**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE**

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

**TEST E**

**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**

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**1. Tony \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an interesting book at the moment.**

1. read
2. reads
3. is reading
4. has read

**2. During my journey the train went \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three tunnels.**

1. across
2. beside
3. over
4. through

**3. Jonathan is taking care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my dog this week because I’m on a business trip.**

1. of
2. after
3. for
4. about

**4. “What are you looking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?” – “Can’t you see that breathtaking car over there?”**

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

**5. While we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rock, it started raining.**

1. climb
2. climbing
3. climbed
4. were climbing

**6. When are you going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the roof \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

1. got / repaired
2. had / repair
3. get / repaired
4. have / repair

**7. It is OK, apology accepted. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mistakes.**

1. do
2. does
3. create
4. makes

**8. Combat units of the army consist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers trained to fight enemy forces.**

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

**9. I hope we’ll find a solution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the problem soon.**

1. of
2. to
3. for
4. about

**10. We should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out now, if we want to get there before it gets dark. Is the car ready?**

1. depart
2. leave
3. put
4. set

**11. We were in the departure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we heard the announcement that our flight was cancelled.**

1. lounge
2. launch
3. lingerie
4. luncheon

**12. Some people like going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ music concerts and listening to an orchestra.**

1. classified
2. classic
3. classical
4. classics

**13. Copper, tin and iron are all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. plants
2. metals
3. jewellery
4. gem stones

**14. I can’t read what she has written. Her handwriting is totally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. illegible
2. inaudible
3. illiterate
4. impossible

**15. Shopping in shopping centers is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because everything is under one roof.**

1. uncomfortable
2. convenient
3. friendly
4. expensive

**16. Have you seen the new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of paintings at the National Gallery?**

1. show
2. performance
3. demonstration
4. exhibition

**17. Exhaust fumes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the air.**

1. pollute
2. purify
3. waste
4. junk

**18. People who think about themselves and not about other people are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. spoilt
2. competitive
3. selfish
4. manipulative

**19. I had to have two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I went to the dentist yesterday.**

1. refills
2. paddings
3. fillings
4. cavities

**20. Rock concerts are often held at football \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or in parks.**

1. matches
2. stadiums
3. tracks
4. courses

**TASK B**

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

21. From the news

Florida police charged 21-year-old Kieran Thomas because he blocked a road while he sat in a chair at a table and ate pancakes. Police knew that he did this because he posted a video of it on Facebook. The formal charge was obstruction of the road and disruption of traffic. Although police did not arrest him, they asked him to appear in court.

**What is the best title for this article?**

A) Man sent to prison for blocking a road.

B) Man arrested for eating and driving.

C) Man caused a road accident.

D) Man ate pancakes in the road.

22. From a newspaper article

A mayor and seven councillors from a southeast Queensland council are facing up to 20 years in prison for allegedly plotting to have the chief executive sacked after she raised corruption concerns about the mayor. The Logan City councillors went to the Crime and Corruption Commission headquarters in Brisbane yesterday, where they were arrested and formally charged with fraud after an 18-month investigation.

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

A) a corrupt chief executive

B) an investigation held by a mayor

C) a council misusing power

D) a group of sacked councillors

23. News from Germany

A prominent far-right leader who dismissed the Nazi era as mere bird poop on Germany’s 1,000-year history was swimming in a lake near his house one evening recently, when a man on the shore grabbed his clothes. The thief’s parting words: “Nazis don’t deserve to have fun!” By the time the far-right politician, Alexander Gauland, a co-leader of the Alternative for Germany party, known as AfD, made it out of the water, the man had disappeared with the bundle and someone had already called the police.

**The swimmer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) was punished for his opinions

B) got drowned in the lake

C) was arrested by the police

D) got his clothes wet

24. About a student

Carla, a student, is very bad with money. Every month she spends all her money on clothes and going out, and then doesn’t have enough for books, etc. Her parents are annoyed with her, and say that she has to learn to be more careful, so they won’t give her any extra money. But Carla’s grandmother secretly gives her the extra money every time Carla sees her. Carla’s parents know what is happening!

**Carla \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) buys a lot of books

B) gives extra money to her parents

C) earns a lot of money

D) gets money from her grandmother

25. News from the world

In Burkina Faso, far from being terrifying man-eaters, crocodiles are considered sacred animals for their perceived ability to bring fortune and prosperity to villages and people. In the town of Sabou, the crocodiles are so tame that locals swim with them, feed them live chickens, and even sit on them. Visitors to Burkina Faso can spend time in Sabou watching – if not swimming with – the sacred crocs.

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

A) a natural reservation

B) dangerous crocodiles

C) an unusual custom

D) training of animals

26. Sport

When competitors in sport are equally matched, the team dressed in red is more likely to win, according to a new study. That is the conclusion of British anthropologists Russell Hill and Robert Barton of the University of Durham, after studying the results of one-on-one boxing, tae kwon do, Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle wrestling matches at the Olympic Games. Their study shows that when a competitor is equally matched with an opponent in fitness and skill, the athlete wearing red is more likely to win.

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

A) compares different Olympic sports

B) informs about a new study result

C) discusses suitable clothes for matches

D) stresses the importance of physical fitness

27. About gray whales

SAN FRANCISCO – At least 70 dead or dying gray whales have been stranded on the West Coast this year. The number is so high the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declared it an “unusual mortality event” Friday and launched a scientific investigation into why so many of the giant mammals are dying as they swim toward their summer feeding grounds in Alaska. Death rates this high have been seen only once before. In 2000, the year with the highest number of strandings on record, 131 gray whales were found on U.S. shores.

**The text reports about gray whales \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) stranded in California in 2000

B) dying on their way to Alaska

C) saved on the West Coast

D) living near San Francisco

28. From a magazine

It is breakfast time. You have been looking forward to eating a nice ripe banana ever since you woke up. Just when you reach for the delicious piece of fruit on your counter, you see something that makes you much less hungry: a swarm of fruit flies! Fruit flies are tiny insects that are attracted to ripe or rotting fruits and vegetables. The flies not only eat the fruit, they also lay their eggs there. A single fruit fly can lay up to 500 eggs on the surface of a piece of fruit. Within eight days, the fruit flies that hatch from these eggs are full adults that can then lay their own eggs.

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

A) eating healthy breakfast

B) fruit of poor quality

C) using fruit flies for experiments

D) problems with some insects

29. From a newspaper article

Walmart wants to keep schooling its workers. Walmart employees will now be able to get degrees in fields ranging from computer science to cybersecurity for $1 a day. And those who are in high school will be able to earn free college credits and other educational perks for the first time. Those changes mark the expansion of the retailer’s “Live Better U” initiative, launched last year, that enables employees to pursue degrees and also get college credits.

**According to the text, Walmart workers will get extra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) opportunities to educate themselves

B) training how to operate computers

C) bonuses for their good study results

D) schooling in shopping practices

30. About US hospitals

About 100,000 people die each year in US hospitals from infections that they get while they are in the hospital. The hospital deaths are due to poor housekeeping and poor hygiene. Floors, walls, and doors are not cleaned regularly or thoroughly. The carts that carry food trays, and the trays themselves, are usually contaminated from handling and coughing. Cooks and other food handlers can easily infect the food by not washing properly after using the bathroom.

**What does the text say?**

A) Patients bring infections to US hospitals.

B) Quality of food in US hospitals is poor.

C) The number of deaths in US hospitals rises.

D) Hygiene standards in US hospitals are low.

**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.***

**The History of Graffiti**

The first drawings on walls appeared in caves thousands of years ago. Later the Ancient Romans and Greeks wrote their names and protest poems on buildings. Modern graffiti seems to have appeared in Philadelphia in the early 1960s, and by the late sixties it had reached New York. The new art form really took off in the 1970s, when people began writing their names, or ‘tags’, on buildings all over the city. In the mid seventies it was sometimes hard to see out of a subway car window, because the trains were completely covered in spray paintings known as ‘masterpieces’.

In the early days, the ‘taggers’ were part of street gangs who were concerned with marking their territory. They worked in groups called ‘crews’, and called what they did ‘writing’ – the term ‘graffiti’ was first used by The New York Times and the novelist Norman Mailer. Art galleries in New York began buying graffiti in the early seventies. But at the same time that it began to be regarded as an art form, John Lindsay, the then mayor of New York, declared the first war on graffiti. By the 1980s it became much harder to write on subway trains without being caught, and instead many of the more established graffiti artists began using roofs of buildings or canvases.

The debate over whether graffiti is art or vandalism is still going on. Peter Vallone, a New York city councillor, thinks that graffiti done with permission can be art, but if it is on someone else’s property it becomes a crime. ‘I have a message for the graffiti vandals out there,’ he said recently. ‘Your freedom of expression ends where my property begins.’ On the other hand, Felix, a member of the Berlin-based group Reclaim Your City, says that artists are reclaiming cities for the public from advertisers, and that graffiti represents freedom and makes cities more vibrant.

For decades graffiti has been a springboard to international fame for a few. Jean-Michel Basquiat began spraying on the street in the 1970s before becoming a respected artist in the ’80s. The Frenchman Blek le Rat and the British artist Banksy have achieved international fame by producing complex works with stencils, often making political or humorous points. Works by Banksy have been sold for over £100,000. Graffiti is now sometimes big business.

**Summary**

Modern graffiti probably **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_** in Philadelphia in the early 1960s when people started to write their names or “tags“ on buildings all over the city, especially on **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** trains. At the same time graffiti was regarded as an art form, the mayor of New York began **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** against it. For some people graffiti is considered to be a **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_**, for others it represents freedom and makes cities more vibrant. There are a few artists who have become popular **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_**.

**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.***

# Wanted to Know how His Pig’s Doing

Two mayors of the two towns made a bet on the outcome of the Vegetable Bowl, the annual football game between their high school teams. If Arvada’s team lost, the mayor of Arvada would send the mayor of Boulder ten pounds of sliced potatoes, ready for frying. If Boulder’s team lost, the mayor would send ten pounds of sliced tomatoes, ready for sandwiches or salads.

Unfortunately, before the game started, the mayor of Boulder overheard the Arvada mayor tell someone: “They grow the worst tomatoes. If they lose and send us their tomatoes, I’m going to give them all to my pig.” The mayor of Boulder was upset to hear this, because he thought Boulder’s tomatoes were the best in the state. So he gave the matter some thought.

The following week, the big game was played. Boulder lost its star quarterback in the first half when he tripped over a cheerleader and sprained his big toe. The quarterback glumly watched the rest of the game from the bench. His team ended up losing, 38 to 12. The two mayors shook hands after the game, and the Arvada mayor said, “I’m really looking forward to those tomatoes.” As the Boulder team left the stadium, some unhappy fans threw ripe tomatoes at them.

A week later, the mayor of Arvada received a package of beautifully sliced tomatoes. He took them straight to his pig, which gobbled them right up.

That night the mayor of Boulder asked his wife if Arvada’s mayor had called. “No,” she said. “Why?” “Because I mixed a pint of hot sauce into the tomatoes and I wanted to know how his pig’s doing.”

**Questions**

36. Who is said to grow the worst tomatoes?

37. What did the quarterback hurt during the game?

38. Which team won the game?

39. What was thrown at the team that lost the game?

40. What did the mayor of Boulder add to the vegetable prize?