

Pre-Placement Test for Special Programmes at CCEL

Welcome to CCEL. This test will help us decide which course you are ready to start.

In the test there are the following sections:

Section 1 Grammar and Usage and Vocabulary (© W S Fowler and Norman Coe 1987)

Section 2 Writing

Please do not write on this question paper. Write your answers on the answer sheet provided.

SECTION 1 Grammar and Usage and Vocabulary

Do not write on this paper. Use the answer sheet.

Choose the correct answer a) b) c) or d) for these questions.

1. Tony is looking at _____.
a) she b) he c) her d) here
2. What's that girl?
a) It's a student. b) She's student. c) She's a student. d) She's a student girl.
3. Whose flowers are they? They're _____.
a) to Mary b) of Mary c) Maries d) Mary's
4. a) Sally's sister pretty and they are too. b) Sally's pretty and they're too.
 c) Sally's pretty and they are too. d) Sally's pretty so they are too.
5. a) That girl is some of my friends. b) This girl is one of my friends.
 c) That girl is me friend. d) This girl's are friends.
6. Where _____ on Saturdays?
a) do go John b) John goes c) does John go d) John does go
7. a) Go there to they. b) Go there to them. c) Go here to we. d) Go here to us.
8. "Do you like that shop?" "Yes, I _____ every week."
a) come there b) come here c) go there d) go here
9. I feel very well because I went to bed very early _____.
a) last night b) tonight c) this night d) in the night
10. My brother was _____ all week.
a) at the home b) at home c) in the home d) in home
11. James _____ to play football tomorrow.
a) is going b) can c) shall d) will

12. Jack is writing _____.
- a) with pen b) by a pen c) on paper d) out of a pen
13. This is an old photograph of me when I _____.
- a) have short hairs b) had short hairs c) have short hair d) had short hair
14. When we got to school, we _____ the bell.
- a) heard b) were hearing c) listened d) were listening
15. "Did you see the man on top of the church last Saturday?" "No, why _____?"
- a) was he here b) has he been here c) was he there d) has he been there
16. This is _____ that.
- a) the same as b) the same c) different d) the different from
17. When _____, give her this book.
- a) Alison will arrive b) Alison is arriving c) Alison arrive d) Alison arrives
18. a) What shoes are they made of? b) What shoes are made of?
c) What are shoes made of? d) What are made of shoes?
19. _____ lovely food!
- a) What b) Which a c) Which d) What a
20. I'm going to give _____.
- a) to him a CD b) him a CD c) a CD him d) some CD to him
21. How's the baby?
- a) He's Alison's b) She's very well. c) That's the baby. d) She's a girl.
22. His daughter is _____.
- a) as old as yours b) as old as your one c) so old as yours d) so old as your one
23. a) Was the French women old? b) Was the French women an old?
c) Were the French women some old? d) Were the French women old?
24. He had previously had a car but it _____ several times during spring.
- a) was breaking down b) was breaking up c) had broken down d) had broken up
25. We _____ my cousin since Christmas.
- a) aren't seeing b) haven't seen c) didn't see d) don't see
26. There are twelve of us, so _____ get into the car at the same time.
- a) we may not all b) all we may not c) we can't all d) all we can't
27. Her children tell her that _____ old to drive a car.
- a) she's getting so b) she gets too c) she's getting too d) she gets so
28. When there is a public flight to the moon, her father has promised _____ her there.
- a) bringing b) taking c) to bring d) to take

29. _____ at the moment, I'll go to the shops.
a) As it doesn't rain b) For it doesn't rain c) As it isn't raining d) For it isn't raining
30. In a shop _____ customers.
a) it is important pleasing b) it is important to please
c) there is important pleasing d) there is important to please
31. Your bicycle shouldn't be in the house! _____
a) Get out it! b) Put it off! c) Take it out! d) Take away it!
32. He's a good guitarist, but he plays the piano _____.
a) quiet well b) much better c) very good d) too hardly
33. Molly doesn't eat fish. _____.
a) John doesn't that either b) So doesn't John c) Neither does John d) John doesn't too
34. She always buys _____ my birthday.
a) something awful for b) anything nice c) something awful d) anything nice for
35. She hardly ever eats _____ potatoes.
a) neither bread nor b) bread or c) or bread or d) neither bread or
36. I _____ to your letter of the 15th.
a) would like to reply b) like to reply c) am wanting to reply d) would like replying
37. Your letter _____.
a) has arrived two days ago b) arrived two days ago c) arrived since two days
d) has arrived since two days
38. If I _____ about it earlier, I would have told you.
a) knew b) would know c) would have known d) had known
39. I'll ring you as soon as I _____ there.
a) get b) shall get c) will have got d) will get
40. John is a friend of mine. You _____ him last year when you were in England.
a) may meet b) can meet c) may have met d) can have met
41. He didn't thank me for the present. That's _____ annoyed me.
a) what b) the which c) the thing what d) that which
42. I'll have to buy _____ trousers.
a) two b) a couple of c) a d) a pair of
43. She looks _____.
a) pleasantly b) that she's pleasant c) pleasant d) to be pleasant
44. I've been looking for you _____.
a) everywhere b) for all places c) anywhere d) in all places
45. Send him to the baker's _____ the bread.

- a) for buying b) to buy c) in order he buys d) for to buy
46. He didn't know _____ or go home.
a) if to wait b) whether to wait c) to wait d) if that he should wait
47. If you _____ help you, you only have to ask me.
a) want me to b) want that I c) want I should d) are wanting me to
48. "I'm going to the theatre tonight." "So _____."
a) do I b) will I c) I will d) am I
49. He wants to get a better _____ and earn more money.
a) employ b) work c) job d) employment
50. I didn't hear what he was _____.
a) speaking b) saying c) talking d) telling
51. I wish I _____ suggest something more suitable, but this is all we have.
a) should b) can c) could d) would
52. _____ for her birthday.
a) \$50 they were given to her b) She was been given \$50
c) She was given \$50 d) There were given to her \$50
53. I _____ since breakfast and I'm very tired.
a) travel b) am traveling c) was traveling d) have been traveling
54. His e-mail said, "I _____ on the 7th."
a) will be arrive b) will be arrived c) am arriving d) would arrive
55. I don't think we've met before. You're confusing me with _____.
a) one other person b) someone else c) other person d) some other
56. _____ open the door for you?
a) Do you want that I b) Will I c) Shall I d) Would you like that I
57. He _____ in his homework.
a) did a lot of faults b) made a lot of mistakes c) did a lot of mistakes d) made a lot of faults
58. Will you be able to come to the meeting? _____.
a) I'm not afraid so. b) I'm sorry not. c) I'm afraid not. d) I'm sorry that no.
59. He was a good runner so he _____ escape from the police.
a) was able to b) succeed to c) could d) might
60. _____ a good thing they didn't catch you.
a) That's b) It's c) What's d) There's
61. That's the course of studies _____.
a) I'm interested in b) what I'm interested on c) I'm interested on d) what I'm interested in

62. I would like _____ it again.
a) that you read b) you to read c) you reading d) you read
63. He came to the party, _____ he hadn't been invited.
a) in case b) even c) in spite of d) although
64. He didn't take the flat because he couldn't afford the _____.
a) rent b) hire c) salary d) fare
65. He stayed under water for two minutes and then swam to the _____.
a) sea b) level c) surface d) ground
66. She was sitting _____ on the park bench.
a) by herself b) for herself c) only herself d) in her own
67. We were in the station for at least half an hour, waiting _____ start.
a) for the train b) the train to c) the train's d) for the train to
68. How long does the train take to _____ to London?
a) make b) reach c) get d) arrive
69. Everyone in the factory has to be _____ by 8 o'clock.
a) at work b) in job c) in work d) at job
70. We talked about a lot of things _____ the way to the office.
a) through b) on c) by d) in
71. I _____ you before now but I've been too busy.
a) must have rung b) should have rung c) had to ring d) ought to ring
72. My boss never gives me clear instructions but you _____ the same problems with yours too.
a) must have b) ought to have c) have to have d) can have
73. Dinner will be ready _____ but we have time for a brink before then.
a) currently b) lately c) suddenly d) shortly
74. We have _____ for a new secretary but we haven't had any replies yet.
a) announced b) advised c) advertised d) noticed
75. 100 competitors had _____ the race.
a) taken part b) entered in c) put themselves for d) put their names for

ANSWER SHEET – PLEASE WRITE ALL YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Name: _____

Date: _____

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SECTION 2 Writing Short Essay – (15 – 25 minutes)

Read the following question and write a short essay of 100 to 140 words showing your ideas about the question. Please handwrite your answer.

Why are you interested in studying English in New Zealand? Please tell us why you have chosen to study in the evenings and what you plan to do during your spare time.

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