

ENGLISH TEST



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Hello and welcome to the Concours Pass Test of English. This test has been designed especially and exclusively for students participating in Concours Pass.

During this test you will have a series of exercises to help determine your proficiency in spoken and written English. For the entire test please remember that you are asked to choose just one answer for each question according to what you have heard or read. Then you should mark that answer clearly on your answer sheet by filling in the corresponding space. The sample question has been done for you to use as an example.

On behalf of everyone at Concours Pass, thank you for your interest and participation, and good luck to you all.

PART 1

SHORT DIALOGUES

Directions

In Part 1 you will hear short dialogues between two people. Each dialogue is followed by one question. Neither the dialogues nor the questions will be repeated. In your test book you will read the question heard on the CD and four answers to that question.

Now listen to a sample question:

- Man: Well, I just don't know what to do for my next vacation!
Woman: Why don't you come with us to Morocco?
Man: Unfortunately, hot weather really isn't my cup of tea.
Narrator: What does the man mean?

In your test book you read:

What does the man mean?

- A. He has never been to a hot country.
- B. He would love to go.
- C. He does not like hot weather.
- D. He takes his tea hot.

The best answer to the question "What does the man mean?" is choice C, "He does not like hot weather." Therefore, you should choose answer C.

Now begins PART 1.

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| 1. What does the woman mean? | 2. What does the man imply? |
| A. She doesn't like Brenda.
B. Brenda said she'd come at 7 o'clock.
C. Brenda is probably not coming.
D. She'll see if Brenda is on her way. | A. He's not interested in the gig.
B. He thinks they're too far away.
C. He'd love to come but isn't free.
D. The gig is too expensive. |

3. What will the woman probably do?
- Phone the Johnsons.
 - Make a booking at a restaurant.
 - Leave this morning.
 - Get a gift for the Johnsons.
4. What does the woman mean?
- His little brother doesn't like football.
 - She's not sure if the match is on tomorrow.
 - She has a better idea.
 - She thinks there will be too many people at the match.
5. What can be inferred about the woman?
- She doesn't like Stephen.
 - She likes her own company.
 - She's already been to Budapest.
 - She doesn't think Jen should interfere.
6. What does the man mean?
- He didn't catch much during the statistic classes.
 - He finds statistics easy to understand.
 - He'll need a lot of time to look at the class work he missed.
 - He'll need a lot of time to recover from his illness.
7. What had the woman assumed?
- There was a special trick to doing the assignment.
 - They would do the marketing assignment together.
 - The man knew how much time would be needed.
 - The man had already made progress with the assignment.
8. What will the man probably do?
- Vacate the property immediately.
 - Go away for the weekend as well.
 - Start tidying up the house.
 - Get in touch with Rachel and Andrew as soon as possible.
9. What does the woman imply?
- Samantha is not being helpful.
 - Samantha is usually late with her work.
 - Samantha doesn't have the skills to create a website.
 - The man should be more understanding.
10. What does the man suggest the woman do?
- Do a completely different job.
 - Be more cheerful towards the team.
 - Keep at it for a few more days.
 - Go on holiday.
11. What does the man mean?
- The seminar will have to be re-scheduled.
 - He'll send the invitations again by post.
 - People will have a better time at the seminar.
 - He'll go to the Wine and Food Fair instead – it'll be better.
12. Where is this conversation probably taking place?
- In a hi-tech store.
 - In a shoe shop.
 - In museum.
 - In an office.
13. What does the woman imply?
- She hasn't met the candidate yet.
 - She has met several unsuitable candidates.
 - The candidate was acceptable.
 - She is afraid of the man.
14. What does the woman suggest the man do?
- Share his problem with other commuters.
 - Contact a friend of hers who does the same journey.
 - Take public transport.
 - Have a look on-line for a different solution.
15. What does the man mean?
- The woman should keep the man informed.
 - The woman should keep ahead of the programme.
 - He would like to suggest a different solution.
 - He doesn't think it's a good idea.

16. What is the woman's problem?
- A. She is stressed about going to Saint Petersburg.
 - B. Her passport is out of date.
 - C. She has missed a deadline for tomorrow.
 - D. She cannot find her travel documents.
17. What does the man imply?
- A. The new intern is slow to understand.
 - B. The new intern is hanging out elsewhere.
 - C. The woman shouldn't interfere with the safety procedures.
 - D. The new intern is surprisingly good so far.
18. What does the woman mean?
- A. The exam was easier than expected.
 - B. The exam was more difficult than expected.
 - C. She is glad the exam is over.
 - D. She is imagining the worst.
19. Where is this conversation probably taking place?
- A. In a shop.
 - B. In a hotel.
 - C. In an airport.
 - D. In a restaurant.
20. What are these people discussing?
- A. A car.
 - B. A scooter.
 - C. A pedal bike.
 - D. A motor bike.

PART 2

SHORT TALKS

Directions

In Part 2 you will hear three short talks. Each talk is followed by three questions. The talks are about a number of different subjects and will not be repeated. In your test book you will read the questions and four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 21 through 23 refer to the following advertisement.

21. What is being advertised?
- A. A specialized car outlet.
 - B. An adventure holiday.
 - C. A hard-discount store.
 - D. A holiday park.
22. Who is the main target audience?
- A. Young people.
 - B. Business people.
 - C. Outdoor types.
 - D. Technology geeks.
23. What's happening over the weekend?
- A. The bank can provide a low-interest loan.
 - B. A special show.
 - C. People have time off work.
 - D. An outdoor event.

Questions 24 through 26 refer to the following message.

24. Who is the message for?
- A. Geraldine.
 - B. Samantha.
 - C. A candidate.
 - D. Someone from the Sol company.
25. What is the main purpose of the message?
- A. To offer a job to someone.
 - B. To confirm an arrangement.
 - C. To answer a question.
 - D. To arrange an interview.
26. When should the person phone back?
- A. Today.
 - B. Tuesday.
 - C. Wednesday.
 - D. Tomorrow.

Questions 27 through 29 refer to the following announcement.

27. Where is this announcement most likely being made?
- A. In a department store.
 - B. In a food store.
 - C. In a drugstore.
 - D. At the market.
28. What is the price of the soft drink mentioned by the speaker?
- A. \$15.
 - B. \$1.50.
 - C. \$1.40.
 - D. \$1.15.
29. What does the speaker advise customers do at the checkout?
- A. Pay with a special card.
 - B. Enter the prize draw.
 - C. Present their loyalty card.
 - D. Ask for the special deals.

La section écrite du test va maintenant commencer. Vous disposerez de 50 minutes pour faire les parties 3 et 4. Surveillant, veuillez arrêter le CD et le remettre en marche dans 50 minutes.

PART 3

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Directions

In Part 3 there are 25 incomplete sentences, each with four words or phrases given beneath. You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. You may now begin.

30. He's lost the keys again, . . . ?
- A. isn't it
 - B. had he
 - C. hasn't he
 - D. was it
31. Tomorrow is going to be today.
- A. more hot than
 - B. even hotter than
 - C. even hotter as
 - D. even more hot than
32. This is the first time to the Alps.
- A. they go
 - B. they are
 - C. they went
 - D. they have been
33. We are hoping this new product will to the millennial generation.
- A. reach
 - B. touch
 - C. appeal
 - D. attract
34. Everyone was to see the latest model of the smartphone.
- A. hasty
 - B. rush
 - C. eager
 - D. hurry
35. The company over 100 years ago.
- A. found
 - B. was founded
 - C. funded
 - D. is found
36. Look at that queue. We a long time for tickets!
- A. must wait
 - B. are waiting
 - C. should have to wait
 - D. are going to have to wait
37. There's not. . . . choice on the menu unfortunately.
- A. many
 - B. much
 - C. little
 - D. few
38. We went. . . .train. . . .Florence and stayed there. . . . 10 days.
- A. in...at...for
 - B. by...to...for
 - C. in...at...during
 - D. by...to...during
39. I haven't finished reading "*Wuthering Heights*".
- A. yet
 - B. still
 - C. again
 - D. already
40. The Spanish office is closing the recent increase in orders.
- A. despite
 - B. because of
 - C. although
 - D. whereas

41. I just need a phone call before joining you in the meeting.
- A. do
B. to do
C. make
D. to make
42. How many responses to the survey so far?
- A. received you
B. are you receiving
C. have you received
D. have you been receiving
43. The supervisor wanted our safety procedures.
- A. that we improve
B. us to improve
C. us improve
D. improve
44. There's not much traffic after all. We have left so early.
- A. mustn't
B. couldn't
C. needn't
D. hadn't
45. The management would like to know how many outstanding fault reports
- A. there are
B. are there
C. there is
D. is there
46. If you had told me you were running late, I so worried about you.
- A. should have been
B. shouldn't have been
C. would have been
D. wouldn't have been
47. Do you think the students are of the dangers of mountain-climbing?
- A. sure
B. aware
C. concerned
D. consciousness
48. I eat meat but I'm vegetarian now.
- A. am used to
B. use to
C. used to
D. used
49. Francesca that you were moving to Rome.
- A. said me
B. told me
C. spoke to me
D. talk to me
50. . . . have you been interested in astronomy?
- A. How many time
B. How much time
C. How many times
D. How long
51. The film was great! You definitely see it!
- A. should
B. ought
C. could
D. need
52. Once everyone had left the party, she found herself all
- A. only
B. alone
C. lonely
D. solitary
53. Every morning I for a run before breakfast.
- A. go...to have
B. gohaving
C. am going....to have
D. am going....having
54. She basket ball 3 years ago.
- A. took up
B. took
C. was taking
D. has taken up

PART 5

TELEPHONE CALLS

Directions

In Part 5 you will hear conversations between two people. Each conversation will be heard only once and will be followed by several questions. In your test book you will read the questions and the four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 55 through 57 refer to the following telephone call.

55. What is the man's problem?
- A. He cannot make calls with his smartphone.
 - B. He wants to change his smartphone for a better one.
 - C. His smartphone is not working properly.
 - D. He is unhappy with the customer service.
56. How long will it take to have the phone repaired?
- A. 48 hours.
 - B. About 7 working days.
 - C. About one week.
 - D. An unknown time.
57. What is the cost of replacing the smartphone?
- A. £120.
 - B. £175.
 - C. £275.
 - D. £375.

Questions 58 through 60 refer to the following telephone call.

58. Who is the woman calling?
- A. A doctor's surgery.
 - B. A dentist's surgery.
 - C. A hairdresser.
 - D. A university department.
59. When are the next available appointments?
- A. Monday at 4.30pm and Tuesday at 3.00pm.
 - B. Monday at 14.30 and Tuesday at 15.00.
 - C. Monday at 5.30pm and Thursday at 3.00pm.
 - D. Monday at 5.30pm and Tuesday at 3.00pm.
60. What does the woman prefer?
- A. Mondays.
 - B. Tuesdays.
 - C. Mornings.
 - D. Afternoons.

Questions 61 through 63 refer to the following telephone call.

61. What is the main reason for the man's call?
- A. To update Debbie about his schedule.
 - B. To discuss changes to the conference.
 - C. To check that Debbie had received some information.
 - D. To ask Debbie to place an order.
62. What should the woman do next?
- A. Contact Rutherford's.
 - B. Draw up a new contract.
 - C. Contact the conference organisers.
 - D. Make some amendments to a document.
63. What is happening on Monday?
- A. The man is staying in Singapore to make more business contacts.
 - B. A business decision will be made.
 - C. The conference is finishing.
 - D. The man will be bored staying in Singapore.

PART 6

CONCOURS PASS RADIO

Directions

In Part 6 you will listen to three shows on a popular radio station, CPR, otherwise known as Concours Pass Radio. Each show will be heard only once and will be followed by several questions. In your test book you will read the questions and four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 64 through 67 refer to the following show.

64. What is this show mainly about?
- A. The health food business.
 - B. The traditional restaurant business.
 - C. The food industry.
 - D. A new type of business.
65. What is said to be the failure rate of a traditional restaurant business?
- A. 10-20 percent.
 - B. 60 percent.
 - C. 69 percent.
 - D. 60-90 percent.
66. What does the woman say about the initial investment needed for a food truck?
- A. It is less than \$20 000.
 - B. It is more than \$20 000.
 - C. It is around \$20 000.
 - D. None of the above.
67. Which is NOT mentioned as gaining from the food-truck business?
- A. Sellers of food-trucks.
 - B. Web designers.
 - C. Consumers.
 - D. Staff.

Questions 68 through 71 refer to the following show.

68. What is the show mainly about?
- A. Robots.
 - B. New technology.
 - C. The risks of AI.
 - D. The scope of AI today.
69. What specific tasks performed by AI is NOT mentioned by the speaker?
- A. Facial recognition.
 - B. Internet searches.
 - C. Voice recognition.
 - D. Driving a car.
70. Why is AI in the news at the moment?
- A. Because there has been a lot of progress.
 - B. Because it is known to be dangerous.
 - C. Because there has been a new problem.
 - D. Because a robot has outperformed a human.
71. According to the surveys, how likely are we to have human-level AI soon?
- A. Very likely.
 - B. Quite likely.
 - C. Unlikely.
 - D. Uncertain

Questions 72 through 75 refer to the following show.

72. What is this show mainly about?
- A. Urban areas.
 - B. Green energy.
 - C. New developments.
 - D. Green cities.
73. What is NOT mentioned by the speaker as a feature of green living?
- A. Parks.
 - B. Recycling.
 - C. Cycle lanes.
 - D. Composting.
74. How much energy does Copenhagen generate by windmills, according to the speaker?
- A. 10%.
 - B. 15%.
 - C. 50%.
 - D. 90%.
75. Which city recycles more than 90% of its waste?
- A. Stockholm.
 - B. Amsterdam.
 - C. Bogota.
 - D. Iceland.

This is the end of our shows on Concours Pass Radio, and this is the end of our Test of English for Concours Pass. Thank you for your participation.

END OF TEST
