

1. **READING COMPREHENSION (10 minutes)**

Read the text and answer the following questions, choosing the correct variant

**The Christmas Tree**

No one knows for sure who decorated the first Christmas tree. The custom of bringing an evergreen tree indoors and decorating it at Christmas started in Germany. One legend says that Martin Luther started the practice. Luther was an important Christian leader. According to the story, he noticed the starlit sky as he walked home one Christmas Eve about the year 1513. He thought the stars looked as if they were shining on the branches. When he arrived home, Martin Luther placed a small fir tree inside his house. He decorated it with lighted candles.

Decorating Christmas trees became popular in Germany. Prince Albert of Sachsen-Coburg-Gotha, the German husband of Queen Victoria, took the tradition to England. Both German and English people brought it to America. And now nearly every family in Great Britain and the USA has a Christmas tree.

The biggest Christmas tree in Britain is put up in Trafalgar Square in London. The people of Norway still give this tree every year to the British people to thank them for helping Norway against Hitler in the Second World War.

1. ... started the practice of decorating the Christmas tree.

- a) Nobody knows who
- b) Queen Victoria
- c) Martin Luther King
- d) Prince Albert

2. The first Christmas trees in Britain were introduced and popularized by ...

- a) Prince Albert and Queen Victoria
- b) Martin Luther King
- c) The Norwegians
- d) The Germans

3. What follows from the text?

- a) Martin Luther decorated the Christmas tree with toys.
- b) American people do not decorate Christmas trees.
- c) Every year the people of Norway give the city of London a present – a big Christmas tree.
- d) Queen Elisabeth I took the tradition to decorate Christmas tree to England.

2. **USE OF ENGLISH (20 minutes)**

**Task 1. Active or passive? Choose the correct verb form.**

- 1. The book (**wrote/was written**) by Hardy.
- 2. Four people (**have killed/have been killed**) in a train crash.
- 3. A famous architect (**was built/built**) the bridge.

**Task 2. Choose the correct modal verb.**

- 4. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano very well. And what about you?  
a) can b) should c) must
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me with this task?  
a) Could b) Must c) May
- 6. It's raining. You \_\_\_\_\_ take an umbrella.  
a) can't b) don't have to c) should

**Task 3. Choose the right preposition (of, to, by, off, in).**

- 7. It contains the largest display... toy dolls.
- 8. The most successful men and women of that period showed ... their wealth wearing silk, woolen and linen clothes.
- 9. If I was invited ...my friends dinner party, I would think twice what to wear.
- 10. It was ... fashion to wear their hair long with lots of colour threads in it.
- 11. We'd recommend you to travel... bus.

**Task 4 . Match the sentences from column A with the replies from column B.**

A	B
12. I can't stand brightly dyed hair.	a) No, thanks.
13. Would you like a cup of coffee?	b) Yes, I am.
14. Do you like animals?	c) Neither can I.
15. Are you keen on football?	d) Let's go on Sunday.
16. I'd like to see this film.	e) So do I.
17. My brother likes sport.	f) No, I don't.

**Task 5 . Choose the necessary word.**

- 18. My friend, **who/ which** is very talented, is arriving today.
- 19. She's bought the book **who/ that** she was looking for.
- 20. Tom's father has been building his house **for/since** two years.
- 21. Alice wanted a bicycle **for/since** her last birthday.

3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ. (5 minutes)**

Match the name of the city on the left with the sights on the right.

- 1. London a) Royal Shakespeare Theatre
- 2. Liverpool b) St. Paul's Cathedral
- 3. Stratford-upon-Avon c) Prestigious University
- 4. Cambridge d) The Beatles Story Museum

**Keys**

1. **READING COMPREHENSION** 1 c 2 a 3 c
2. **USE OF ENGLISH**  
Task 1 1 was written 2 have been killed 3 built  
Task 2 4a 5a 6 c  
Task 3 7of 8off 9to 10 in 11 by  
Task 4 12c 13a 14f 15b 16d 17e  
Task 5 18 who 19that 20 for 21for
3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ.**

**1 b 2 d 3 a 4 c**

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**Тест**  
**Вариант 1.**

**I. Времена группы Present.**

**Choose the right answer. (Выберите правильный вариант ответа)**

1. Paul isn't a very honest person. That is why when he speaks nobody ... him.  
A believe    B believes    C hasn't believed    D isn't believing
2. Bill, your hair looks wet. What ... all morning in the rain?  
A has you done    B are you doing    C do you do    D have you been doing
3. Gill can't do the dishes right now because she ... now.  
A is sleeping    B sleeps    C slept    D sleeping
4. Where have you been? I ... from you for ages!  
A hasn't heard    B haven't heard    C didn't hear    D don't hear
5. I have just sent my application form, now I ... for their answer.  
A am waiting    B have waited    C have been waited    D wait

**Infinitive / -ing forms / participles**

6. I. Would you mind ... the window? It's rather chilly in here.  
a) To close    b) Closing    c) Close    d) To closing
7. I'd like to know if you enjoy ... to parties.  
a) Going    b) Go    c) To go    d) To going
8. They objected ... to that terrible music.  
a) Listening    b) To listen    c) To listening    d) Listen
9. I clearly remember ... the keys in the upper drawer. Where on earth are they now?  
a) To put    b) Putting    c) Put    d) To putting
10. Why do your parents not let you ... home after midnight?  
a) Come    b) Coming    c) To coming    d) To come

**Времена группы Past**

11. I saw Jim at the train station. He ... for his business partner to arrive from NY.  
A had waited    B had been waiting    C was waiting    D waited
12. When he was single he ... to Spain every winter, but now he has to go to France with his wife and children.  
A would go    B had gone    C went    D had been going
13. Kim looked tired this morning. She ... all night long.  
A had been studying    B had studied    C was studying    D studied
14. She ... lying in her bed when she ... a sudden noise.  
A had been lying / heard    B was lying / was hearing    C was lying / heard    D has been lying / had been hearing
15. She ... out a lot when she was younger.  
A used to go    B had been gone    C had gone out    D was going
16. He ... Las Vegas last year.  
A used to visit    B visited    C was visited    D had visited
17. She ... work before she met her friends.  
A was finishing    B had been finishing    C finished    D had finished
18. They ... for a house for six months before they ... that one.  
A were looked / found    B had been looking / found    C looked / found    D had been looking / had been founding
19. By the time we got home the film ... .  
A finished    B had been finishing    C would finish    D had finished
20. The restaurant was packed last night. Luckily, I ... a table in advance.  
A was booking    B had been booking    C had booked    D would book

**II. Open the brackets in the following sentences using the correct Present Simple or Present Progressive form of the verbs.**

21. Tom usually (play) football but today he (play) tennis.
22. What language they (speak) in Holland? What language he (speak) now.
23. I usually (drive) to my work. Be careful! You (drive) too fast.
24. I (do) a lot of work every day. Don't worry! I know what I (do).
25. You (eat) fruit every day? What's the name of the fruit you (eat) with such pleasure?

**III. Аудирование**

Вы услышите четыре коротких диалога, обозначенных А, В, С и D. Определите, где происходит каждый из этих диалогов. Используйте каждое место действия из списка 1–5 только один раз. В задании есть одно лишнее место действия. Вы услышите запись дважды. Запишите свои ответы в таблицу.

1. At home
2. At the zoo
3. At a stadium
4. On a beach
5. On a street

Диалог	A	B	C	D
Место действия				

## FINAL TEST

### Spotlight 9

#### I. Listening

*You will hear five people talking about how things will change in the future. For questions 1-5 choose from the list of objects A-F what each speaker thinks he will change. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.*

Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 2 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 5 \_\_\_\_

A the computer

B the aeroplane

C the stereo

D the mobile phone

E the car

F the television

## II. Reading.

Read the article and fill in the missing sentences A-F. There is one extra sentence.

### ELEPHANT ART

Works of art by elephants are now being sold in art galleries around the world. It's no joke. Elephants are natural artists and elephant art is becoming big business.

In November 1998, the world's first elephant art academy was opened in Campang, Thailand. Today, there are a number of elephant painting schools in Thailand, Bali and India, and many more are being opened. It appears that elephants have enormous artistic talent and enjoy expressing themselves through painting.

Nom Chok is an elephant from Thailand who has been a painter since the age of two. He was then given his own brushes and paint and he soon created pictures which sold for up to \$250. Amazingly, his paintings have been compared to those of famous artists, such as Jackson Pollock.

Sadly, there is bad news for these recently discovered artists. Elephants are an endangered species. Two years ago, there were 3,600 elephants in Thailand. The work of Nom Chok and other elephant artists is being used to help save the world's elephants as part of the World Wildlife Fund and to benefit local conservation projects.

Some people might laugh and say that these paintings are not art, but, as elephant painting teacher Alan Melanid has said, "no one really knows what art is." Some people are prepared to pay a lot of money for paintings done by elephants. These people not only receive a beautiful piece of art, but also help to save one of the world's most intelligent species. Is there a better way to spend money?"

- A. At these schools, elephants are taught to channel their natural abilities onto canvas.
- B. Now there are just 3, 100.
- C. Nom Chok loves to paint and doesn't like stopping until he has covered the last piece of white on his canvas.
- D. He first began by dipping his trunk into a jar of watery paint and blowing it onto a canvas.
- E. No one wants to buy elephant paintings.
- F. The truth is, there has been a great deal of commercial interest in elephant painting.

### III. Vocabulary and Grammar.

1. Tom is really afraid of spiders, and every time he sees one he just ...  
a. freezes                      b. teases                      c. embarrasses
2. If you look for a dog or cat, you can get one from the animal ...  
a. hall                      b. shelter                      c. house
3. You've managed to make your little brother cry! Are you happy with ... now?  
a. himself                      b. yourself                      c. yourselves
4. What time ... Sally to her art lesson this afternoon?  
a. are you taking                      b. do you take                      c. will you take
5. After Barney ... his chores, he had some rest.  
a. had been doing                      b. was doing                      c. had done
6. Jack asked the police officer where ... his stolen car.  
a. they had found                      b. did they find                      c. had they found
7. By the time Sara gets here, we ... for her for more than an hour.

- a. have been waiting    b. will have been waiting    c. are going to wait
8. You can't invite ... you want to the party! We can only have fifteen guests.  
a. whichever    b. whenever    c. whoever
9. Kate is ... person I've ever met.  
a. a most clever    b. clever    c. the cleverest
10. Do you think that robots will ever be able to ... more complicated tasks such as driving and flying a plane?  
a. exist    b. overcome    c. perform
11. The building ... when the fire started.  
a. was being built    b. had built    c. was built
12. Getting together for Sunday lunch is a family ... .  
a. habit    b. tradition    c. custom
13. Jack is not a very ... person, as he's not very comfortable with meeting new people.  
a. silly    b. sociable    c. strong
14. I can't understand how Samantha manages to ... the ironing so fast!  
a. do    b. make    c. take
15. One thing I don't like about this area is that it is ...  
a. too noisy    b. noisy enough
16. They are tired of ... in the dirty, noisy city, so they've decided to move to the country.  
a. to live    b. lived    c. living
17. Ann loves story books about dragons, giants and other ... creatures.  
a. extinct    b. mythical    c. modern
18. Did the magician really make the man disappear or was it just an optical ...?  
a. imagination    b. illusion    c. shadow
19. Sandra ... for three years before she sold her first painting.  
a. painted    b. had painted    c. had been painting
20. While Lisa ... a book, her brother was listening to music.  
a. read    b. will read    c. was reading
21. - Last night I dreamt that a huge spider was chasing me.  
- ...  
a. What do you think this means?  
b. Wonderful!  
c. That's a thought!
22. Andy has ... a new gadget again; he really loves making things.  
a. invented    b. become    c. divided
23. By this time next week we ... our computer training course.  
a. will complete    b. will have completed    c. complete
24. - Can you give me a hand with the mixer?  
- ...  
a. What a surprise!  
b. Sure, what's the problem?  
c. That's really kind of you.
25. Cake sales are a great way to ... money for charities.  
a. raise    b. win    c. attract
26. Some Hollywood actors like to perform their own ... even if they are rather dangerous.  
a. plots    b. jokes    c. stunts
27. I'll send you the email as soon as I'm able to ... to the Internet.  
a. connect    b. download    c. install
28. The costume ... George has chosen for the fancy dress party is very funny.  
a. which    b. who    c. where
29. The ... Anne practiced, the ... it became for her to paint portraits.  
a. much, easy    b. more, easy    c. more, easier
30. Claire made a beautiful clay vase on the ... we gave her for her birthday.  
a. box-office    b. potter's wheel    c. desk

31. The Eiffel Tower ... by about six million people each year.  
 a. visits                      b. is visited                      c. is visiting
32. Mum jumped on a chair and ... loudly when she saw a mouse under the bed.  
 a. smiled                      b. screamed                      c. sang
33. - Is the museum far from here?  
 - ..  
 a. Of course. Where are you going?  
 b. Every ten minutes.  
 c. Go past the bank and turn left.
34. After doing her chores, Mary went on ... some phone calls.  
 a. making                      b. make                      c. to make
35. The man couldn't drive in the rain because one of his windscreen ... was broken.  
 a. wipers                      b. headlights                      c. seats

IV.

Jessie sat down in front of the TV, took the remote control and started switching from channel to channel. No, she didn't want to watch the talk show about boys and

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| 1. girls' _____ .  | FRIEND   |
| She skipped the musical show for teenagers too – she               |          |
| 2. didn't find it _____ at all.                                    | INTEREST |
| For a few minutes she watched the news programme                   |          |
| 3. about a strike in Italy – a young bus _____ was                 | DRIVE    |
| speaking about the Trade Union demands.                            |          |
| Then she switched to the Discovery Channel. Some                   |          |
| 4. scientists were talking about _____ disasters there.            | NATURE   |
| 5. Jessie fell asleep in her _____ armchair                        |          |
| COMFORT  |          |
| somewhere between the Fashion Channel and the Educational Channel. |          |