

C1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

Marking system: Grammar Multiple Choice: 20 marks; Reading: 10 marks (45 minutes)

Writing: 30 marks (45 minutes)

Speaking: 40 marks

PASS MARK: 50 marks

Version A

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE DOING THE EXAM

- The exam has several parts. Please note that there is no penalisation in this exam (except for Part 4: Writing).
- The answers to the **Multiple Choice** and the **Reading Comprehension** **MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET. Use a SOFT PENCIL to complete the answer sheet.**
- The writing must be written **IN PEN.**
- The answer sheet will be collected **60 MINUTES** after the exam has begun. Therefore, you should do this section before the Writing.

Part 1: USE OF ENGLISH

For each of the following sentences, choose the best alternative, **A, B, C** or **D**. Only **ONE** answer is correct. **Wrong answers are not penalised.** (0,5 mark each)

1. How likely is the new venture to _____ off the ground?
A. get B. take C. launch D. jump
2. If _____ a man on the moon, why can't they sort out printer paper jams.
A. we are landing B. they had landed C. we had landed D. they were able to land
3. His recital received a _____ ovation from the audience.
A. standing B. round C. clap D. shout
4. E-books have changed the _____ of the bookselling world completely.
A. ways B. method C. way D. face
5. John doesn't have much money. _____, his sister bought an expensive mobile phone last week..
A. Nevertheless B. Whereas C. Even though D. However
6. There has been a _____ the price of diesel cars recently.
A. drop of B. fall on C. drop in D. fall of
7. The local authority has decided to _____ their proposal to keep the hospital operational.
A. look in B. look into C. turn up D. turn back
8. David believes he is _____ experience when it comes to presentations.
A. lacking in B. lacking of C. lacks D. highly
9. I'd rather she _____ so much last night. She's not going to enjoy her hangover when she gets up..
A. didn't drink B. drank C. hadn't drunk D. haven't drunk
10. By this time next year the new train link _____.
A. would be completed B. will have been completed C. will have completed D. will complete
11. Which one is correct?
A. Hardly had the computer been updated when it crashed.
B. Hardly the computer had been updated than it crashed.
C. No sooner the computer had been updated than it crashed.
D. No sooner had the computer been updated when it crashed

12. The government has spent \$10 million on an advertising _____ to encourage energy conservation.
A. launch B. operation C. promotion D. campaign
13. The unemployment rate in the rest of Spain _____ higher than that in The Basque Country.
A. is reported it is B. is reported be C. is reported to be D. it is reported it is
14. Mr Smith _____ all his money in his will to his children.
A. paid B. gave C. donated D. left
15. I strongly advise you to take _____ to ensure your property is adequately covered by insurance.
A. steps B. measure C. actions D. dealings
16. The reason this young man is so heavily in debt is that he is living beyond his _____.
A. expenses B. means C. money D. credit
17. It's high time _____ revising for your final exams, which are just round the corner.
A. you had started B. you started C. for starting D. to start
18. I was _____ disappointed that no one wanted to invest in our new start-up.
A. strongly B. sorely C. heavily D. sharply
19. The _____ of our business is via online ordering.
A. bulk B. mass C. range D. gross
20. I'd keep a low _____ until the investigation is over.
A. take B. make C. head D. profile
21. According to the rules, we aren't _____ to make use of the company computers for personal reasons.
A. intended B. meant C. tried D. planned
22. Recent research _____ a number of interesting issues.
A. has increased B. has caused C. has raised D. has brought
23. The word 'NINJA' was _____ to refer to an extended loan to a borrower with "no income, no job and no assets."
A. coined B. meant C. slang term D. invented
24. It is expected that the firm will make a financial profit this year unless there is a marked _____ in market conditions.
A. increase B. downturn C. upturn D. rise
25. Italian banks will be in _____ need of additional financial assistance soon.
A. fast B. quick C. urgent D. rapid

26. The older generation often go a bit _____ and turn up the TV up very loud.
A. rude B. hard to hear C. deaf D. inconsiderate
27. The experiment _____ of testing people's response before and after drinking coffee.
A. contained B. incorporated C. involved D. consisted
28. Maintaining a cash _____ is essential, whatever business you're in.
A. flow B. liquidity C. account D. income
29. It's a tricky decision for her to make, _____ you might think about it.
A. whoever B. whatever C. however D. whichever
30. When milk is left in a warm room it goes _____.
A. sour B. stale C. bad D. mouldy
31. She invested a lot of time _____ researching the most appropriate university course.
A. to B. for C. in D. about
32. We're a small company so we aim for a high market share of _____ markets.
A. saturated B. niche C. global D. external
33. I racked my _____, but I still can't remember the answer.
A. thoughts B. head C. mind D. brains
34. I really hate _____ formal examinations. I find it hard to organize my thoughts in such a limited time.
A. sitting B. making C. passing D. writing
35. Politicians and heads of business are meeting to discuss concerns that other countries are not enforcing the _____ of their products in export markets, which has led to a loss of jobs and profits at home.
A. rights B. copyrights C. property D. guarantees
36. Research suggests that heavy fines do act as a _____ to potential insider dealing in the stock markets.
A. safeguard B. distraction C. deterrent D. prevention
37. The new company stands a very high chance of being awarded the _____ contract.
A. upcoming B. coming C. incoming D. outgoing

38. I can lend you \$50 to help you _____ until you've had time to go to the bank.

- A. by B. up C. on D. out

39. That building would be ideal for the new office _____ from the lack of parking spaces nearby.

- A. apart B. except C. instead D. save

40. There has been so much media _____ of the election that people have become fed up with it .

- A. coverage B. circulation C. concern D. broadcasting

Part 2: Reading comprehension

You are going to read a review of two books about the internet. For questions 41-45, choose the answer (A, B, C, or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

(2 marks each)

Animal Emotions

Tom Whipple asks 'Do animals really have emotions? And what are the consequences if they do?'

In a Swedish zoo a chimpanzee called Santino spent his nights breaking up concrete into pieces to throw at visitors during the day. Was he being spiteful? In caves in the US, female bats help unrelated fruit bat mothers if they can't find the right birthing position. Are they being caring? Fifty years ago, these questions would have been largely seen as irrelevant. Animals had behaviours, the behaviours produced measurable outcomes, and science recorded those outcomes. The idea that animals have consciousness, feelings and moral systems was sloppy and sentimental.

But recently that has partially changed. Thanks to research into the behaviour of bats, chimps, not to mention rats, dolphins and chickens, emotions of animals have gone from being a taboo area of investigation to being tentatively explored. It is a change that has in recent years filtered through the scientific strata to a selection of popular science books, such as Mark Bekoff's *Wild Justice* and Victoria Braithwaite's *Do Fish Feel Pain?* And in the process it has started a debate that may never be solved by science: can animals be said to have consciousness?

This debate stimulates a second, much less abstract, one: not of consciousness, but conscience – a person's moral sense of right and wrong that guides their behaviour. In a recent experiment involving cows that had to open a locked gate in order to get food, it became apparent that those that successfully opened the gate themselves showed more pleasure – by jumping and kicking their legs – than those that had to have the gate opened for them. If, as this research seems to imply, cows enjoy problem-solving, what does it mean for the production and consumption of beef?

The observations may not be disputed, but the interpretation of them is. According to Dr Jonathan Balcombe, author of *Second Nature*, the only logically consistent response to the new research is to stop eating meat. For him, humanity is on the verge of the greatest revolution in ethics since the abolition of slavery. According to Aubrey Manning, Professor Emeritus at Edinburgh University, we should at the very least re-evaluate our view of animal cognition. For him, 'the only tenable hypothesis is that animals do have a theory of mind, but it's simpler than ours.' And according to Professor Euan MacPhail we should just stop anthropomorphising. The three may never be reconciled because the crux of the issue is not so much a scientific disagreement, or even a moral one, but a philosophical one. Given that even defining consciousness is near impossible, can we ever hope to know, in the words of the philosopher Thomas Nagel, what it is like to be a bat? Let alone a bat midwife.

Balcombe describes a landmark experiment he did that – in his interpretation – appears to show that starlings – a type of bird – can get depressed. In a study at Newcastle University, starlings were split into two groups. Half were housed in luxurious cages, with plenty of space and water. The other half were housed in small, barren cages. Initially both groups were fed with tasty worms from one box and unpleasant worms from another, and soon learned to take only from the tasty box. But subsequently when the birds were offered only unpleasant worms, only the ones housed in luxurious cages would eat. It seemed, or at least Balcombe concluded, that being in a nasty cage caused the starlings to be pessimistic about life in general.

Balcombe, who has worked with animal rights groups, has a clear bias. 'We look back with abhorrence on an era where there was racism,' he says. 'Our view about animals will someday be the same. We can't espouse animal rights between bites of a cheeseburger.' If he were the only advocate of this view of animal consciousness, it might be easy to dismiss him as an extremist. Unfortunately for those who might prefer to ignore Balcombe, Professor Aubrey Manning is in the same camp. Manning has written a textbook, *An Introduction to Animal Behaviour*. 'What we are seeing is a pendulum swing,' he says. 'At the turn of the 20th century there were people who made assumptions that animals thought just like us, and there was a reaction against that. Now we are going the other way. But it is a highly contentious subject and you really want to try to avoid the sound of academics with various personal grievances and strong personal opinions.'

41. In the first paragraph the writer suggests that
- A some older animal research would now be seen as unscientific.
 - B some animals respond too unpredictably to be included in reliable study data.
 - C some animal research has come to conclusions that are highly questionable.
 - D some animal behavior is difficult to explain through a traditional approach.
42. In the second paragraph, what point is the writer making about the idea that animals have emotions?
- A It has been confused by many with another issue.
 - B it has moved beyond mere academic speculation.
 - C It has been fully accepted by the scientific community.
 - D It has contradicted another recent proposal on the topic.
43. When the writer mentions cows, he is saying that
- A scientists now believe that certain animals have a sense of morality.
 - B some animals are fundamentally unsuited to being kept in captivity.
 - C the question of how animals should be treated needs to be re-examined.
 - D the number of animals now demonstrating intelligence is now higher than previously thought.
44. In the fourth paragraph, what conclusion does the writer draw about the differing views of experts?
- A Some of them verge on the ridiculous.
 - B They are based on flawed evidence.
 - C They do not warrant further investigation.
 - D A consensus is unlikely ever to be reached.
45. What is said about Balcombe's views?
- A They have been directly influenced by research from another era.
 - B They are shared by an eminent authority on the subject.
 - C They have been rejected as extreme by one opponent.
 - D They are seen as objectionable in some quarters.

Part 3: Essay Writing

Write your answer in **220-250** words in an appropriate style. Please note that the information included should be relevant to the task. It should also be coherently organized into paragraphs.

Your class has taken part in a discussion on different ways individuals and organisations can really make to some of the important environmental issues in today's world. You have made the notes below.

Ways individuals and organisations can make a difference to environmental issues:

- reduce plastic.
- change how to travel.
- raise public awareness

Some opinions expressed:

"Plastic is everywhere and it's cheap – not everyone can afford to change."

"Travelling is part of everyone's life – you try and get to work without a car!"

"Do people really read the information leaflets put through their door on reducing waste?"

Write an **essay** discussing **two of the ways** from your notes where individuals and organisations can make a difference to environmental issues. You should **explain which way is the most effective**, giving reasons in support of your answer.

You may if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should **use your own words** as far as possible.

(Please write clearly and in PEN)