievement, to which music education can contribute.

**Section 4: Writing**

**Write a short paragraph stating your point of view on the following topic.**

As a result of tourism, some historical buildings and sites are being damaged beyond repair. What could be done to prevent this?

**Possible Answer:**

Although tourism serves as a fertile ground for national economic growth, it acts as a catalyst for the detrimental deterioration of historical buildings and cultural heritage sites. However, to mitigate this worrying problem, legal and educational measures should be implemented. First, authorities should impose strict regulations and introduce booking systems, thereby reducing overcrowding and curtailing physical damage to historical structures. In addition, due to wear and tear over decades, authorities must ensure the continuous restoration and sustainable maintenance of dilapidated sites in order to perpetuate their cultural legacy. As some visitors violate the strict rules enforced by authorities, they should be penalized for misconduct to protect historical places from further harm. Second, education plays a key role in preserving historical and cultural sites. National media should raise awareness about the instrumental importance of preserving such places, as they constitute an integral part of national identity and stand as a herald of civilization and heritage. Moreover, tourism campaigns should highlight the historical and cultural significance of heritage sites, thereby safeguarding valuable landmarks that are prone to damage. All in all, tourism can be rationalized through legal measures and cultural awareness, culminating in the preservation of historical sites.

*Best of luck.*