Solutions

Placement Test
Elementary to Intermediate

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Grammar and Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the correct answers.

1. My sister ______ very tired today.
   A be     B am     C is     D are

2. His ______ is a famous actress.
   A aunt     B uncle     C grandfather     D son

3. I'd like to be a ______ and work in a hospital.
   A lawyer     B nurse     C writer     D pilot

4. We ______ like rap music.
   A doesn't     B isn't     C aren't     D don't

5. There ______ a lot of water on the floor. What happened?
   A are     B is     C be     D am

6. He ______ TV at the moment.
   A watches     B is watching     C watched     D has watching

7. Helen is very ______. She doesn't go out a lot.
   A bored     B confident     C angry     D shy

8. Did you ______ to the beach yesterday?
   A went     B were     C go     D goed

9. Have you got ______ orange juice? I'm thirsty.
   A some     B a     C any     D the

10. Let's go into ______ garden. It's sunny outside.
    A a     B any     C –     D the

11. He's ______ for the next train.
    A looking     B waiting     C listening     D paying

12. Mark ______ his car last week.
    A cleaned     B did clean     C has cleaned     D is cleaning

13. I bought some lovely red ______ today.
    A cabbages     B cucumbers     C bananas     D apples

14. Which bus ______ for when I saw you this morning?
    A did you wait     B had you waited     C were you waiting     D have you waited

15. Where ______ you like to go tonight?
    A do     B would     C are     D can

16. That's the ______ film I've ever seen!
    A worse     B worst     C baddest     D most bad

17. My dad ______ his car yet.
    A hasn't sold     B didn't sell     C doesn't sell     D wasn't sold

18. I've been a doctor ______ fifteen years.
    A since     B for     C until     D by

19. Look at the sky. It ______ rain.
    A will     B can     C is going to     D does

20. If I ______ this homework, the teacher will be angry!
    A am not finishing     B won't finish     C don't finish     D didn't finished

21. This book is even ______ than the last one!
    A most boring     B boringer     C more boring     D far boring

22. I'll meet you ______ I finish work.
    A if     B when     C as     D so

23. We're getting married ______ March.
    A in     B on     C at     D by

24. If you ______ steak for a long time, it goes hard.
    A cook     B are cooking     C have cooked     D cooked

25. I ______ you outside the cinema, OK?
    A 'll see     B am going to see     C am seeing     D see

26. I ______ not be home this evening. Phone me on my mobile.
    A can     B could     C may     D should
27 The criminal _______ outside the hotel last night.
   A was caught   B has been caught
   C is caught     D caught

28 He asked me if I _______ a lift home.
   A wanted       B want  C was wanting
   D had wanted

29 If I _______ older, I’d be able to vote in elections.
   A had        B am    C were    D have

30 You _______ go to the supermarket this afternoon. I’ve already been.
   A mustn’t     B can’t  C needn’t  D won’t

31 Kathy drives _______ than her sister.
   A more carefully B more careful C carefully
   D most carefully

32 The _______ near our village is beautiful.
   A country     B woods   C view    D countryside

33 I’m _______ I can’t help you with that.
   A apologise   B afraid  C regret   D sad

34 It was really _______ this morning. I couldn’t see anything on the roads.
   A cloudy      B sunny   C icy     D foggy

35 Can you look _______ my dog while I’m away?
   A for    B at    C to    D after

36 If I’d started the work earlier I _______ it by now.
   A would finish B had finished C will finish
   D would have finished

37 This time next year I _______ in Madrid.
   A am working   B will work  C will be working
   D work

38 I wish he _______ in front of our gate. It’s very annoying.
   A won’t park   B wouldn’t park
   C doesn’t park D can’t park

39 He said he’d seen her the _______ night.
   A last    B before   C previous  D earlier

40 I _______ agreed to go out. I haven’t got any money!
   A mustn’t have  B shouldn’t have
   C couldn’t have D wouldn’t have

41 It was good _______ about her recovery, wasn’t it?
   A information  B words   C news    D reports

42 I _______ the report by 5.00 p.m. You can have it then.
   A have finished B will have finished
   C finish      D am finishing

43 Because of the snow the teachers _______ all the students to go home early.
   A said        B made    C told    D demanded

44 Thanks for the meal! It was _______.
   A delighted  B delicious C disgusting
   D distasteful

45 Look! Our head teacher _______ on TV right now!
   A is being interviewed B is been interviewed
   C is interviewing D is interviewed

46 It’s _______ to drive a car over 115 km/h in the UK.
   A unlegal     B illegal  C dislegal D legaless

47 There’s a lot of rubbish in the garden I need to get _______ of.
   A lost       B rid     C cleared D taken

48 I’m afraid it’s time we _______.
   A leave      B must leave  C are leaving D left

49 He wondered what _______.
   A is the time? B the time was
   C was the time D is the time?

50 They _______ our salaries by 5%.
   A rose       B made up   C raised D lifted

Mark /50
Reading

Read the text.

Saucy dragons

Levi Roots, a reggae singer from Jamaica, has a big smile on his face these days. In case you missed it, Levi recently appeared on the famous reality show for people with business ideas, Dragon’s Den. The participants have to persuade the team of business experts that their ideas are excellent and hope that two or more of the team will decide to invest money in their business idea.

Levi did just that!

The singer, who has been a successful music artist for several years, also sells something he calls ‘Reggae, reggae sauce’. It is made using special secret ingredients from his grandmother and is a hot Jamaican sauce that is eaten with meat. Until now it has only been possible to buy the sauce from Levi’s website or once a year at the famous Notting Hill carnival. But now, thanks to the TV programme, that is all going to change!

Levi presented his business idea to the team and started with a catchy reggae song about the sauce to make them sit up and listen. He certainly got their attention! He then described his plans for the sauce. This part of his presentation didn’t go so well. He made mistakes with his figures, saying that he already had an order for the sauce of 2 and a half million when in fact he meant 2 and a half thousand! But, the team were still interested and amazingly, two of the team offered to give £50,000 to the plan in exchange for 40% of the company. Mr Roots was ecstatic!

Levi is even happier today. It seems that two of the biggest supermarket chains in the UK are interested in having the sauce on their shelves. In addition to this, Levi is recording the ‘Reggae, reggae sauce’ song and we will soon be able to buy or download this. ‘It’s all about putting music into food,’ says Levi with a big, big smile on his face! And music and food will probably make him a very rich man indeed!

1 Are the sentences true or false?
   1 At the moment Levi isn’t very happy. ___
   2 Levi sells something we can eat. ___
   3 His song is a big success. ___
   4 He sang his song on TV. ___
   5 Some supermarkets want to sell his product. ___

2 Choose the best answers.
   1 Dragon’s Den is a show about
      A cooking.
      B new business ideas.
      C famous people.
   2 To make the sauce
      A you have to go to Notting Hill.
      B you have to ask a member of Levi’s family.
      C you need a good recipe book.
   3 When Levi presented his idea
      A he finished with a song.
      B two and a half million people were watching.
      C he talked about the wrong figures.
   4 Some people on the team
      A own supermarkets.
      B didn’t like the taste.
      C bought part of Levi’s company.
   5 Today Levi
      A is a millionaire.
      B has two things he can profit from.
      C prefers music to food.

Mark [ ] /10

Writing

Imagine you have just returned from a two-week holiday. Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her about the holiday. Include information about the journey, where you stayed, what you did and the people you met.

Mark [ ] /10

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