**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE**

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

**TEST A**

**TASK A**

***For sentences 1-20 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. A human body benefits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eating lots of vegetables.**

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

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the dog yet?**

1. Were you feed
2. Have you fed
3. Did you fed
4. Will you feed

**3. I strongly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with you.**

1. recognize
2. discuss
3. disagree
4. recommend

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on holiday in Italy three years ago, he decided to learn Italian.**

1. Whereas
2. While
3. Whenever
4. Whether

**5. Pratchett’s novels were translated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many languages.**

1. by
2. into
3. for
4. on

**6. Tom gets on well with \_\_\_\_\_\_ in his family.**

1. all
2. each
3. everyone
4. everything

**7. Oliver is going to the pharmacy with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from his doctor.**

1. bill
2. recipe
3. receipt
4. prescription

**8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the TV off. This show is boring.**

1. Put
2. Set
3. Turn
4. Make

**9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **I have never been to Spain, I really love the culture.**

1. However
2. Nevertheless
3. Although
4. Because

**10. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, I would call Peter immediately.**

1. am
2. will be
3. were
4. are

**11. John lives in London. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there for seven years.**

1. is living
2. was living
3. has lived
4. had lived

**12. Lena has now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the point where her English is almost fluent.**

1. advanced
2. approached
3. arrived
4. reached

**13. James Watt was an inventor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ideas changed the world.**

1. his
2. who
3. that
4. whose

**14. In the park, there is a long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leading to a lake.**

1. journey
2. gate
3. trip
4. path

**15. A young student acted as our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we visited the National Gallery.**

1. coach
2. guide
3. lead
4. trainer

**16. My father is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ charge of the whole department.**

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

**17. We spent the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day on the beach.**

1. all
2. every
3. whole
4. another

**18. I can imagine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the sun on the beach this summer.**

1. to lie
2. lie
3. to lying
4. lying

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

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

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

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

**TASK B**

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

21.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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. analyse water quality
2. inform about a project
3. persuade people
4. ask for a donation

22. From a newspaper

In China, hundreds of new workers protested at Apple’s main iPhone plant over unpaid wages. The protest started on Wednesday night when workers streamed out of **dormitories** and pushed past the guards. According to one employee, the company changed conditions for new workers, offering them higher pay. They were promised 3,500 dollars for two months of work; however, later they had to work for two months at a lower pay without receiving the promised wages. Several protesters were injured and anti-riot police arrived to restore order.

**The workers staged a protest because the company \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. failed to keep its promise
2. increased the wages after two months
3. offered better conditions to new workers
4. forced the employees to leave their dormitory

23. From a newspaper

Climate Champion Irene Sanna lives on the Italian island of Sardinia. Irene is interested in solar energy, and also believes that Sardinia should use the waves around its coast to produce electricity. That would reduce the need to import oil and gas for lighting, heating and cooking. “Energy conservation is our future. We must make plans to save our coast which still has no pollution. We must protect the animals, birds and fish in danger from global warming. And we must recycle.”

**What does Irene say?**

1. Local people waste energy.
2. The import of energy is costly.
3. The sea can provide power for the island.
4. There is oil and gas under the sea.

24. From a magazine

Everybody loves a good wedding and I’m no exception. I’ve been to a load of them in my native Britain and I must say that I usually have a great time. I’ve also been to a few abroad, including the Caribbean and Spain, and most recently – last week in fact – to one in the mountains of Crete. No two weddings are ever the same and I really enjoyed this one for one or two of the differences from those in the UK.

**What is true about the author of the text?**

1. She is going to get married soon.
2. She wants to get married in an exotic place.
3. She has never been to a great wedding.
4. She enjoys going to weddings.

25. From an article about dating

Most single people these days are on dating apps. But why? What are they searching for? A new study found that 49 percent of adults who have ever used a dating app or site were on them to find an exclusive romantic partner. What’s everyone else on dating apps looking for if they’re not looking for exclusive relationships? Well, 39 percent are on there just for something fun or interesting to do. Next, 29 percent of them are on there just to test the waters and see what the app is like to use. Less than a quarter of people (23 percent, to be exact) are on there for casual sex.

**What is true according to the text?**

1. Dating apps focus on finding exclusive partners.
2. Dating apps are losing popularity.
3. Most people use dating apps just for entertainment.
4. Some users of dating apps are paid testers.

26. From an article

On the 70th anniversary of the end of the war, historian Michael Sontheimer lamented online that the hard look Germany took at itself in the decades after the Holocaust may give way to some politicians portraying Germans as equal victims of World War II. The firebombing of Dresden, for example, is being used to universalize the suffering that resulted from a war begun by German aggression. He described how, when his 11-year-old son attended school in London, he was sometimes met with taunts of “Heil, Hitler.” Even a child, Sontheimer wrote, “can’t escape history. That is not something I regret.” If the country's leaders do not remain vigilant, German innocents pay the price.

**Historian Michael Sontheimer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. disapproves of politicians’ attempts to rewrite history
2. criticizes the allies bombing German cities
3. claims modern Germans know little about the Holocaust
4. thinks that Germans were also partial victims of WWII

27. From the news

This BBC program investigates Second Life, a virtual world with its own communities. In Second Life, you reinvent yourself: you choose a different name, change your appearance in any way you want and get a new personality. What is more, Second Life is a world of endless pleasure. You can go shopping, take English classes, meet and chat to people from all over the world, live in a perfect house on a magical island and even make money. There’s only one rule in Second Life: there are no rules!

**The MAIN purpose of Second Life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. to change personal identity
2. to investigate new communities
3. to invest some money in real estates
4. to entertain yourself in a virtual world

28. From a newspaper

Every day, people toss away tens of millions of garments to get new ones. When consumers throw away clothes, they do not think about what happens to them. Some of the clothes go to a second-hand supply chain; however, the situation is less common because more clothes are made quickly. In India, millions of tons of used clothing come from North America, Europe, Japan and Australia; they get turned into car insulation, mattress filling, and cleaning cloths. However, even these products eventually go to a landfill or**incinerator.**

**According to the text, the MAIN problem with used clothes is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. **unrecyclable materials**
2. **second-hand shops**
3. **dumping grounds**
4. **their quantity**

29. From a report

An Indonesian sportswear maker has apologized 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 honor and celebrate women’s achievements around the world.

**What is the story about?**

1. a company receiving inappropriate complaints
2. a sportswear maker accused of sexism
3. International Women’s Day in Indonesia
4. unclear washing instructions for shirts

30. From the news

Around 25 million people in California are under a flood watch this weekend as the latest in a parade of deadly storms drenches the state. Several waterways have flooded, at least 19 people have died and thousands have been told to evacuate their homes. In Montecito, a town 135km north-west of Los Angeles, locals say the rain aggravates their trauma. A mudslide here killed 23 people in 2018 and many are afraid it could happen again. Rita Bourbon credits Italian construction workers with saving her life. The craftsmen built her home more than a century ago and she says it’s like a fortress. She survived the storm five years ago, crying inside with her daughter and some friends as they listened to the sound of boulders and other houses ripped from their foundations crashing into her home.

**Rita Bourbon survived the storm in 2018 because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. her daughter and some friends helped her
2. her house was out of the way of the boulders
3. she had been told to evacuate her house
4. her house had been properly built

**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 James Webb Space Telescope**

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is NASA’s successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. The ambitious space observatory took off from the European Spaceport launch site near Kourou, in French Guiana, on 25 December 2021 on a European Space Agency (ESA) Ariane-5 rocket, after a series of delays. Since the project was first envisioned in 1996, its costs have overrun from $0.5 billion to almost $10 billion.

The JWST was fully deployed on 8 January 2022 and reached its destination on 24 January. On 16 March 2022, it focussed all its mirrors on a single star for the first time.

The JWST sits at a point further from Earth than Hubble, which orbits at an altitude of around 570 km above Earth’s surface. The JWST is situated in a Lagrange point between Earth and the sun, a point at which the gravitational pull between two orbiting bodies balances out, meaning something placed at that point can stay there with little effort. There are five of these in the Earth-sun system, and the one the JWST will stay at is 1.5 million kilometres (1 million miles) from Earth, in the opposite direction to the sun, called Lagrangian point 2 or L2.

Although the JWST is often described as a replacement for Hubble, its capabilities differ slightly compared to the iconic telescope that came before it. While the Hubble Space Telescope looks mostly in the ultraviolet, the JWST is looking at longer wavelengths, in the infrared.

The telescope has a varied set of scientific goals, including examining nearby exoplanets, studying the earliest stars, observing supermassive black holes and looking for signs of cold dark matter. It will be used to study young galaxies, to answer questions of how galaxies assemble and to peer through clouds of dust to watch stars being formed. But it will also look much closer to home, studying objects within our solar system such as Mars, the gas giants, Pluto, and even some asteroids and comets.

**Summary**

Before the successful launch of the JWST in 2021, the project had experienced several **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_**. As a result, the **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** of the project have been much higher than originally estimated. Now, the JWST is located at a **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** where the combined gravitational forces of two large bodies are in balance. The JWST differs from the Hubble Space Telescope by viewing the Universe at **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_** wavelengths. There are many **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_** the project aims to achieve, such as studying exoplanets, stars, black holes, asteroids and comets.

**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.***

Illness and Medicine

For the past few days, John has had some difficulty breathing. He was only 30 years old, and it was a bit odd for someone of his age to have this symptom. Maybe if he was a smoker, things would have made more sense. But John has never smoked a cigarette in his life. He decided to go see his doctor about it.

Luckily, he was able to schedule an appointment that very week and get himself checked out. After 20 minutes of waiting the nurse called John to room 107 and did some routine check-up procedures. She took his blood pressure, measured his height and weight, and asked about his family’s history of health problems. John was fortunate enough to not have any hereditary health issues. There was no heart disease, cancer, diabetes, nor arthritis to worry about. The nurse also asked about any and all current drugs he was taking, but he replied that he doesn’t take any medication.

After John’s information was recorded, the nurse left the examination room and told him the doctor would be with him shortly. Just two minutes later, he was finally face to face with the man who could help him in no time. The two chatted about John’s breathing issue, and John went into more detail about his condition. Chest pains were occurring throughout the day, but there were no heart palpitations. The doctor placed his stethoscope on John’s chest and asked him to take a couple of deep breaths.

With a few subtle nods, it appeared the doctor had reached a final diagnosis. It was asthma.

**Questions**

36. Why was John anxious about his breathing difficulties?

37. What step did John undertake after he decided to see his doctor?

38. What did the nurse question John about?

39. What health problems did John experience during the day?

40. What tool did a doctor use to listen to the internal sounds of John’s body?