**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE**

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

**TEST C**

**TASK A**

***For sentences 1-30 choose one correct option A, B, C, or D and mark it on your answer sheet as shown in the example. Please, do not write into the test booklet.***

***Example:***

***For many young people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in one of the school teams is very important****.*

1. *having*
2. *taking*
3. *putting*
4. *being*

**A B C D**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoke inside the building because it is prohibited.**

1. must not
2. don’t have to
3. need not
4. might not

**2. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with waiting for her to phone me.**

1. get up
2. put up
3. give up
4. fed up

**3. I need someone to look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my cat for next week. I am going on a business trip abroad.**

1. for
2. after
3. in
4. at

**4. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exhausted after your exam yesterday.**

1. don’t have to
2. must
3. don’t have to be
4. must have been

**5. “Would you like to watch TV with me?” – “No, I can’t, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my homework yet.”**

1. haven’t finished
2. wasn’t finished
3. doesn’t finish
4. hadn’t finished

**6. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ go to work today, it’s Sunday.**

1. mustn’t
2. needn’t to
3. don’t have to
4. haven’t to

**7. When I arrived at the airport, I suddenly realized that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my passport at home.**

1. leave
2. had left
3. have left
4. was leaving

**8. He taught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to speak English, he never had a teacher.**

1. by me
2. by him
3. myself
4. himself

**9. You can take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you want from the fridge.**

1. whichever
2. whatever
3. whenever
4. however

**10. The wife was arrested and charged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ murder.**

1. in
2. about
3. of
4. with

**11. It didn’t rain much. It was just a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. drizzle
2. storm
3. blizzard
4. heavy rain

**12. I find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ music really boring, and that’s why I prefer rock music.**

1. entertaining
2. serious
3. performing
4. classical

**13. When something is terribly greasy there is too much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in it.**

1. oil
2. salt
3. flavour
4. sugar

**14. Sometimes you can try to agree on a lower price for something you buy in a street market. We call this “to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.**

1. deal
2. refund
3. bargain
4. handle

**15. I like my husband’s mother very much. She is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. step mother
2. mother-in-law
3. foster mother
4. godmother

**16. If you visit Hong Kong in peak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is very hot and the city is crowded.**

1. holiday
2. period
3. season
4. summer

**17. Yesterday I bought a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of grapes.**

1. bunch
2. bottle
3. group
4. cup

**18. Paul has bought a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Four people can sit on it and it’s really comfortable.**

1. armchair
2. bookcase
3. desk
4. sofa

**19. I sometimes buy clothes that don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me, just because they’re fashionable.**

1. fits
2. sits
3. suit
4. look good

**20. The Amazon rainforest is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in South America.**

1. ocean
2. desert
3. jungle
4. continent

**TASK B**

***Read the following texts and choose one correct option A, B, C, or D. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.***

21. News from Russia

Russian’s communications censor, Roskomnadzor, has put dating app Tinder on a list of services required to store user data and messages, and hand it over to the government and intelligence agencies, the latest sign of Moscow’s tightening grip over online activities in the country. Apps must also be ready to pass encryption keys to security agencies, including the Federal Security Service.

**The text informs about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) popularity of a dating app

B) illegal online activities

C) violation of privacy

D) new Tinder services

## 22. Amazon adventurer

Ed Stafford from the UK is the first person to walk along the Amazon River from the mountains of Peru to the mouth of the river in Brazil. His amazing journey took two years and four months. There are many dangerous animals in the rainforest, like snakes and crocodiles, but Ed was lucky; he was only bitten by ants and mosquitoes. On his trip, Ed had to find fruit and nuts or catch fish each morning. Sometimes food was hard to find and Ed was often tired and hungry.

**Ed Stafford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) finished his journey in less than 3 years

B) fought with some dangerous animals

C) had a lot of food supply with him

D) started his journey in Brazil

23. About being a parent

It’s not easy being a dad. Few notice as we try our best to do a good job and not ruin our children. It’s a hard task because we have been trained by parents who didn’t know what they were doing either, so even though we’re desperate to end one vicious family cycle or another, we’re too damaged to know what change is required. The result: We screw up our kids, at best just enough that they seek revenge by becoming more successful and happier than we are.

**The text points out that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) enjoy raising our own children

B) achieve more success as parents

C) know what is best for our children

D) repeat the mistakes of our parents

# 24. Education

One of the major processes that takes place in schools, of course, is that students learn. When they graduate from high school, many can use a computer, write essays with three-part theses, and differentiate equations. In addition to learning specific skills, they learn to think critically, to weigh evidence and to develop independent judgment. Teachers who are more open to new ideas and less authoritarian produce students who have greater intellectual flexibility and higher achievement test scores.

**The text is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) examinations in high schools

B) problems of high school teachers

C) skills students learn at school

D) students with learning difficulties

25. An excerpt from an article

As we alight from our boats in the pre-dawn gloom, I feel like a member of an elite SAS team on a covert mission. Instructions are issued in whispers as we put on headlamps to light our way over the sand. We are here, in the southwest corner of Waigeo Island, to see the famed bird of paradise. Every morning, a number of the birds come to the same cluster of trees on a hilltop to mate. To witness this spectacle, an early start is required, followed by much slipping and sliding up a muddy slope.

**The text describes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) visiting an interesting place

B) shooting an unusual bird

C) exploring dangerous islands

D) training of elite soldiers

26. From a report

An Indonesian sportswear maker has apologised for a label on its shirts that people thought was sexist. The label was on the shirts of one of the country’s top football clubs. It read: “Washing instructions: Give this shirt to a woman. It’s her job.” The company received a lot of complaints on social media from people who thought the label’s wording was highly inappropriate. The company issued its apology on International Women’s Day, an occasion to honour and celebrate women’s achievements around the world.

**What is the story about?**

A) a company receiving inappropriate complaints

B) a sportswear maker accused of sexism

C) International Women’s Day in Indonesia

D) unclear washing instructions for shirts

27. An excerpt from a text

Obtaining a credit card proved to be one of the worst decisions Paul Archibald ever made. It led him into thousands of pounds’ worth of debt, contributed to ill-health that meant he lost his job, and led him to being forced to hide his possessions from bailiffs banging on his door. It was only by chance that he came across a debt charity leaflet at his local doctor’s waiting room, but it was the turning point on his road to financial and mental recovery.

**According to the text, Paul Archibald \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) has found useful information

B) has obtained a new job

C) has recovered from an illness

D) has become a rich man

28. The Silas Lake Park

The Silas Lake Park reopens today after being closed for six months. The park was closed because mud and rock slides destroyed part of Cambridge Road, the only access into the park. “We had to remove tons of boulders and rocks,” said Hugh Foster of the Parks and Recreation Department. “Then we had to rebuild a bridge and reconstruct almost a mile of highway. I’m really surprised we got it done so soon.”

**What is true about the Silas Lake Park?**

A) It was opened later than expected.

B) There are more roads leading to it.

C) It is a completely new park.

D) The access to it was blocked.

29. An excerpt from an article

Every minute, the equivalent of one garbage truck of plastic is dumped into the ocean. If nothing is done this could double by 2030. For too long, we have been taking the ocean for granted. We are causing widespread harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, and squandering the largest natural resource on the planet. Together, we can reverse this cycle of decline and bring about a sustainable ocean economy. The time to act is now.

**The main purpose of this text is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) analyse water quality

B) inform about a project

C) persuade people

D) ask for a donation

30. From a survey

A survey done in Canada said that people who are addicted to the Internet have problems in life if they cannot get online regularly. Researchers looked at the Internet habits of 254 students and then looked at the students’ general mental health. Thirty-three of the students were addicted to the Internet. The researchers said another 107 students had problems because of their Internet use. These included depression, anxiety, impulsiveness and inattention.

**What lesson can we learn from the survey? We should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) take care of addicted students

B) check the time we spend online

C) get more information about addiction

D) consult our problems in life online

**TASK C**

***Read the following text and complete its summary below. Use only one word for each gap and write your answers on the answer sheet.***

**Getting Older but not Sitting Around**

All seniors 55 and older are invited to a special meeting next Tuesday in the Senior Centre. The meeting will begin with cookies and lemonade. The speaker will be James Carter, the director of a non-profit organization dedicated to making the seniors’ golden years fun and interesting.

“We have too many seniors who act old because they think they’re old,” said Carter. “Our goal is to help seniors realize that they’re as young and active as they want to be. Getting older does not mean sitting around waiting to die. It means getting out and doing all the things you never had time to do while you were working and raising a family.”

Carter will identify the services and activities that are available to seniors locally and state-wide. Included are legal aid, tax advice, discounts for bus and taxi travel in the city, and free blood pressure testing on the first Monday of each month. Testing for diabetes and for cataracts is offered four times a year for a nominal fee. The city also provides inexpensive dinners called Meals on Wheels. Volunteers deliver these meals to seniors who are homebound because of illness or injury.

An internet class begins this month for seniors who want to visit the World Wide Web. “Many seniors still use typewriters,” said Carter. “They see no need for a computer. But after they take this course, some of them may decide to buy their own laptops.”

New activities at the Senior Centre include Bingo on Friday and Saturday nights, with a grand prize of $50 each night. The centre is also offering Strength Training classes. “As you get older,” said Carter, “you need to keep both your mind and your body active. An active mind helps prevent Alzheimer’s, and an active body helps prevent osteoporosis.”

**Summary**

People **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_** than 54 can attend a special meeting in the Senior Centre, the purpose of which is to help seniors realize that **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** old does not necessarily mean to sit and wait to die. A wide range of services and activities are offered, for example legal aid, free medical **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** or internet classes (surprisingly typewriters are constantly **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_** by a lot of seniors). Moreover, the centre also offers training classes to prevent **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_** connected with physical health.

**TASK D**

# *Read the following text and answer the questions below. Do not use more than four words for each answer and write your answers on the answer sheet.*

**Alcohol**

When someone feels falsely confident from drinking alcohol we often say that they have *Dutch courage.* The term comes from the alcohol British soldiers drank while fighting in the Low Countries in the 17th century. They liked the drink so much they brought it back with them and thus began the British love affair with gin. The name is also from Holland – gin comes from *genever,* the Dutch word for juniper. A distilled spirit made from grain, gin has juniper berries added for flavour.

First sold in chemists for its medicinal qualities gin’s popularity rapidly grew, especially among the poor. When a Dutch king came to the British throne he encouraged the distillation of spirits. The quality improved and the quantity increased. By 1730 there were over 7,000 shops that sold gin in London. Cheaper than beer, gin was often given to workers as part of their pay. However, alcohol abuse by the poor was becoming a serious problem. This was tackled by introducing The Gin Act in 1739 which made gin prohibitively expensive.

By the 19th century, gin – mixed with anti-malarial tonic water – became a staple throughout the Empire. Nowadays, despite its colonial connotations, gin remains a British classic.

Conquering Spanish soldiers in the 16th century were unimpressed by the local Mexican homebrew – it tasted rough and had a low alcohol content. Their attempts to make wine or beer failed as neither grapes nor grain could stand the hot weather. So they turned to the plant the Mexicans were using, and the Aztecs had first used two thousand years ago – the agave. To obtain the juice needed the heart of the plant is chopped and cooked into a pulp, and then pressed. Using their knowledge of distillation on the fermented juice the soldiers produced a clear, strong alcohol called mezcal.

It was an instant hit and mezcal began to be made all over Mexico but one village made a superior version – the village of Tequila. Although mezcal can be made anywhere, true tequila only comes from this specific geographical region of Mexico.

Mezcal producers started to include the larva of a moth in the bottles they sold. The idea was that, because the larva didn’t disintegrate, it proved the drink was of a high quality. This has led to the belief that each tequila bottle has a ‘worm’ inside but this is just a marketing device for some mezcal brands.

**Questions**

36. Who drank so much that the term “Dutch courage” appeared?

37. What did The Gin Act aim to prevent?

38. When did the Aztecs first use the plant necessary to produce mezcal?

39. Where was a superior version of mezcal made?

40. What did a worm inside bottles of mezcal indicate?