ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST FOR GRADE 1 – GRADE 3

Part I: Conversation (Items 1-6)

Short Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

1. Jackson: I've lost my notebook. _____ (2 marks)

   Jessy: I think you should buy a new one. There's a stationery shop over there.

   A. What should I do?
   B. What can I buy?
   C. How can I go?
   D. When shall I find it?

2. **Situation: In the office**

   Boss: Oh, the phone is ringing again.

   Secretary: _____ (3 marks)

   Boss: Sure, thanks.

   A. Shall I take it?
   B. Can I hang it up?
   C. Hold on, please.
   D. Would you like to hold?

3. Janet: Hi, June. How're things going?

June: Oh, _____! My job is great, and I just bought a house! (5 marks)

A. Hard luck
B. Not so good
C. Not so bad
D. Couldn't be better

Long Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

John: Would you like to play basketball with us this weekend?

David: I'd love to, but _____4._____ this weekend. (5 marks)

John: That's okay. You can play with us when you're free.

David: _____5._____ (2 marks)

John: Every Saturday. We'd rather play more often, but it's difficult to find a time when everyone's free.

David: What time do you begin?

John: At 8.30. _____6._____ (3 marks)

4. A. I'll be fed up
B. I'll be tied up
C. I'll be starving
D. I'll be worn out

5. A. When do you play basketball? B. What time do you play basketball?

C. How often do you play basketball? D. How long do you play basketball?

6. A. I'll see to it. B. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

C. I'll see eye to eye with you. D. I'll look into it.

Part II: Vocabulary (Items 7-12)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the most suitable word.

7. On a hot day, your dogs can become very _____, so make sure they have plenty of water. (2 marks)

A. busy B. hungry C. angry D. thirsty

8. "We're looking for highly _____ young people, with a strong interest in their subject," the principal said. (3 marks)

A. intelligent B. reckless C. foolish D. generous

9. The whiteness of the arctic fox acts as a _____, hiding it from its enemies. (5 marks)

A. stimulus B. weapon C. camouflage D. barrier

Directions: Choose the word which has a similar meaning to the underlined word.

10. When he **begins** that breathing, he automatically feels calm and in control. (2 marks)

A. feels B. stops C. knows D. starts

11. The accident could have been much worse; luckily no **harm** was done. (3 marks)

A. fear B. chance C. danger D. safety

12. Please inform us if there are any **significant** changes in your plans. (5 marks)

A. important B. slight C. sudden D. expected

Part III: Grammar (Items 13-18)

Directions: Choose the best answer.

13. Peter kept his head down and _____ at Kevin or the other two. (2 marks)

A. doesn't look B. wasn't look C. didn't look D. didn't looked

14. Where are my glasses? _____ were on the table a minute ago. (2 marks)

A. It B. There C. They D. Them

15. I would be very _____ in knowing more about the services your firm offers. (3 marks)

A. interest B. interested C. interesting D. interestingly

16. Here _____ the sports news from Jane Murray. (3 marks)

A. is B. are C. does D. do

17. Which sentence is **correct**? (5 marks)

A. Johnny ran off as fastly as his legs could carry him.

B. Laura is a little more taller than her husband.

C. The house has some beautiful old furnitures.

D. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world in the Himalayas.

18. Which sentence is **incorrect**? (5 marks)

A. Although she was in poor health, she still worked very hard.

B. The hotel is only an hour's drive from the airport.

C. Hemlock is one of the nature's oldest and most deadly poisons.

D. Children prefer their imaginary world than reality.

Part IV: Cloze Test (Items 19-24)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the most suitable word.

Gabon is a special place. It is one of the last places in the world ____19.____you can see gorillas, leopards, or elephants. The largest forests are in Gabon. They are ____20.____. It means that people do not destroy them.

____21.____, the country has problems with money. In the past, Gabon ____22.____ a lot of money from oil. Now there is not so much oil anymore. The government is looking for new ways to make money. One possibility is ecotourism. Workers are building a safari park with small houses. Tourists can live there. It ____23.____ 2,000 dollars per night. Another possibility to make money is logging, but companies can cut down only a limited number of trees. It is important that the forest can regenerate.

Some people worry that new businesses will have a bad ____24.____ on their lives. They are afraid that they will not be able to fish, hunt, and grow plants for food.

19.	A. when	B. where	C. why	D. what	(2 marks)
20.	A. durable	B. stable	C. intact	D. specific	(5 marks)
21.	A. Moreover	B. Furthermore	C. However	D. But	(5 marks)
22.	A. get	B. gets	C. got	D. getting	(3 marks)
23.	A. costs	B. pays	C. buys	D. lends	(2 marks)
24.	A. benefit	B. impact	C. system	D. image	(3 marks)

Part V: Reading Comprehension (Items 25-30)

Directions: Read the following advertisement and answer the question.

BLUE OCEAN'S DOLPHIN SHOW



Featuring "**Mermaid**" the Dolphin

Shows Daily

11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Admission Fee

Adults $15 Teenagers 12-18 $12 Children Under 12 $10

For more information, please call (105) 403 555 9

25. What is the purpose of this advertisement? (3 marks)

A. To explain how to play with dolphins

B. To attract readers to the dolphin show

C. To persuade readers to save dolphins

D. To tell readers that dolphins are clever sea animals

26. What can be inferred from the advertisement? (5 marks)

A. Blue Ocean has no other marine animal except dolphins.

B. There are more teenage visitors to Blue Ocean than adult visitors.

C. Mermaid is probably the name of the dolphin.

D. The dolphin show is more interesting than any other show.

Directions: Read the passage carefully and then choose the best answer.

Liverpool City Council needs to drive fat pigeons out of the city. The Council reveals that visitors to Liverpool are feeding these birds in the city center, which makes them fat. Naturally, the pigeons eat seeds and insects, but, after being fed by high-fat junk food, they get bigger and bigger.

The Council wants people who feed the birds to know that it is their own faults that have made the streets crowded with fat pigeons. They hope to drive the pigeons out of the city center and to parks or open spaces.

In order to tackle the problem, using robotic birds is the best solution. Ten robotic birds have been brought into the city to drive the pigeons off, and visitors are told not to give the pigeons any food. These robotic birds, which look like a peregrine falcon, which is a pigeon hunter, are placed on the roofs of buildings. They can be moved around to

different locations and can make noises or flap their wings to scare away the pigeons. The City Council hopes that the pigeons will fly away from the city center before it becomes the European Capital of Culture in the next two years.

27. What is the main idea of this passage? (3 marks)

A. Liverpool city center is crowded with fat pigeons.

B. Robotic birds are used to drive the pigeons off.

C. Visitors to Liverpool should not feed pigeons.

D. Pigeons in Liverpool do not eat their natural food.

28. Why does the pigeons in Liverpool city center become bigger? (2 marks)

A. They eat high-fat food.

B. They eat more insects daily.

C. They fly less often.

D. They have more food sources.

29. In the passage, what does “drive” mean? (5 marks)

A. To force a person or animal to go somewhere

B. To hit or push something into something else

C. To make a person or animal work hard

D. To make someone or something get into a bad or extreme state

30. Which of the following statements is TRUE? (2 marks)

A. Pigeons are the only birds which live in Liverpool city center.

B. Park and open spaces in Liverpool are crowded with fat pigeons.

C. Visitors to Liverpool are asked to feed pigeons with low-fat food.

D. Robotic birds do not harm or kill pigeons.

Grade 1-3 Answer Key

Item	Score	Answer	Item	Score	Answer
1	2	A	16	3	A
2	3	A	17	5	D
3	5	D	18	5	D
4	5	B	19	2	B
5	2	C	20	5	C
6	3	B	21	5	C
7	2	D	22	3	C
8	3	A	23	2	A
9	5	C	24	3	B
10	2	D	25	3	B
11	3	C	26	5	C
12	5	A	27	3	B
13	2	C	28	2	A
14	2	C	29	5	A
15	3	B	30	2	D