

ATAD ENGLISH COMPETENCY TEST #1A

This examination is used to evaluate your mastery of the English language. There are five parts to this test: listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing. There are 75 points: 15 listening, 18 grammar, 150 vocabulary, 12 reading, and 15 writing. Write your name, today's date, home country, and the above ATAD Test number on the answer sheet. You will have 1 hour to complete this test.

PART 1 - LISTENING

Listening Part A - All answers are spoken on tape, there is a pause, and then the answers are repeated. The student is to write down the correct description of the picture.

1. Look at picture #1.



2. Look at picture #2.

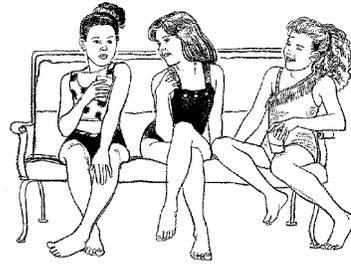


3. Look at picture #3.



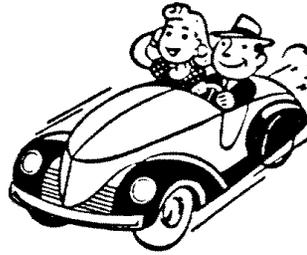
4. Look at picture #4.

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5. Look at picture #5.

#5.



6. Look at picture #6.

#6.



Listening Part B - A conversation is spoken on tape. The conversation is repeated twice. The student must choose the correct answer for the written question.

7. What time is the movie playing?
 - a. in the morning
 - b. at noon
 - c. at six o'clock at night
 - d. at 7:00 PM

8. What are the children expected to do?
 - a. clean their bedrooms
 - b. cook the dinner
 - c. eat dinner
 - d. go to bed

9. When is the soccer game?
 - a. Friday
 - b. Saturday
 - c. in the afternoon
 - d. at night

10. What is the problem?
- a. the person is lost
 - b. the store is closed
 - c. the person doesn't have enough cash
 - d. the jeans were the wrong size
11. Which bus will not be running this afternoon?
- a. number 2
 - b. number 3
 - c. number 5
 - d. number 6
12. Where is Linda's new job?
- a. at a music store
 - b. at a mall
 - c. at a college
 - d. at a bank
13. Why did Sam miss history class?
- a. He was sick.
 - b. He missed the bus.
 - c. He was helping his teacher.
 - d. He was doing a science experiment.
14. Why was Sam looking for Louise?
- a. To give her a note.
 - b. To return her history book.
 - c. To ask her to borrow her notes.
 - d. To see if Mr. Jackson was upset.
15. Where are Sam and Louise going?
- a. To the lunchroom.
 - b. To the history teacher's room.
 - c. To the library.
 - d. To Louisa's locker.

PART 2 - GRAMMAR

Grammar Part A - Choose the answer that will correctly complete the sentence.

16. It's very hot here.
Yes, but _____ the winter it gets very cold.
- a. when
 - b. as long as
 - c. while
 - d. during

17. How was the movie?

Great. Everyone liked it _____ John, who said it was terrible.

- a. yet
- b. except
- c. otherwise
- d. instead

18. When did Tom graduate?

He _____ in 1968.

- a. graduate
- b. did graduate
- c. graduated
- d. was graduate

19. Are you making the trip in one day?

It depends on _____ many miles it is to New York.

- a. which
- b. how long
- c. where
- d. how

20. Where is my book?

Oh, I forgot to _____.

- a. in it bring
- b. in bring it
- c. bring it
- d. bring in

21. I'm tired of waiting for John. If he doesn't come soon, we'll have _____ without him.

- a. leaving
- b. to leaving
- c. to be left
- d. to leave

22. I'm from Chicago.

Oh, I thought you _____ in Texas.

- a. were borned
- b. were born
- c. had born
- d. was born

23. Do you know Vincent?

Yes, he is a very _____ friend of mine.

- a. closely
- b. closing
- c. close
- d. closed

24. Is this the way you want the chairs arranged?

No, I want _____ closer.

- a. them to be
- b. that they be
- c. that them be
- d. them be

25. I failed the test.

You should have listened _____ me and studied.

- a. at
- b. for
- c. on
- d. to

26. Did you see where Ed went?

Yes, I saw _____ toward town.

- a. his walking
- b. him walking
- c. him to walk
- d. him walked

27. John was here for most of the afternoon.

Exactly _____ was he here?

- a. until
- b. while
- c. as long
- d. how long

28. Why don't you finish your work now?

I'm _____ tired to do it right now.

- a. more
- b. much
- c. so
- d. too

29. I saw some _____ when I was downtown.

- a. of your friends
- b. of yours friends
- c. yours friends
- d. friends yours

Grammar Part B - The following 4 sentences are related. Choose the answer that correctly completes each of the sentences.

30. Most animals _____ in the desert do not take in water from open lakes or rivers.

- a. live
- b. they live
- c. are living
- d. that live

31. Some of these animals may never come upon any type of open water, _____ they have adopted other ways to obtain it.
- so
 - despite
 - which
 - why
32. The way some desert animals deal with a lack of water is to drink _____ possible when they find water in large quantities.
- as much as
 - as many as
 - too much
 - so much that
33. After drinking all they can hold, some camels can _____ for more than two weeks in the desert without more water.
- to survive
 - have survived
 - surviving
 - survive

PART 3 - VOCABULARY

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

34. All the students like Miss Kincaid; she must be the most _____ teacher at school.
- popular
 - central
 - ordinary
 - sufficient
35. Her father _____ her with everything she wanted.
- possessed
 - provided
 - processed
 - proposed
36. The trees _____ us from the sudden rain storm.
- permitted
 - exposed
 - contained
 - sheltered
37. I didn't forget the book because my wife _____ me to bring it.
- knew
 - mentioned
 - reminded
 - remembered

38. He had to drive carefully to _____ the big holes in the road.
- avoid
 - extend
 - guide
 - delay
39. Bill likes to paint, and he _____ all his free time to it.
- decides
 - designs
 - devotes
 - displays
40. I couldn't bring my dog because animals aren't _____ on the ship.
- agreed
 - excused
 - allowed
 - consented
41. The man on the bus was _____ at me as if he knew me.
- staring
 - viewing
 - facing
 - appearing
42. I saw that they were different colors when I _____ them in the sunlight.
- expected
 - sought
 - expelled
 - compared
43. Gloria has no money left because she _____ it all on clothes.
- spent
 - paid
 - checked
 - threw
44. I didn't know who the teacher was until he was _____ out to me.
- found
 - pointed
 - shown
 - looked
45. The store will _____ the chair to my house tomorrow.
- receive
 - provide
 - handle
 - deliver

46. The doctor said father would get well soon because his illness wasn't very _____.
- serious
 - difficult
 - hard
 - heavy
47. We didn't want anyone to hear us, so we _____.
- insisted
 - expressed
 - whispered
 - announced
48. She went to the store to exchange her skirt because _____.
- it fit
 - she needed another size
 - she wanted to keep it
 - the store was far away

PART 4 - READING

Reading Part A - Read the sentence then answer the question about to the sentence.

49. Rita asked if I could give Paul a ride home. Who needed a ride?
- Paul did
 - I did
 - Rita did
 - Paul and Rita did
50. There are certainly many books as honest as this one, but there are few as sensitive.
This book is unique because of its:
- length
 - originality
 - honesty
 - sensitivity
51. They were not interested in his formal training because what mattered was his ability to adapt to new situations.
The most important qualification was:
- experience
 - adaptability
 - formal training
 - willingness to work hard
52. He is a big, husky, active man – attributes that make him very confident.
He seems confident because of his:
- generosity
 - intelligence
 - physical qualities
 - voice

53. The teachers were all told to ask their students to fill out the student questionnaires and return them by Thursday.
The forms were to be filled out by:
- the students and the teachers
 - neither the students nor the teachers
 - the teachers
 - the students
54. Mr. Smith said it wasn't enough for Mr. Cramer to say he was sorry; he must also give compensation for the damage to the car.
Mr. Smith wanted Mr. Cramer to:
- stop damaging his car
 - pay for damages
 - apologize
 - return his car
55. Our problem is to understand our cultural and historical roots but not to romanticize them.
Our attitude towards the past should be:
- negative
 - indifferent
 - realistic
 - romantic

Reading Part B - Read the following paragraph then answer the 5 questions about the paragraph.

We stopped to buy gas and to stretch our legs. We had left home early that morning and driven for what seemed like years. Now it was noon and the sun overhead was oppressive. The baby was crying. I wondered if we would ever reach our grandmother's house. Father bought us something to drink. As we sat sipping our cold drinks beneath a shady tree, he began to tell us a story.

56. What time did the family stop?
- in the morning
 - at noon
 - in the afternoon
 - at night
57. Where was the family going?
- to the gas station
 - to visit their grandmother
 - home from the store
 - back to the park
58. What was the weather like?
- cold
 - rainy
 - windy
 - hot

59. Why does the story mention “years”?
- a. The family has been driving for a long time.
 - b. The father tells the story slowly.
 - c. The grandmother is very old.
 - d. The writer does not remember what happened.
60. When did the father tell the story?
- a. as he was walking
 - b. after he bought the drinks
 - c. before the family sat down
 - d. when the family returned to the car

PART 5 - WRITING

On the back of the answer sheet neatly write your answers to the following questions.

Writing Part A (3 points) - Describe 3 changes in your life since starting high school. Use one sentence for each change.

Writing Part B - (12 points) - Choose either picture a. or b. and write a story using 10-15 sentences describing what the family is doing.

a.



b.

