

SAMPLE LANGUAGE TEST (Question Paper)

This test consists of three parts. There are 50 questions in total which you have to answer. The time limit is 30 minutes. Each item carries an equal mark, so the maximum score is 50.

1 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Read the text below and then decide which word best fits each space.

Be more optimistic

Do you ever wish you were more optimistic, someone who always expected to be successful? Having someone around who always (1) ____ the worst isn't really a lot of (2) _____. But if you catch yourself thinking negatively, it's important to do something about it.

You can change your view of life, (3) ____ to psychologists. It only takes a little effort, and you'll find life more rewarding as a (4) _____. Optimism, they say, is partly about self-respect and confidence but it's also a more positive way of looking at life and all it has to (5) _____. Optimists are more (6) ____ to start new projects and are generally more prepared to take risks.

Upbringing is obviously very important in forming your (7) ____ to the world. Some people are brought up to (8) ____ too much on others and grow up forever blaming other people when anything goes wrong. Most optimists, on the other hand, have been brought up not to (9) ____ failure as the end of the world – they just (10) ____ with their lives.

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| 1 | A | worries | B | cares | C | fears | D | doubts |
| 2 | A | amusement | B | enjoyment | C | fun | D | good |
| 3 | A | judging | B | following | C | concerning | D | according |
| 4 | A | result | B | reason | C | purpose | D | product |
| 5 | A | supply | B | suggest | C | offer | D | propose |
| 6 | A | possible | B | likely | C | hopeful | D | welcome |
| 7 | A | opinion | B | position | C | view | D | attitude |
| 8 | A | trust | B | believe | C | depend | D | hope |
| 9 | A | regard | B | respect | C | suppose | D | think |
| 10 | A | get up | B | get on | C | get out | D | get over |

21 The trend for children to multitask is seriously damaging their level of concentration. Scientists have ____ the belief of many parents that it is impossible to concentrate on more than one thing at the same time.

- A assured
C **confirmed**
- B guaranteed
D authorized

22 True multitasking is only possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. For situations ____ more complex tasks the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase greatly.

- A **involving**
C containing
- B consisting
D meaning

23 Eating too much sugar and fat and not taking enough exercise can ____ to health problems.

- A result
C **lead**
- B precede
D bring

24 James' clients pay a standard fee per hour and a small ____ charge for handing out leaflets to passers-by. It's a cheap and effective way for local shops and cafes to advertise.

- A super
C attached
- B **additional**
D extension

25 Research has shown that over half the children in Britain who take their own lunches to school do not eat ____ in the middle of the day. Lunchboxes examined by researchers contained sweet drinks, crisps and chocolate bars.

- A approximately
C possibly
- B probably
D **properly**

26 The Barranquilla Carnival, ____ to be the biggest in the world after Rio's, is held annually on Colombia's Caribbean coast.

- A **claimed**
C pretended
- B pronounced
D announced

27 At the last History seminar I attended, there were just five other students and our ____.

- A trainer
C consultant
- B coach
D **tutor**

28 The government waits for an economic miracle while, in ____, whole industries collapse.

- A the middle
C the end
- B **the meantime**
D the long run

29 Please be patient. We will tell you the result of your test in ____.

- A the future
C **due course**
- B the short term
D in those days

30 The research will provide a better ____ of why the percentage of overweight students in Britain has increased in the last decade.

- A **understanding**
C information
- B comprehending
D opinion

42 The manager ____ that all the customers should be searched.

- A convinced
C obliged
B insisted
D told

43 'Shall I come over at nine?' – 'I'd rather ____ at ten instead.'

- A you are coming
C you had come
B you will come
D you came

44 I started doing my homework when I got home from school but I stopped ____ my favourite show.

- A watch
C to watch
B watching
D from watching

45 Those books I ordered should ____ by now.

- A be delivering
C have been delivered
B have delivered
D have been delivering

46 The children won't go to sleep ____ you leave a light on outside their room.

- A except
C but
B otherwise
D unless

47 I'd rather we ____ go to the cinema, because I'm tired.

- A didn't
C wouldn't
B hadn't
D shouldn't

48 I think you should take a warm jacket in case the weather ____ cold.

- A will be
C is
B would be
D would have been

49 Take a warm sweater with you. It ____ get cold in the evening.

- A might
C has to
B must
D can't

50 There were so ____ people in the queue for tickets that I missed the train.

- A much
C few
B many
D a few