



## 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:

Routinely sleeping less than six hours a night weakens your immune system, substantially increasing your 1..... of certain forms of cancer. 2..... sleep appears to be a key lifestyle factor linked to your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Inadequate sleep, even moderate reductions, for just one week disrupts blood sugar levels so 3..... that you would be classified as pre-diabetic. Short sleeping 4..... the likelihood of your coronary arteries becoming blocked and brittle, setting you on a path toward cardiovascular disease, stroke, and congestive heart failure. Sleep disruption further 5..... to all major psychiatric conditions, including depression, anxiety, and suicidality.

1. a. sickness  
b. risk  
c. illness  
d. contraction
2. a. Less  
b. Lacking  
c. Insufficient  
d. More
3. a. profoundly  
b. logically  
c. sufficiently  
d. shockingly
4. a. decreases  
b. elevates  
c. increases  
d. reduces
5. a. contributes  
b. serves  
c. facilitates  
d. proceeds

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

When the Covid-19 pandemic spread around the globe, many banks took action. The Federal Reserve began to quarantine money, while in some regions of China, banknotes were taken away and disinfected. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ The public responded positively. In the UK, the number of contactless payments increased by 36% between 2020 and 2021.



Today, many people are embracing the cashless economy. After all, it comes with many advantages. For a start, it's safer, as cash is easily stolen. 7 \_\_\_\_\_. Mobile payments are even more secure. As well as that, all your transactions are logged, making record-keeping far simpler. 8 \_\_\_\_\_. Cashless transactions make it easier for them to collect data, identify economic trends and detect fraud.

However, it seems as if we are just not ready to say goodbye to cash for good. Recent data shows that cash has made a comeback since the cost of living started to rise steeply. 9 \_\_\_\_\_. It was the case during USA's Great Depression and in Iceland during the Credit Crunch of 2008. Using notes and coins helps people budget, whereas, with electronic payments, it's harder to keep track of where your money is going.

Even if cash payments do not vanish entirely, our economies are transitioning to become far less reliant on cash than they once were. And while switching to electronic payments is simple and convenient for many people, this isn't true for everyone. 10 \_\_\_\_\_. An increasing number of stores have stopped accepting cash payments altogether, meaning that such people may become more marginalised. Moreover, alongside the decline in cash usage, the number of ATMs and local banks has dropped significantly.

- a. Credit and debit cards are too, but it's possible to trace payments and cancel the cards.
- b. At the same time, banks encouraged the public to avoid using cash and make electronic payments where possible.
- c. This makes access to cash increasingly hard for those who depend on it.
- d. Banks, businesses, and governments are also keen to make the transition.
- e. That's not unusual since people tend to prefer having paper money at hand when times are hard.
- f. The most cash-friendly societies in the world, China and Sweden, utilise innovative ways to make quick, simple payments.
- g. There are concerns about those who rely on cash, such as the homeless, the undocumented or the elderly.

## Section 2: Grammar and Structure

11. How long \_\_\_\_\_ on your own?

- a. are you lived
- b. have you lived
- c. has you lived
- d. is you lived

12. The Tower of London \_\_\_\_\_ centuries old.

- a. was
- b. has
- c. is
- d. have



13. Excuse me, \_\_\_\_\_ speak French?  
a. do you  
b. you do  
c. you  
d. you are
14. How much are \_\_\_\_\_ shoes?  
a. these  
b. this  
c. that  
d. them
15. Do you want to listen to music or \_\_\_\_\_ TV?  
a. see  
b. look  
c. watch  
d. view
16. I can't stand people chewing gum in class. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. So can't I.  
b. I can too.  
c. Neither can I.  
d. Neither can't I.
17. Whose watch is this?  
a. It's mine.  
b. It's my.  
c. Is mine.  
d. Me.
18. How often \_\_\_\_\_ this test?  
a. have you done  
b. you have been doing  
c. have you been doing  
d. you do
19. If you don't hold on, you \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. are fall!  
b. will fall!  
c. are falling!  
d. do fall!



20. He's very keen on \_\_\_\_\_.
- the sport.
  - sports.
  - a sport.
  - sporting.
21. If I'd gotten the job, I would \_\_\_\_\_ in London.
- have lived
  - go live
  - to live
  - lived
22. I was under the impression that you, too, \_\_\_ along with us. I am sorry that you aren't.
- were supposed to come
  - were supposed to have come
  - supposed to have come
  - supposed to come
23. It seems to me that they never gave a thought to probable future problems when the plans \_\_\_ five years ago.
- they laid down
  - were being laid down
  - to be laid down
  - had been laid down
24. My day at the health spa was \_\_\_\_\_ bliss.
- mere
  - sheer
  - merely
  - sheerly
25. On hearing the news she burst \_\_\_\_\_ tears.
- to
  - in
  - out
  - into



### Section 3: Vocabulary

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

26. The students were very \_\_\_\_\_ about the school trip.
- boring
  - interested
  - excited
  - nervous
27. I couldn't find my phone because I had \_\_\_\_\_ it in my bag.
- forgot
  - lost
  - put
  - dropped
28. The doctors tried everything they could to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient's blood pressure.
- produce
  - reduce
  - clarify
  - hasten
29. His new appointment takes \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning of next month.
- place
  - effect
  - post
  - part
30. It needed the collective genius of mankind to \_\_\_\_\_ the wheel.
- discover
  - constitute
  - find
  - invent
31. He applied for a job but was \_\_\_\_\_ due to lack of experience.
- refused
  - denied
  - rejected
  - ignored
32. The article explores the \_\_\_\_\_ of globalization on local culture.
- affect
  - impact
  - strike
  - affluence



33. Her comments were completely \_\_\_\_\_ to the discussion. She didn't address the main topic.
- a. irrelevant
  - b. related
  - c. indifferent
  - d. inappropriate
34. The manager emphasized the importance of maintaining a \_\_\_\_\_ environment to encourage open dialogue during meetings.
- a. productive
  - b. collaborative
  - c. demanding
  - d. defensive
35. The director gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ explanation that clarified everyone's concerns.
- a. vague
  - b. brief
  - c. elaborate
  - d. distorted

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

36. effect	a. Karl is _____ as he doesn't care about his job. He comes late and is uninterested in promotion.
37. apathetic	b. It's that _____ and confident attitude that helps business grow.
38. assertive	c. Universities and companies are working together in a spirit of _____ to develop new solutions.
39. superficial	d. His new appointment takes _____ from the beginning of next month.
40. collaboration	e. Don't be so _____ - how are you going to get a job if you don't even start looking?

**Section 4: Writing**

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

Social media has slowly changed human relationships, making face-to-face communication difficult for many.

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