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ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST: QUESTION BOOKLET

Choose one of the answers below to help us decide on your level of English. There are 30 questions and you have 20 minutes to answer them.

For Example

What is _____ name?

My name is John.

- a) you b) my c) your d) his

The correct answer is c, so you should write c on the answer sheet.

1) Where _____ you from?

I'm from Vietnam.

- a) do b) is c) come d) are

2) I _____ go swimming everyday.

- a) usually b) often c) sometimes d) like

3) He _____ like playing tennis.

- a) is b) don't c) doesn't d) isn't

4) What are you doing?

I _____ television.

- a) watch b) look c) am looking d) am watching

5) How much does it _____ ?
\$10

- a) pay b) cost c) buy d) price

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6) Whose book is it?

It's _____

- a) my b) her c) hers d) him

7) Where were you born?

I _____ born in China.

- a) did b) are c) were d) was

8) What time did he _____ ?

He left at 3 o' clock.

- a) leave b) left c) gone d) went

9) I _____ with three children.

- a) have married b) am married c) married d) marry

10) They left _____ books in the classroom.

- a) there b) they're c) their d) theirs

11) How are you going to the party?

I don't know, maybe I _____ go with Mark.

- a) going to b) 'm going c) 'll d) would

12) Mary is a little bit older than Janet.

Janet _____ old as Mary.

- a) isn't quite as b) isn't quiet as c) is as d) a lot

13) Where have you _____ ?

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I was on holiday in Bali.

- a) gone b) be c) been d) went
14) My wallet _____ last night.
- a) is stolen b) was stolen c) stole d) was stealing
- 15) Would you mind _____ me \$20?
- a) lend b) borrow c) lending d) borrowing

Questions 16 -20

Read the following passage and choose the correct word to fill the gaps from the choices below.

When the plane _____ **(16)** in Australia, I felt very nervous. It was my first time _____ **(17)** from home. I hoped someone would meet me at the airport. I got off the plane and took my baggage from the carousel. I put the cases onto a trolley and went to immigration where I queued up to have my passport and visa checked. The man _____ **(18)** my passport and said 'Welcome to Australia'.

Next, I took my luggage to customs. I went through the green channel. The officer asked me if I had anything to _____ **(19)** ,I said 'no' and he opened my cases and looked through my bag.

He let me go on and I came out into a crowd of people _____ **(20)** for friends and relatives. It was then that I saw the man holding the Charles College sign with my name on it.

- 16) a) lands b) grounds c) grounded d) landed

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- 17) a) gone b) far c) out d) away
- 18) a) looked at b) looked on c) looked up d) looked
- 19) a) state b) declare c) delay d) donate
- 20) a) staying b) stay c) wait d) waiting

Questions 21 to 30

Read the following passage and answer the following questions.

My name's Jane, I am an overseas student. I have now been in Australia for six months and I like it very much. Most Australian people are very friendly and the country is very beautiful. There are some great beaches around Sydney and I usually go swimming at Bondi at the weekend. In fact my host family's son is teaching me to surf.

Two weeks ago, we had a holiday from school and some of us went camping in the Blue Mountains. There are lots of interesting places to see and some good walks through the bush. The only problem is that it can be very cold. I sometimes had to wear a jumper to go to bed.

I'm enjoying my course. The teachers are very helpful. At first I found it quite difficult because the lessons are different to what I'm used to. The teachers try to make us speak in English, so a lot of the time we do discussion exercises. We are also expected to do quite a lot of work on our own, because when we go to university we will have to do our own research and find books for ourselves.

I know my English has improved because when I first came here, I found it difficult to understand what people were saying. Everyone spoke very fast and the accent was very different from what we learned at school. Now, I can usually follow the conversation. I think the more you have to speak English the easier it becomes. It really helps living with an Australian family, as it makes me speak English all the time. I've even started to think in English.

When I first came here, I felt very homesick. I missed my friends and family and also food from home. Now things are better. I have lots of friends from my course. Everyone is in the same position so they all understand how I feel. Also I e-mail my family everyday so I don't feel lonely any more. As for the food , Australian food

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isn't so bad and besides if you look you can find restaurants from almost any country in the world in Sydney, so I can even eat food from back home if I feel like it.

- 21) What does Jane learn at the weekend?
- a) English b) swimming c) camping d) surfing
- 22) What didn't Jane like about the Blue Mountains?
- a) wearing a jumper b) the beds c) cold d) camping
- 23) How is studying English different from what Jane is used to?
- a) more difficult b) more writing c) easier d) more speaking
- 24) They have to work on their own because
- a) there aren't enough books b) they get lots of homework
- c) it's practice for University d) they have too much work
- 25) People in Jane's country speak English _____ than in Australia.
- a) better b) more correctly c) more slowly d) faster
- 26) Jane says it helps you to improve your English, if you:
- a) study everyday b) do lots of homework
- c) live with an Australian family d) think in English
- 27) Jane's English has improved so much that she now _____ in English.
- a) talks b) writes c) makes friends d) thinks
- 28) Jane _____ homesick.
- a) feels b) used to get c) use to feel d) gets

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29) Other students understand how Jane feels because:

- a) they all go to the same school
- b) they all live away from their families
- c) they are all friends
- d) they all live in Australia

30) Australian food is _____

- a) okay
- b) not very good
- c) very good
- d) excellent