

2018 ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAM

Time: 50 minutes

The questions should be answered by clearly filling in the blanks provided for your answers. You must use a black or blue pen. Only one answer for each blank should be given. Unclear or multiple answers and those misspelled or written with a pencil will be regarded as incorrect.

A) In the following sentences place 'a', 'an' or 'the' in the blanks if an article is needed. If an article is not needed, insert Ø.

Example: He rushed home by Ø car, almost getting crashed into by A truck.

1. If oil supplies run out, _____ man may have to fall back on _____ horse.
2. I hope you have _____ lovely time and _____ good weather.
3. _____ English have scones at _____ tea.
4. Do you agree that _____ talking politics is _____ absolute waste of time?

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B) In the following sentences fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. If a preposition is not needed, insert Ø.

Example: I began my journey ON a warm day IN September.

5. The 10.00 service to Bath has been cancelled _____ staff shortage.
6. He was in prison for two years. _____ that time he became interested _____ pigeons.
7. She enjoyed _____ the dinner her husband prepared _____ Tuesday night.
8. I'm tired _____ hearing about Tom and his Picasso. He can hang it _____ his garage _____ all I care!

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C) Fill in the blanks with the plural forms of the following nouns. If a noun has no plural, insert Ø.

Example: box boxes

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| 9. bacterium | _____; | salmon | _____; |
| 10. furniture | _____; | loaf | _____; |
| 11. woman-journalist | _____; | crisis | _____; |
| 12. chateau | _____; | datum | _____; |

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D) Use the word given in capitals at the end of each sentence to form a new word that fits in the space, as in the example.

Example: Vegetation flourishes in its mild climate despite the INSUFFICIENT amount of water. SUFFICE

13. His shoulders and his back were visible because he was wearing a _____ aertex vest. HOLE
14. Apparently, pottery is virtually _____ and lasts longer than almost anything else. PERISH

15. Yet the past three decades have been a time of _____ change in northeast England. HISTORY
16. The film was a sleeper hit and brought instant _____ to the struggling actress. STAR
17. In fact, in tasks that require creative on-the-spot improvising, goal-setting can even be _____ . PRODUCTIVE
18. These _____ streetcars with their accordion-like midsection are able to hold a maximum of 205 passengers. LONG
19. The ice safe kept in the cellar was a _____ of today's refrigerator. RUNNER
20. The Minister was her usual _____ self, skilfully dodging reporters' questions about her possible resignation. EVADE

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E) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

Example: *The police kept the man in custody.* **The man was kept in custody.**

21. No one could possibly have known the secret.

22. I don't like people lying to me.

23. No one can do anything unless we get more information.

24. Why didn't they offer him the job?

25. Prepare yourself for the worst.

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F) Underline the correct form of the verb in each sentence.

Example: *When I last SAW / HAD SEEN / HAVE SEEN him, he WAS WORKING / HAD BEEN WORKING / HAS BEEN WORKING as a waiter for a year and a half.*

26. If only he KNEW / WOULD KNOW / HAD KNOWN the truth, he WOULDNT' HAVE SPOKE / WOULDNT' SPEAK / WON'T SPEAK to Roger again.

27. SHALL / SHOULD / WOULD you please put all the books away after you FINISHED / ARE FINISH / HAVE FINISHED reading?

28. The janitor HAD / HAS / DID not fixed the pipe until this morning, so dad is still really upset, as he HAD REPORTED / REPORTED / COULD HAVE REPORTED the leak two weeks ago.

29. The ship is believed TO SINK / TO HAVE SUNK / TO HAVE BEEN SINKING off the coast of Barbados between 15th and 18th May 1789, most probably after HAVING HITTED / BEING HIT / HAVING HIT an underwater rock.
30. They tried TO BRING/ BRINGING / BROUGHT the boy to his senses, but he just WON'T LISTEN / WOULDN'T LISTEN / WOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED to them.

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G) In the following sentences fill in the blanks with either the –ing form or the infinitive of the verbs in brackets.

Example: I didn't mean **to eat** (eat) anything, but the cakes looked so good that I couldn't resist **trying** (try).

31. I strongly recommend _____ (move) out. You'd be much better off _____ (live) on your own.
32. It's pointless _____ (have) meetings with them because they are certain _____ (refuse) our offer.
33. Do you remember _____ (see) that film last year? I would love _____ (watch) it again.
34. The doctor advised me _____ (cut down) on my sugar intake, so I stopped _____ (take) it.

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H) Turn the following sentences into reported speech, making all the necessary changes in the process.

Example: *'Is the meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday?'*

Jane asked whether the meeting was on Tuesday or Wednesday.

35. 'Shall I pass on the news to the staff,' I asked him, 'or would you prefer I didn't until you've had a chance to confirm it with the boss?'

36. 'What about going to a new restaurant tonight?' he said to his wife. 'I've just read about one that's meant to be very good.'

37. My friends: 'Come on – you can do the marathon with us. You're just as good as us.'

38. 'Will passengers with nothing to declare please go through the green door?' said a customs official. 'You'd better go through the green door, Mary,' said Peter, 'but I'll have to go through the other one.'

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I) Rewrite the sentences so that the second sentences have as similar a meaning as possible to the first sentences. Use the prompts (words in brackets) given. Do not change the words given. Insert up to FIVE words.

Example: *I couldn't go to the party last night.* (ALLOWED)
*I **wasn't allowed** to go to the party last night.*

39. The dress looked so good on her that she decided to buy it, although it was out of her price range.

Although the dress was out of her price range, it looked _____
to buy it. (TOO)

40. Cartier designed the necklace for the actress.

The actress had _____ by Cartier. (DESIGNED)

41. Despite our efforts to force her to tell us the truth about last night, she remains silent.

_____ tried to force her to tell us the truth about last night,
she remains silent. (EVEN)

42. 'You need to start preparing for the entrance exam well in advance', the teacher said.

The teacher _____ to start preparing for the entrance exam well
in advance. (ADVISED)

43. I have never got up close and personal with a celebrity before.

This is _____ got up close and personal with a celebrity.
(TIME)

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