**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE**

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

**TEST A**

**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. Last year Tom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Greece while his parents stayed at home.**

1. has gone
2. went
3. had gone
4. was going

**2. I asked two people the way to Buckingham Palace, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them knew.**

1. neither
2. both
3. anybody
4. nobody

**3. The policeman accused the boy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stealing.**

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

**4. What book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I arrived?**

1. did you read
2. were you reading
3. had you read
4. have you been reading

**5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sleep well recently.**

1. wasn’t able to
2. haven’t been
3. hadn’t
4. haven’t been able to

**6. Women have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leisure time than men.**

1. fewer
2. much
3. less
4. enough

**7. Ann \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very happy at the moment.**

1. do not seem
2. does not seem
3. isn’t seeming
4. not seeming

**8. If I had seen you, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have said hello.**

1. would
2. must
3. will
4. can

**9. This meat has gone bad. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eat it.**

1. had not
2. had no better
3. had rather not
4. had better not

**10. I’m used to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up early.**

1. get
2. got
3. getting
4. gets

**11. Josephine didn’t like living in the city centre, so she moved to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. countryside
2. downtown
3. ground floor
4. suburb

**12. They were taking too much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with them on holiday.**

1. baggage
2. backpack
3. luggages
4. suitcases

**13. Only two people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the air crash in Berlin.**

1. lived
2. overcame
3. recovered
4. survived

**14. Do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cake?**

1. fry
2. grill
3. bake
4. boil

**15. I always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clothes before I buy them.**

1. check in
2. check on
3. try in
4. try on

**16. Have you got a bigger size? The jacket is a bit too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. big
2. tight
3. loose
4. baggy

**17. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a part of your hand.**

1. shoulder
2. elbow
3. palm
4. wrist

**18. He lost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after his accident and never regained it.**

1. consciousness
2. cautiousness
3. conscience
4. cause

**19. My sister works as a secretary. It’s her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to answer the phone, write down messages and arrange meetings.**

1. business
2. job
3. position
4. employment

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

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

**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 a newspaper article

A German bank worker has spent every working day for six months counting a total of 2.5 tonnes of copper coins left by a lorry driver to his relatives. The family loaded the 1.2 million one and two pfennig coins – obsolete since 2002 when Germany adopted the euro, and wrapped in hundreds of freezer bags – into a van and drove to a branch of the Bundesbank, the German central bank, in Oldenburg, northern Germany, after the man died in May.

**According to the text, the money was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) stolen by a bank worker

B) owned by a lorry driver

C) brought from the bank

D) found in a freezer

22. Hair loss

New research says bald and balding men should not worry about their looks. Many men get stressed about losing their hair. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that women and men think bald men are more attractive, more confident and taller. Researchers asked people to rate photos of men. There were three categories - attractiveness, confidence and dominance. Bald men came top in every category.

**The new research showed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) bald men look better in photos

B) a lot of bald men are stressed

C) bald men are positively viewed

D) women prefer attractive men

23. From a newspaper article

She grew up in a modest hotel run by her parents in a French seaport village, sharing a room with her younger brother. Her father cooked, her mother oversaw the dining room, and Maguy Le Coze was waiting tables by the time she was 12, a serious child who forever remained that way. The two children attended separate elementary schools in Port Navalo – Gilbert the one for boys, Maguy the one for girls. There was another difference: “I would do my homework,” she said. “My brother never did his. I always tried to do the right thing, to learn.”

**As a child, Maguy Le Coze \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) helped in a restaurant kitchen

B) had her own room in a hotel

C) disliked doing her homework

D) lived near the sea in France

24. From the news

It was just one word in one email, but it triggered huge financial losses for a multinational company. The message, written in English, was sent by a native speaker to a colleague for whom English was a second language. Unsure of the word, the recipient found two contradictory meanings in his dictionary. He acted on the wrong one. Months later, senior management investigated why the project had flopped, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**What is true about the news?**

A) The recipient misunderstood a word.

B) The sender used a wrong word.

C) The recipient was a native speaker.

D) The sender’s English was poor.

25. Experience with H.I.I.T

Few people interested in fitness are unfamiliar with the concept of high-intensity interval training, or H.I.I.T., which involves very short, very strenuous bursts of exercise interspersed with periods of rest. But many people are too intimidated to try such workout. As my colleague Tara Parker-Pope reported recently, using a heart-rate monitor helped her overcome her fear of H.I.I.T. But a new study shows that for many, just trying an H.I.I.T. workout for the first time may be a critical step in including high-intensity training as part of your everyday routine.

**Tara Parker-Pope has found out that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) H.I.I.T requires expensive equipment

B) people have negative experience with H.I.I.T.

C) H.I.I.T is unknown to sportspeople

D) there is no need to be afraid of H.I.I.T.

26. From an article

Passengers travelling to Florida found themselves in Bermuda for a day after a flight was diverted so a sick baby could get urgent medical treatment. According to Skyport, the Virgin Atlantic flight landed in Bermuda on Monday night with 429 passengers and 14 crew members after it was determined that an 18-month-old child needed immediate medical assistance.

**The flight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) was cancelled on Monday

B) changed its direction

C) was lost in Bermuda

D) landed in Florida

27. From a newspaper article

With ransomware tools and other tricks of the trade readily available over the dark web, holding an organization hostage is easier than ever for cyber criminals. Fuelled by the twin trends of encryption and bitcoin, hackers have commoditised the machinery of locking out a business from its own information. It’s easy money for hackers because in most cases the victims are willing to pay the ransom, usually in bitcoins. No negotiation is not an option.

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

A) illegal finances in business

B) a new phenomenon in crime

C) stealing data from customers

D) a web attacked by hackers

28. A multilingual student

Alex Rawlings has been named the UK’s most multilingual student, in a competition run by a dictionary publisher. The German and Russian student from London, who is only 20 years old, can speak 11 languages fluently. In a video for the BBC News website he demonstrated his skills by speaking in all of them, changing quickly from one to another. Rawlings said that winning the competition was ‘a bit of a shock’. He explained, ‘I saw the competition advertised and I heard something about a free iPad. I never imagined that it would generate this amount of media attention.’

**Alex Rawlings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) studies 11 languages at university

B) has German and Russian parents

C) presented his speaking skills online

D) wanted to draw media attention

29. Personal experience with an Uber driver

I caught an Uber to the airport the other week and got chatting to the driver, as you do. She told me she had a full-time retail job but had decided she could use her spare time to do some driving for Uber and in the process upgrade her car. She was in her mid-40s, divorced and had no children. She explained to me that driving for Uber was ideal for her because she could set her own hours. A part-time job with another employer would be much more difficult to arrange.

**The Uber driver was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) satisfied with her part-time job

B) disappointed by her employer

C) exhausted by her full-time job

D) forced to do her job for Uber

30. From the newspaper

A professional football player was charged by government prosecutors with breeding dogs to fight, providing the site for the dog fights, gambling on the dog fights, and killing dogs that were not good fighters. The quarterback, Roger Cheney, at first denied everything. He told the media that he hoped his mother would not hear about any of this and, if she did, she knew him well enough not to believe any of the charges.

**Roger Cheney was charged with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) killing of some players

B) cheating during matches

C) stealing from his mother

D) keeping dangerous animals

**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.***

**A Missing Cat**

The owner of a missing cat is asking for help. “My baby has been missing for over a month now.” said Mrs. Brown, a 56-year-old woman. Mrs. Brown lives by herself in a trailer park near Clovis. She said that Clyde, her 7-year-old cat, didn’t come home for dinner more than a month ago. The next morning he didn’t appear for breakfast either. After Clyde missed an extra-special lunch, she called the police. When the policeman asked her to describe Clyde, she told him that Clyde had beautiful green eyes, had all his teeth but was missing half of his left ear, and was seven years old and completely white. She then told the officer that Clyde was about a foot high.

A bell went off. “Is Clyde your child or your pet?” the officer suspiciously asked. “Well, he’s my cat, of course,” Mrs. Brown replied. “Lady, you’re supposed to report missing PERSONS, not missing CATS,” said the irritated policeman. “Well, who can I report this to?” she asked. “You can’t. You have to ask around your neighbourhood or put up flyers,” replied the officer. Mrs. Brown figured that a billboard would work a lot better than an 8”x11” piece of paper on a telephone pole. There was an empty billboard at the end of her street just off the interstate highway. The billboard had a phone number on it. She called that number, and they told her they could blow up a picture of Clyde and put it on the billboard for all to see.

“But how can people see it when they whiz by on the interstate?” she asked. “Oh, don’t worry, ma’am, they only whiz by between 2 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. The rest of the day, the interstate is so full of commuters that no one moves.” They told her it would cost only $3,000 a month. So she took most of the money out of her savings account and rented the billboard for a month.

The month has passed, but Clyde has not appeared. Because she has almost no money in savings, Mrs. Brown called the local newspaper to see if anyone could help her rent the billboard for just one more month. She is waiting but, so far, no one has stepped forward.

**Summary**

Mrs. Brown is a desperate old lady because her beloved 7-year-old cat hasn’t shown up for more than a **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_**. She **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** it to the police, however, she has been told that it is possible to inform the police only about a **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** person, not a cat. Therefore she decided to put a **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_** of her cat on the billboard at the end of the street for all to see. She had to take almost all her **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_** and rented the billboard for a month. Unfortunately, the cat has not appeared so far.

**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.***

**Cheating**

Everybody cheats. Whether it’s the taxi driver who tricks a visitor and takes them the long way round, or the shop assistant who doesn’t give the correct change, or the police officer who accepts a bribe – everybody’s at it. Cheats in the news include the scientist whose research was based on fake data, the game show contestant who collaborated with a friend in the audience to win a million pounds, and the doctor who forged his qualifications and wasn’t really a doctor at all. Everybody cheats; nobody’s playing the game.

Is cheating acceptable, a natural way of surviving and being successful? Or is it something that should be frowned on, and young people discouraged from doing? If it’s the latter how can we explain to children why so many bend the rules?

Take sport for example. The pinnacle of football, the World Cup, was rife with cheating. Whether diving, pretending to be hurt or denying a handball, footballers will do anything for a free-kick or a penalty shot. France striker Henry denied cheating to win the free-kick which led to his side’s second goal in their 3-1 victory over Spain. Many footballers, however, are often putting it on. Whatever the nationality there’s one common trick: the player rolls over holding their leg, ankle or head seeming to be in great pain. As a result a yellow card and/or free-kick is given for the foul and then, a few seconds later, the player is up and about as if nothing had happened! The ref may be taken in by it but youngsters watching the game aren’t. They also see their heroes getting away with it.

Of course it’s not just football either. In 1998 the Tour de France, the world’s greatest cycling event, was hit by a drug-taking scandal. The 40 bottles of doping products found with the Festina team triggered a massive investigation that almost caused the Tour to be abandoned. One rider, Virenque, was banned for 9 months. He claimed: “You have cheats in sport, just as you do in business – there will always be people trying to take a short cut. At least we’re not turning a blind eye to the problem, which other sports are.”

Cycling certainly does test more than other sports but whether it’s now cleaner than the ’98 fiasco remains to be seen. The day before the 2006 Tour started 13 riders were withdrawn by their teams under suspicion of doping. A climate of mistrust surrounds everyone and anyone connected with the sport.

Is it all inevitable? There’s tremendous pressure on all athletes to perform for their fans and for their sponsors. It’s success, money and power that rule professional sport rather than an honest attempt to do the best one can.

**Questions**

36. Who is the person that cooperates with a friend during a game contest?

37. What do many of us do to survive or be successful?

38. What is similar for all nationalities in football?

39. How long could one cyclist not do the sport because of cheating?

40. What is more important than honesty in professional sport?