



## 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:

Once considered a sport for introverts or fitness fanatics, running has become one of the most 1. \_\_\_\_\_ sports worldwide. This simple yet 2. \_\_\_\_\_ form of exercise attracts millions of people every year. This is not surprising, as many feel that running 3. \_\_\_\_\_ all other sports and that it helps them feel calm and balanced. All in all, the majority of runners agree that nowadays, it is more important than ever to find 4. \_\_\_\_\_ ways to exercise, and running is just the solution. Alongside its popularity, the business around running has grown exponentially, and it's 5. \_\_\_\_\_ massive profits, although the sport itself is probably the most inexpensive to practice.

1. a. outdated  
b. interesting  
**c. popular**  
d. contraction

2. **a. effective**  
b. complex  
c. profound  
d. efficient

3. a. entices  
b. follows  
c. exceeds  
**d. surpasses**

4. a. easy  
**b. convenient**  
c. fascinating  
d. stressless

5. a. putting  
b. giving  
c. getting  
**d. generating**

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

Picture your social world as a vibrant garden. Your close friends and family are the sturdy trees and colourful flowers that provide structure and beauty. But let's consider another kind of plant in this garden analogy, perhaps the grass that blankets the ground. The grass represents what has been coined as your "weak ties", that is, your casual acquaintances – the barista who knows your coffee order, the neighbour you greet in the morning, or the coworker from a different team you occasionally share a joke with. 6 \_e\_.



Yet these casual connections harbour a surprising strength that can subtly enrich your life in ways you might not expect.

In our quest to nurture deep, meaningful relationships, we sometimes overlook the significance of the grass beneath our feet. 7 a. They boost our mood and enrich our day-to-day experience making us feel that we are part of something. By acknowledging the value of these casual connections, we can foster a richer, more diverse social garden that nourishes our well-being and strengthens our ties to the community around us. 8 d.

Imagine you're stressed from work, and on your way home, you engage in a lively chat with your bartender about yesterday's football match, exchanging a bit of banter that brings a genuine smile to your face. 9 g. These brief yet spirited exchanges momentarily lift you out of your worries, making you feel connected and lighter. When you finally get home, the residual stress from work feels diminished, replaced by a sense of community and shared joy. 10 c.

In the digital age, the significance of nurturing these casual face-to-face connections becomes even more pronounced. It's a proven remedy for social isolation and the unhealthy habit of being in your head. It's about appreciating those quick, light exchanges as much as we do the long, heartfelt conversations. The next time you find yourself sharing a simple "Good morning" or a small talk about the weather with someone you don't know well, think of it as tending to your garden of possibilities. Every person we meet, no matter how briefly, adds a thread to the intricate tapestry of our social lives. And every thread, regardless of its thickness, contributes to the strength and beauty of the whole.

- These brief interactions, which might be dismissed as trivial, actually infuse our daily lives with unexpected little moments of joy.
- Weak ties serve as bridges to new information, opportunities, and perspectives.
- Had you not shared any moments with others, you'd arrive home still burdened by the day's stress.
- Feeling disconnected from everyone is, after all, one of the main reasons for unhappiness.
- At first glance, they might seem as unremarkable as the grass underfoot, nothing worth noting.
- Remember, every deep connection begins as a shallow one.
- Then, you have a pleasant small chat with your neighbour about the weather and joke about when you'll see sunshine again.

## Section 2: Grammar and Structure

11. It \_\_\_\_\_ my brother.
- is ages that I didn't see
  - is ages since I saw
  - was ages that I haven't seen
  - was ages since I saw**
12. "I don't like coffee." " \_\_\_\_\_ do I."
- So
  - Neither**
  - Either
  - No



13. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the window?  
a. **closing**  
b. close  
c. to close  
d. closed
14. She looks \_\_\_\_\_ she's going to be sick.  
a. **as if**  
b. as  
c. likes  
d. if
15. I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ information, please.  
a. an  
b. **some**  
c. piece  
d. a piece
16. "Did you speak to Juliet?" "No, I've \_\_\_\_\_ seen her."  
a. nearly  
b. **hardly**  
c. often  
d. always
17. We would never have had the accident if you \_\_\_\_\_ so fast.  
a. wouldn't been driving  
b. **hadn't been driving**  
c. had driven  
d. wouldn't drive
18. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ people here.  
a. much  
b. **many**  
c. a lot  
d. some
19. "Have you visited London?" " \_\_\_\_\_."  
a. **Not yet**  
b. Ever  
c. Already  
d. Not



20. You \_\_\_\_\_ better see a doctor.
- did
  - would
  - should
  - had**
21. He told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain the previous year.
- has been working
  - had been working**
  - has worked
  - had been worked
22. We arrived \_\_\_\_\_ England two days ago.
- to
  - in**
  - on
  - at
23. You \_\_\_\_\_ the cleaning. I would have done it tonight.
- needn't have done**
  - couldn't have done
  - can't have done
  - wouldn't have done
24. You aren't allowed to use your mobile so \_\_\_\_\_.
- it's no point to leave it on
  - it's no point in leaving it on
  - there's no point in leaving it on**
  - there's no point to leave it on
25. \_\_\_\_\_ the better team, we lost the match.
- Despite of being
  - Despite
  - Despite being**
  - Although



### Section 3: Vocabulary

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

36. From the report released today it appears that oil tankers suffer their major \_\_\_\_\_ on their return journeys.

**a. spills**

b. costs

c. repairs

d. drills

27. Oh, I am so \_\_\_\_\_! Let's go and rent a video or something.

**a. bored**

b. fed up

c. tired

d. unhappy

28. The company didn't gain any \_\_\_\_\_ opening shops in Paris and Marseilles. So they closed after only three months.

**a. profit**

b. successful

c. victory

d. winnings

29. I don't think Alan is \_\_\_\_\_. Sherie is at home with him.

**a. lonely**

b. solitary

c. unsociable

d. alone

30. As we were travelling alone, we didn't have many \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

a. suitcase

b. luggage

**c. bags**

d. boxes

31. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in this part of the country, so the new factory is very welcome.

a. unemployed

b. poor

**c. unemployment**

d. ignore



32. Both of the \_\_\_\_\_ you suggest will improve the situation. We must discuss it all further.

**a. proposals**

b. solution

c. examples

d. help

33. Every once in a \_\_\_\_\_ , a new sports star comes along to beat all the world records.

a. period

**b. while**

c. time

d. duration

34. His friends and associates had tried to ..... him of the risks involved in working with offshore banks, but he never listened to them.

a. threaten

b. urge

**c. warn**

d. accuse

35. I went to see the bank manager this morning to see if I could \_\_\_\_\_ \$5000 and he said no!!

a. lend

**b. borrow**

c. give

d. take

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

36. rebellious	<b>c</b>	a. As a colleague he was _____ and patient to hear other opinions, never imposing his own without a long, friendly discussion.
37. considerate	<b>a</b>	b. The young are not noticeably tolerant of interference, and the old are of course especially _____.
38. obstinate	<b>b</b>	c. At the last minute, however, the prospect of being expelled from the school forced them to abort their _____ plan.
39. impartial	<b>e</b>	d. As this analysis unfolds, however, crucial variables often appear overly simplified and somewhat static, which thus _____ the analysis of their interactions.
40. hinder	<b>d</b>	e. This concept does not help us to approach an artwork with an open and _____ mind.



#### Section 4: Writing

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

Modern technology is now very common in most workplaces. How do you think this has changed the way we work?

**Possible Answer:**

Modern Technology has dramatically reshaped the professional environment. Currently, instant communication like messaging and virtual meetings facilitate the workflow, decision making, as well as collaboration. Adding to that, there is a business paradigm shift through automation, which enables professionals to concurrently automate repetitive and routine duties, which compresses the time needed to perform those tasks effectively. Moreover, the unprecedented internet speed and cloud computing services have empowered professionals to be more flexible as they do not have to be at the workplace to do a task, but it has a drawback as it blurs the boundaries between personal and professional life. Another positive change is that most entrepreneurs rely on modern technology to cut business costs through building virtual startups that do not have physical space or assets. Finally, modern technology not only accelerated the workflow, but also altered the entire business perception.

*Best of luck.*