



## 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:

With its increasing heatwaves, floods, and storms, climate change is influencing holiday choices. In recent years, 1. \_\_\_\_\_ patterns have changed to follow a trend the industry has called ‘coolcations’. Travellers seek 2. \_\_\_\_\_ destinations, such as Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden, to avoid extreme heat. Norwegian Air added 10 new routes to northern Norway in response to 3. \_\_\_\_\_ demand, while international arrivals to Norway, Ireland, and Sweden increased by over 10%. Similarly, Alaska experienced a 10% jump in 4. \_\_\_\_\_ flights, with a 30% rise in travelers from Dallas, Texas—a city known for its extreme summer heat. Tourism agencies in Scandinavia have welcomed this trend, promoting cooler alternatives to typical holidays in the 5. \_\_\_\_\_ sun.

1. a. vacation  
b. trip  
c. visits  
**d. tourism**
2. **a. cooler**  
b. hotter  
c. chilly  
d. hot
3. a. decreasing  
**b. growing**  
c. moderate  
d. slow
4. **a. domestic**  
b. international  
c. rural  
d. urban
5. a. cool  
b. bright  
**c. scorching**  
d. sparkling



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

TikTok, the popular app that allows users to create and share short videos, is now the most downloaded app in the world. One of the most popular ways users engage with the app is to carry out challenges. A successful challenge will go viral, with hundreds of thousands of people around the world taking part.

Copying another person's video is hardly original or creative. Even so, it's easy to see the appeal, especially among young audiences. Anyone with a Smartphone can get involved. 6 **f**. Users can just ride the trend to gain popularity. As a result, challenges are ideal for people who have a little spare time, enjoy performing and like getting attention. Unsurprisingly, most of those who take part are children, teenagers and young adults.

The problem is that these are the very people who are most at risk from performing challenges. This is because the part of the brain that handles rational thought is not fully developed in humans until we are in our mid-20s. Until then, we are less able to make long-term plans and analyse risk. It's no secret that the young brain values things that provide a sense of inclusion and popularity. 7 **d**.

The Tik Tok challenge trend has had severe consequences. In 2020, the 'skull-breaker' challenge, which involves two people kicking a third person's legs to make them fall over, caused teenagers in both the UK and the US to be badly injured. In response, TikTok stated that it did not allow content that encourages dangerous challenges that might lead to injury. 8 **e**. Any such content on its platform would be removed. Users searching for the skull-breaker challenge would only see a warning about its dangers.

This reaction was clearly not thorough enough because, in 2021, several fatal incidents occurred resulting from another viral challenge on Tiktok, the 'blackout' challenge, which encouraged people to choke themselves until they passed out. Three youngsters died from attempting this challenge in January 2021. This was followed later in the year by a number of deaths in the USA and UK. Two of those who died were young girls under the age of ten. 9 **a**.

The challenge did not actually originate on TikTok, nor is it the only platform where videos of it have spread. According to a TIME report in 2018, millions of videos of the 'Pass Out Challenge' were currently on YouTube. However, where and when the viral trend originated is not known. 10 **g**. They say that the videos were intentionally and repeatedly pushed onto their children's feeds, encouraging them to participate. They claim that the company has prioritised corporate profits over the health and safety of its users.

- a. The bereaved families are suing TikTok for spreading the challenge among impressionable young people.
- b. They allow users not only to express their creativity through editing and special effects but also to participate and engage with a worldwide community.



- c. These encourage people to video themselves doing some kind of activity, such as singing, dancing or acting.
- d. The more attention a young person's stunt might get, the less likely he or she is to consider its potential risks.
- e. It added that doing so was not funny and certainly wouldn't make users famous.
- f. No talent is required beyond a little extroversion and commitment.
- g. Even so, the parents of the deceased youngsters claim that TikTok's 'dangerous' algorithms are responsible for their children's deaths.

## Section 2: Grammar and Structure

11. We might have a picnic. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the weather.

a. to

**b. on**

c. with

d. about

12. Our kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ decorated at the moment.

a. is

**b. is being**

c. being

d. was being

13. My uncle died \_\_\_\_\_ the war.

a. via

**b. during**

c. for

d. in

14. I \_\_\_\_\_ work very hard because I have an exam next week.

a. am having

b. has to

c. had to

**d. have to**

15. \_\_\_\_\_ you speak French before you moved to Paris?

a. Can

**b. Could**

c. Managed to

d. Couldn't



16. A \_\_\_\_\_ of vitamin C results in skin infections and slow healing.

a. short

**b. shortage**

c. shorten

d. shortly

17. The committee decided to award the prize to you and \_\_\_\_\_ .

a. I

b. we

c. his

**d. me**

18. Fleming discovered penicillin \_\_\_\_\_ .

**a. accidentally**

b. accidental

c. accident

d. on accident

19. Her children are too young to look after \_\_\_\_\_ .

a. them

b. by themselves

c. on their own

**d. themselves**

20. \_\_\_\_\_ price of sugar has risen by \_\_\_\_\_ penny \_\_\_\_\_ kilo.

**a. The / a / a**

b. / a / a

c. The / \_ / a

d. \_ / \_ / a

21. By 2030, scientists surely \_\_\_\_\_ a cure for cancer.

a. are discovering

b. have been discovered

**c. will have discovered**

d. had discovered

22. His clothes are in a mess because he \_\_\_\_\_ the house all morning.

**a. has been painting**

b. will be painting

c. had been painting

d. will have painted



23. Although it can be derived \_\_\_\_\_ oil, coal, and tar, kerosene is usually produced \_\_\_\_\_ refining it from petroleum.

**a. from / by**

b. in / from

c. at / on

d. near / along

24. Frost occurs in valleys and on low grounds \_\_\_\_\_ on adjacent hills.

**a. more frequently than**

b. as frequent as

c. too frequent

d. frequently enough

25. Many countries \_\_\_\_\_ the world are gearing up to help the people affected \_\_\_\_\_ the tsunami.

a. across / on

b. below / with

c. off / from

**d. around / by**

### Section 3: Vocabulary

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

26. \_\_\_\_\_ is money for transport.

a. Pension

**b. Fare**

c. Interest

d. Salary

27. Excuse me. I'm a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in this neighborhood. Can you tell me what bus number will take me to the town center, please? I want to do some shopping.

a. foreigner

b. customer

c. tourist

**d. stranger**

28. It's getting quite \_\_\_\_\_. I think it's going to rain soon.

a. windy

b. hot

c. foggy

**d. cloudy**



29. The \_\_\_\_\_ today is full of the news of yesterday's concert.

**a. press**

b. publisher

c. reporter

d. literature

30. Since most of the world's commercial apples lack genetic diversity, they are unable to \_\_\_\_\_ a disease or a pest.

a. put away

b. hold up

**c. fight off**

d. get off

31. The winner of the competition will \_\_\_\_\_ a prize, presented by the Minister himself.

a. possess

**b. receive**

c. own

d. reward

32. People with no previous \_\_\_\_\_ need not apply.

a. experiment

**b. experience**

c. inexperience

d. experiments

33. Stamp collecting is one of the world's most popular \_\_\_\_\_.

a. customs

**b. hobbies**

c. institutions

d. traditions

34. Who would have thought that the great champion would have to withdraw from the Anatolian Rally because of a simple \_\_\_\_\_ ?

a. fluctuation

b. detonation

c. expulsion

**d. puncture**

35. I daresay this man is \_\_\_\_\_ to stealing. He's never going to give it up.

a. vulnerable

**b. adamant**

c. adaptable

d. addicted



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

36. advocate	<b>b</b>	a. The reports include an executive summary that will _____ a quick and comprehensive understanding of the key points addressed by the report.
37. classify	<b>e</b>	b. Several commentators _____ moderation on the grounds that a scientific approach must secure itself against premature generalizations.
38. facilitate	<b>a</b>	c. Police attempted to _____ a boat carrying over a million packs of cigarettes into the country illegally.
39. deteriorate	<b>d</b>	d. She went into the hospital when her condition began to _____.
40. intercept	<b>c</b>	e. Many states are trying to create their own way to capture and _____ the new data.

**Section 4: Writing**

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

Violence in the media promotes violence in society. How far do you agree?

**Possible Answer:**

The debate over whether media violence promotes societal aggression is complex, spanning psychology and sociology. Some people believe that repeated exposure to graphic content makes individuals, particularly children, less sensitive to real-world suffering, potentially increasing tolerance for aggressive behavior. They suggest that when violence is rewarded in films and video games, it can inadvertently serve as a means of conflict resolution. However, many others argue that this is not necessarily true. They point to deeper issues, such as socioeconomic instability, access to mental health care, and domestic environments, which are much stronger predictors of violent behavior than digital media. In fact, while media consumption has become more immersive over the decades, violent crime rates in many developed nations have trended downward. Ultimately, while media may shape cultural attitudes or trigger those already predisposed to aggression, it is rarely the sole cause of violence in society.

*Best of luck.*