**Objective Placement Test A**

**Situation 1: David is talking with Tomomi when Monica comes into the room  
1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are meeting for the first time.  
a. David and Monica  
b. David and Tomomi  
C. Tomomi and Monica  
d. David, Monica, and Tomomi  
  
Situation 2: Ken and Nancy are at a restaurant.  
2. Ken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. is having steak tonight  
b. stopped eating steak  
c. eats steak a lot  
d. prefers chicken to steak  
  
Situation 3: Karen calls Jason's home. Jason's father answers the telephone.  
3. Karen is going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. speak with Jason at work  
b. call back in an hour  
c. wait for Jason to call  
d. send a written message  
Now go on to page 4.  
  
Situation 4: A reporter is giving today's weather forecast.  
4. It will be clear in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. the Northeast  
b. Seattle  
c. Boston  
d. Miami**

**5. In Seattle, the weather is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. hot  
b. snowy  
C. cool  
d. rainy  
  
Situation 5: Bill invites Jennifer to go to dinner and a movie.  
6. Jennifer doesn't accept right away because she can't.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. eat a late lunch  
b. leave work early  
c. go to dinner  
d. see the movie  
  
7. They're going to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. leave work a little early  
b. go to the movie before dinner  
c. see the movie tomorrow  
d. have dinner at 7:00  
  
Situation 6: Linda is asking Jim about his plans for the summer.  
8. In the summer, Jim usually\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. stays in the mountains  
b. takes trips with his family  
c. visits his parents  
d. goes to the beach  
  
9. This summer hes planning to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. stay at home  
b. go tothe beach  
c. fish with his dad  
d. hike in the mountains**

**Situation 7: Phil is talking with Susie about money.  
10. Phil is upset because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. Susie can't lend him any money  
b. his parents won't give him money  
c. Albert hasn't returned his money  
d. his friendsnever lend him money  
  
11. Albert\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. didn't borrow $100  
b. isn't working now  
c. doesn't need the money  
d. can't return the money yet  
  
12. Susie doesn’t lend money to friends because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. she has just enough for herself  
b. lending money can change a friendship  
c. people won’t lend her money  
d. her friends don't need it  
  
Situation 8: Natalie and Chuck are talking about their experiences abroad  
13. Chuck went backpacking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. in Brazil  
b. by himself  
c. after high school  
d. with his father  
  
14. Chuck says he "would have liked to have seen Portugal. He means that he\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. went there, and he liked it  
b. didn't go there, but he wanted to  
c. went there, but he didn't like it  
d. didn't go there, and he didn't want to**

**15. While Natalie was in Japan, she\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. traveled all over the country  
b. lived with a Japanese family  
c. learned Japanese quickly  
d. got very homesick**

**16. Chuck doesn't want to\_.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. travel anymore  
b. learn a foreign language  
c. stay at home  
d. live abroad  
  
Situation 9 Diane and Conrad are talking about their careers.  
17. Conrad got into advertising because he\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. studied advertising in college  
b. heard about a job opening  
C. liked to help people  
d. was tired of his old job  
  
18. When he was young, Conrad wanted to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. work in advertising  
b. become a doctor  
c. stay in school  
d. go into business**

**19. Diane's parents didn't want her to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. start her own business  
b. finish college  
C. be too successful  
d. change her career**

**20. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. owns his own company  
b. enjoys working in advertising  
c. thinks his job is boring  
d. wants toleave his job**

**Section Il: Reading  
In this section of the Objective Placement Test, you will read some short passages and answer  
questions about them. Choose the word or words that best complete the sentence. For each item,  
fill in your answer on the answer sheet. You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.  
Passage 1: What are you doing today?  
BETTY CHAN: l usually stay home on Sundays and take it easy read, clean the house, do stuff like  
that. But today I'm at the mall. l'm buying some things for my kids.  
  
21. Betty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I today.  
a. shopping  
b. reading  
c. cleaning  
d. resting  
  
Passage 2: What do you do?  
TONY PEREZ: I'm a flight attendant with a major airline. Flying isn't dangerous, but it can be stressful.  
When I'm up in the air working, l always have something to do. I like it because I meet a lot of  
interesting people.  
  
22. Tony's job is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. busy  
b. easy  
c. relaxing  
d. boring**

**Passage 3: A vacation postcard  
Dear Sal,  
Greetings from France-it's so good to be back here again! We left the kids with their grandparents  
in Chicago, and we're biking across the French countryside by ourselves. We brought a tent and  
sleeping bags, so we can camp out if we want to, but we're really enjoying the small hotels we find  
along the way  
Love  
Michael and Paula  
  
23. Michael and Paula \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a, have been to France before  
b. took theirchildren with them  
c. are visiting their grandparents  
d. prefer to sleep outside  
  
Passage 4: The "zone"  
You're deeply involved in a task and can ignore everything around you ringing telephones, your neighbor's TV, even your own hunger- and still do things in record time. This is similar to what athletes call the "zone: the power to concentrate so hard that you can ignore everything else. This ability can bring success in any field, but in athletics it can mean all the difference between winning and losing a game or event  
  
24. In this reading, the "zone refers to a person's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. state of mind  
b. neighborhood  
c. physical condition  
d. intelligence  
  
25. Athletes in the "zone" are more likely to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. fall  
b. compete  
C. win  
d. relax**

**Passage 5: Henry Ford and the Model-T  
Henry Ford became famous and rich because he found a better, faster way to build cars. This is  
shown in the history of the Model-T. When the Model-T was first introduced in 1908, it took 14  
hours to build and cost $850. After Ford introduced into his own factory the mass-production  
techniques that he saw in a meat-packing plant, the time for building a Model-T was reduced to  
less than two hours. As a result, Ford was able to drop the price of the car to $265. By 1927, he had  
sold over 15 million Model-Ts.  
  
26. The first Model-T was expensive because it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. was new  
b. was very popular  
c. took a long time to build  
d. was built in a factory  
  
27. The Model-T became so popular because it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than other cars.  
a. newer  
b. faster  
c. better  
d. cheaper  
  
Passage 6: It's a big country!  
When it comes to body weight, Americans stand out. Most visitors to the United States, no matter where they go across this vast country, comment on the size of many Americans. In fact, these impressions are backed by numerous statistics. For example, the average 5' 4" American weighs 162 pounds, or 15 pounds more than the average person of the same height from Western or Central Europe. Another comparison: At 150 pounds, the average 5' 4" American woman is  
24 pounds heavier than her Japanese counterpart. Why are Americans so heavy? Some blame the American diet. Certainly it's true that  
Americans eat more high-fat foods- meat, dairy products, and processed food -and fewer grains and vegetables than people in other countries. But fat isn't the whole story. Lifestyle factors- including the tendency for Americans to drive rather than walk or ride a bicycle to work, to snack throughout the day, and to have so many labo-saving devices in the home appear to contribute to the problem.  
  
28. According to the article, visitors to the United States often comment on the size of  
the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. population  
b. cities  
c. country  
d. people  
  
29. According to the article, the average Western European weighs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. more than an American  
b. more than a Central European  
C. less than an American  
d. ss than a Japanese person  
  
30. In comparison with Americans, people in other countries eat more\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. meat  
b. dairy products  
c. processed food  
d. grains  
  
31. The article implies that Americans would lose weight if they\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
a. snacked more often  
b. rode bicycles to work  
c. stayed at home more  
d. ate fewer vegetables**

**Passage 7: Small talk isn't so "small"  
Sal talk may not be about serious issues; nevertheless, researchers into the subject have concluded that it's important. That's because small talk keeps us connected to one another and can lead to bigger things, such as a job or a new friendship. Yet people who find themselves alone with another person often don't know what to say. Here are a few tips to help you start a conversation,  
and to keep the conversational ball rolling  
  
Start with the obvious. If you have something in common with another person (your job, hobbies, a person you both know, etc.), begin with that. If you don't know the person, it's always acceptable to bring up a neutral topic such as the weather or a recent news event. It isn't necessary to be clever all that's required is to show interest in the other person and to be willing to talk  
  
Compliment where appropriate If the other person has done something you like or is wearing something attractive, it's always appropriate to compliment. But avoid talking about the specifics of a person's physical appearance (people can't usually change how they look) and keep your compliments short and to the point ("What a great tie! Or You look great tonight!") and continue  
with another topic.  
  
Talk about yourself-then return to your partner, It's perfectly OK to talk about your own interests for a while, but keep your conversation from becoming a monolog. It's only polite, for example, that after talking about your own children, you turn the conversation back to your partner by asking  
about his or her children  
  
32. According to the article, the main function of small talk is to ـــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. show our own importance  
b. get valuable information  
c. relate to other people  
d. talk about major issues  
  
33. "Start with the obvious" means that you should talk about things that you ـــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. have in common  
b. enjoy doing  
c. want to understand  
d. know everything about  
  
34. You need to be careful when complimenting someone because most people ـــــــــــــــــــــ .  
a. don't like compliments  
b. can't change how they look  
c. don't dress very well  
d. haven't done anything interesting  
  
35. You should avoid monologs because other peopleـــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. have no interest in what you say  
b. already know a lot about you  
c. like totalk about themselves, too  
d. prefer to discuss neutral subjects  
  
Passage 8: Headaches  
Everyone has experienced headaches, but only recently have medical researchers begun to learn more specifically about the causes and possible treatments for different types of headache pain. The most common type of headache is the simple tension headache. Tension headaches are noise. Tension headaches are caused by a tightening of the neck or back muscles, which slows the flow of blood and, therefore, oxygen to the brain. It is the lack of oxygen that causes the pain. Most headaches can be relieved by taking a mild analgesic such as aspirin. Analgesics expand the blood vessels and restore the normal flow of blood and oxygen to the brain. A more serious type of headache is the migraine. Migraine headaches are often extremely painful and can last for hours or days. Like tension headaches, they can be the result of different factors, including stress, hormonal changes, and allergies. Unlike tension headaches, however, they are caused by an abnormal expansion or swelling (rather than a contraction) of the blood vessels within the head. Medicines that shrink swollen blood vessels can be used to treat migraine headaches. A tiny minority of headaches can be linked to severe physical problems such as head injury or brain tumors. For these types of headaches, there are medicines to treat the symptoms, but there is no cure unless the underlying problem is removed.**

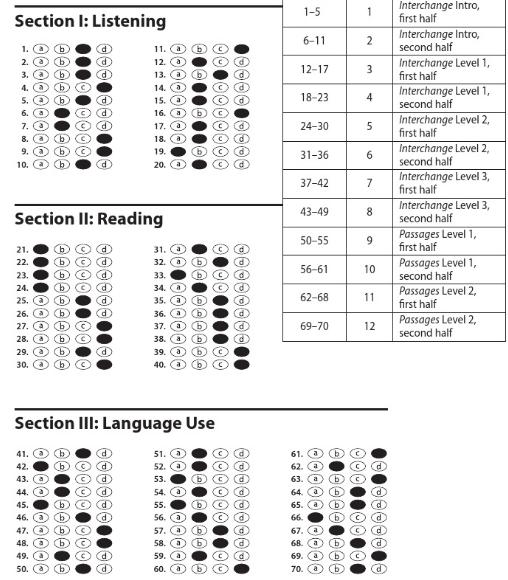
**36. This article discusses the ــــــــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. tiny minority of people who have headaches  
b. history of medical research into headaches  
c. causes and remedies for headaches  
physical problems caused by headaches  
  
37. A tension headache can result when ــــــــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. the neck and back muscles relax  
b. people get injured in an accident  
c. the flow of blood is restricted  
d. too much oxygen goes to the brain  
  
38. Migraine headaches ــــــــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. are the most common kind of headache  
b usually last only a few minutes  
C. can cause extreme pain  
d. have one main cause  
  
39. Medicines for migraines ــــــــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. relax the headand neck  
b. generally relieve tension  
C. increase the flow of blood  
d. cause blood vessels to contract  
  
40. Headaches caused by serious physical problems ــــــــــــــــــــــــــ  
a. can't be treated  
b. don't cause much pain  
c. have no symptoms  
d. are not very common**

**Section Ill: Language Use  
In this section, you will answer questions about the use of English. Choose the word or words that  
best complete the sentence. For each item, fill in your answer on the answer sheet. You will have  
15 minutes to complete this section  
  
41 . ـــــــــــــــــــــ several good restaurants in our neighborhood  
a. There  
b. They're  
c. There are  
d. Their  
  
42. The gas station is ـــــــــــــــــــــ Main Street.  
a. on  
b. at  
c. next  
d. close  
  
43. " can't swim very well."  
I can't ـــــــــــــــــــــ   
a. too  
b. either  
c, so  
d. neither  
  
44. I enjoy ـــــــــــــــــــــ out two or three times a week.**

**a. to eat**

**b. eating  
c. eat  
d. I eat**

**45. These days, ـــــــــــــــــــــ women keep working after they get married  
a. most  
b. most of  
c. almost  
d. the most  
  
46. My new job is very ـــــــــــــــــــــ   
a. excitement  
b. excited  
c, exciting  
d. excite  
  
47. After finishing college, I hope ـــــــــــــــــــــ married  
a. get  
b. that get  
c. getting  
d. to get  
  
48. Mt. Everest is ـــــــــــــــــــــ mountain in the world  
a. the high  
b. high as  
c. higher than  
d. the highest  
  
49. Bob's never been bungee jumpingـــــــــــــــــــــ he?  
a. is  
b. has  
c. does  
d. was  
50. I've run out of money. I wish l ـــــــــــــــــــــ more  
a. am saving  
b. have saved  
c. had saved  
d. will save  
  
51. Could you tell me where ـــــــــــــــــــــ ?  
a. is the post office  
b. the post office is  
c. is it the post office  
d. it is the post office  
  
52. If I had known about the accident, l ـــــــــــــــــــــ it to the police  
a. reported  
b. would have reported  
c. was reporting  
d. have been reporting  
  
53. Yolanda ـــــــــــــــــــــ part time for several years now  
a. has been working  
b. is working  
C. works  
d. was working  
  
54. The Taj Mahal is really worth ـــــــــــــــــــــ   
a. to see it  
b. seeing  
C. you see it  
d. see  
  
55. If I went to live in a foreign country ـــــــــــــــــــــ my friends  
a. I'd miss  
b. I'm missing  
C. I missed  
d. I miss  
  
56. Would you mind ـــــــــــــــــــــ the window?  
a. open  
b. opening  
C. to open  
d. I open  
  
57. I was interested ـــــــــــــــــــــ the violin  
a. to study  
b. study  
c. in studying  
d. studied  
  
58. Before a film is finished, it needs ـــــــــــــــــــــ .  
a. they edit it  
b. to edit  
c. to be edited  
d. being edited  
  
59. By 2020, scientists ـــــــــــــــــــــ a cure for cancer.  
a. had found  
b. will have found  
c. are finding  
d. have been finding  
  
60. "What happened to Kate?"  
"She must ـــــــــــــــــــــ about our appointment."  
a. forget  
b. be forgetting  
c. forgot  
d. have forgotten  
  
61. We're not used ـــــــــــــــــــــ our own meals  
a. cook  
b. to cook  
c. cooking  
d. to cooking  
  
62. Chicago ـــــــــــــــــــــ is nicknamed the Windy City, is the largest city in inois  
a. it  
b. which  
c. what  
d. that  
  
63 . ـــــــــــــــــــــ John, I like to cook.  
a. Unless  
b. Except  
c. Instead  
d. Unlike  
  
64. Before ـــــــــــــــــــــ breakfast, I usually take a shower  
a. eat  
b. to eat  
c. eating  
d. that eat  
  
65. I'm taking a class ـــــــــــــــــــــ learn more about my computer.  
a. so that  
b. in order  
C. in order to  
d. that  
  
66. For me, mathematics is ـــــــــــــــــــــ difficult than biology  
a. more  
b. the more  
c. most  
d. the most  
  
67. I would rather ـــــــــــــــــــــ evening classes  
a. don’t take  
b. not take  
c. no taking  
d. not taking  
  
68. I feel sick. I shouldn't ـــــــــــــــــــــ so much  
a. to eat  
b. eaten  
c. have eaten  
d. eating  
  
69. Jim's boss demanded that he ـــــــــــــــــــــ to work earlier  
a. has come  
b. coming  
C. is come  
d. come  
  
70. The earlier children learn to read ـــــــــــــــــــــ for their education  
a. good  
b. the good  
c. the better  
d. the best**

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