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Introduction

General

The tests have been devised to help teachers to decide whether their students are ready to enjoy the next level of Penguin Readers.

There are six levels of test, corresponding to Levels 1–6 of the Readers, and two versions of test at each level, the B test provided as follow-up for retesting in the event of the majority of a class not obtaining the requisite score of 18/30 at the first attempt.

The tests have been thoroughly pretested with students at the appropriate levels. They each contain 30 structural and lexical items in multiple-choice format selected from the structures and lexis introduced at the given level.

The tests can be administered and corrected very quickly to aid a prompt decision, following the instructions given below. Within 30 minutes, including the time that it takes for the students to do a test, teachers should have sufficient information to reach a decision.

Content of the tests

Each test consists of 30 multiple-choice items. There are three choices (A, B, C) at levels 1–3, and four choices (A, B, C, D) at levels 4–6.

Items testing the same structure and/or lexis are not repeated within a test but in almost every case, the Test B at a given level is based on the same items as Test A to ensure an equal level of difficulty. Items never appear, however, in the same order. This minimises the possibility of students guessing the correct answers from memory.

The pass mark of 18/30 (or 60%) is valid for all levels. It is important to note that for the class as a whole to benefit from studying a Reader at a given level, it is not necessary for everyone to obtain this mark or even for the students’ average to be above 18, but only for the majority of students to score 18 or more. It must be remembered that, as is appropriate in tests devised to determine whether students are capable of following a text, these tests measure recognition of correct language, not the ability to produce it.

Procedures for conducting the tests

In all cases, photocopy the Answer Sheet on page 26 in sufficient numbers for each student to have one. Note that for tests at levels 1–3, students will need to use the left-hand column (A, B, C) for their answers, and for levels 4–6, the right-hand column (A, B, C, D).

Photocopy the test for the level you have selected – for example, Test 1A on pages 2–3 for Level 1, in sufficient numbers for each student to have a copy. Always use the A test in the first instance. The B test, as explained above, testing knowledge of the same structures and lexis, is for use for retesting at a later date, in the event of the class proving to be not yet quite ready to attempt a Reader.

Photocopy the Answer key relevant to the test you have selected – for example, for Test 1A, page 27. Cut out the answers given there to make a mask. On no account cut the page in the book, as this will prevent you from making a mask for a test on another page.

Allow 20 minutes for students to complete the test. Ask them not to leave questions unanswered or to spend too long on any one question, which may prevent them from completing the test in the time available.

Collect students’ answers and mark them by placing the mask you have made over the relevant column on the Answer Sheet. While it may be of interest to you to calculate students’ marks individually or later on to analyse the papers to see which structures or lexis have caused problems so you can bear these in mind for remedial work before beginning a Reader, this is an additional benefit to be derived from the tests, but does not affect their main purpose.

By calculating each student’s score out of 30, it should be possible within a few minutes to see whether more than half of the class have obtained the target score of 18 or more. In many cases, it will be possible with a mask to see at a glance whether a student has passed or failed.

Unless this initial calculation gives a marginal result, no further action is necessary at this point. If the majority have passed, the class will be able to follow the Reader satisfactorily. If the majority have clearly failed, allow at least 20 hours of class tuition to pass before retesting with Test B to prevent the result being falsified by students remembering answers if they were explained after the first attempt.

Only if the result remains doubtful – for example, if exactly half the class have obtained a score of 18 or more – will it be necessary to examine the marks in more detail. It is then a matter of common sense to decide whether the class are ready to begin a Reader at the level – for example, if a number came close to passing with a score of 16 or 17/30. As an insurance policy if you decide to proceed, it would be worthwhile seeing which items had caused difficulty, and revising them before beginning the Reader selected.
1. Look! The sun ................ down.
   A go  B goes  C is going

2. ‘Did you go to work yesterday?’ ‘No, I ................ .’
   A didn’t  B wasn’t  C never

3. ................ to him!
   A Go there  B Go here  C Come there

4. Those are my photos. Give ................ .
   A me it  B it to me  C them to me

5. Which boy ................ ?
   A Mary likes  B do Mary like  C does Mary like

6. Jane ................ the answer.
   A never know  B never knows  C knows never

7. Anne has a son. ................ name is Edward.
   A Her  B His  C Their

8. My new dress is ................ .
   A blue  B blue colour  C colour blue.

9. There ................ food in the kitchen.
   A aren’t any  B isn’t any  C isn’t some

10. Is that your ................ bicycle?
    A father  B father’s  C fathers’

11. ................ girl is your daughter?
    A What  B Which  C Who

12. Julia is standing ................ Andrew.
    A after  B at back  C behind

13. Kevin is the boy ................ brown hair.
    A of  B with  C has

14. He goes to the office at eight ................ every day.
    A o’clock  B of clock  C of the clock

15. I had ................ letters yesterday.
    A many  B a lot  C a lot of
16 ......................... eat that!
A Don’t   B Don’t to   C Not to

17 Carol ....................... read very well.
A can   B can to   C she can

18 Stop ....................... now!
A write   B writing   C the write

19 She’s going to come .................... late this evening.
A home   B at home   C to home

20 ....................... a drink of water?
A You like   B Do you like   C Would you like

21 ‘I love trees,’ she ....................... .
A sayed   B said   C say

22 Peter, is this pen ....................... ?
A of you   B your   C yours

23 Where is the ....................... stop?
A bus   B bus’s   C buses

24 The children are happy. They’re having ....................... time.
A good   B a good   C very good

25 It’s very cold. Put your big ....................... on when you go out!
A coat   B jeans   C shirt

26 It was a good hotel ....................... the food was very expensive.
A and   B but   C because

27 I want ....................... that film.
A see   B seeing   C to see

28 How ....................... your sister?
A old is   B old has   C many years has

29 We’re going to meet them ....................... the station.
A at   B to   C on

30 The children are not here. They ....................... to the cinema.
A go   B gone   C went
1. Tom has a daughter. .................. name is Jane.  
   A His  B Her  C Your

2. Those are my books. Give .................. .  
   A me it  B it to me  C them to me

3. Look! The sun .................. up.  
   A come  B comes  C is coming

4. Which girl .................. ?  
   A John likes  B do John like  C does John like

5. My new shoes are .................. .  
   A brown  B brown colour  C colour brown

6. .................. to me!  
   A Come here  B Come there  C Go here

7. Margaret .................. the answer.  
   A always know  B always knows  C knows always

   A didn’t  B wasn’t  C never

9. This is my .................. book.  
   A address  B addresses  C addressing

10. Paula is the girl .................. black hair.  
    A of  B with  C has

11. She starts work at nine .................. every day.  
    A o’clock  B of clock  C of the clock

12. I want .................. a radio.  
    A buy  B buying  C to buy

13. Is that your .................. car?  
    A mother  B mother’s  C mothers’

14. .................. drink that!  
    A Don’t  B Don’t to  C Not to

15. .................. boy is your son?  
    A What  B Which  C Who
16 We had .................... rain yesterday.
A much  B a lot  C a lot of

17 There .................... coffee in the house.
A aren’t any  B isn’t any  C isn’t some

18 .................... a coffee?
A You like  B Do you like  C Would you like

19 Stop .................... to her!
A talk  B talking  C the talk

20 ‘What’s your name?’ she ....................
A say  B said  C saided

21 Mary, is this money .................... ?
A of you  B your  C yours

22 I’m going to come .................... late this evening.
A home  B at home  C to home

23 James .................... swim very well.
A can  B can to  C he can

24 We’re going to meet them .................... the airport.
A at  B to  C on

25 My father’s not here. He .................... to his office.
A go  B gone  C went

26 It’s very cold. Put your big .................... on!
A coat  B dress  C skirt

27 Jack is sitting .................... Mary.
A after  B at back  C behind

28 We went to the cinema .................... the film wasn’t very good.
A and  B but  C because

29 How .................... she?
A old is  B old has  C many years has

30 Listen to the noise! The children are having .................... time.
A good  B a good  C very good
I swim well when I was very young.
A can  B could  C knew

When I got I had a bath.
A home  B at home  C to home

What on Sundays?
A does Mary usually do  B does Mary usually  C usually does Mary

She’s the girl in the class.
A cleverer  B cleverest  C most clever

Would you like to the cinema with me?
A come  B to come  C coming

How much money you?
A he gave  B did he give  C gave he to

There wasn’t in the garden.
A anybody  B somebody  C people

She never the teacher.
A listens  B is listening  C listens to

I’m going now.
A shops  B shopping  C to shops

Would you like some tea?
A of  B more  C more of

Why didn’t you invite the party?
A him  B him to  C to him

Jane is than Judith.
A prettier  B more pretty  C more prettier

She sings very .
A good  B much  C well

A man in the car accident.
A died  B dead  C was died

That dress is big for you.
A so much  B too much  C too
16. They ..................... him that his friend was ill.
   A said  B told  C told to

17. I looked .................... but I couldn’t find it.
   A anywhere  B somewhere  C everywhere

18. I was tired .................... I went to bed
   A but  B because  C so

19. Did you .................... the train tickets?
   A pay  B pay them  C pay for

20. When Jack used the computer, he made the problem .................... .
   A worse  B worst  C more worse

21. She was very excited and couldn’t stop .................... .
   A talk  B talking  C from talking

22. I can’t see Helen in the picture because she’s .................... you.
   A below  B between  C behind

23. That’s Miss Jones. She .................... me English.
   A teach  B teaches  C teaches

24. My camera is not the same .................... yours.
   A as  B than  C that

25. .................... that I’m waiting outside.
   A Tell  B Tell them  C Tell to them

26. We had .................... at eight o’clock.
   A breakfast  B a breakfast  C the breakfast

27. Why .................... to the party tomorrow?
   A doesn’t they come  B aren’t they coming  C won’t they to come

28. .................... you very much for your letter.
   A I am thanking  B Thank  C Thanks to

29. She comes to school .................... bus every day.
   A on  B in  C by

30. We had .................... very bad weather on our holiday.
   A a  B the  C some
Test 2B

1. What ...................... at weekends?
   A does John usually do   B does John usually   C usually does John

2. Which postcard .................. you?
   A she sent   B did she send   C sent she to

3. She’s the ...................... girl in the class.
   A prettier   B prettiest   C most pretty

4. I ...................... read when I was six.
   A can   B could   C knew

5. When he arrived .................. , his wife wasn’t there.
   A home   B at home   C to home

6. Would you like .................. ?
   A dance   B to dance   C dancing

7. I never ...................... the radio.
   A listen   B am listening   C listen to

8. I think that somebody .................. in the accident.
   A died   B dead   C was died

9. Anne is ...................... than Catherine.
   A cleverer   B more clever   C more cleverer

10. We’re going ...................... now.
    A to shops   B shopping   C the shops

11. She was very sad and couldn’t stop ...................... .
    A cry   B crying   C to cry

12. That coat is ...................... small for you.
    A so much   B too much   C too

13. Would you like some ...................... tea?
    A of   B more   C more of

14. She plays tennis very ...................... .
    A much   B good   C well

15. There wasn’t ...................... in the shop.
    A anybody   B somebody   C any people
16 I looked for you ........................ but I couldn’t see you.
   A anywhere   B somewhere   C everywhere

17 I was hungry ........................ I had a sandwich.
   A but   B because   C so

18 Did you .......................... the two bus tickets?
   A pay   B pay him   C pay for

19 She .............................. me that the plane was late.
   A said   B told   C told to

20 She always has ........................ in bed.
   A breakfast   B a breakfast   C the breakfast

21 I wanted to invite ........................ the party.
   A her   B her to   C to her

22 We often have ........................ weather here in winter.
   A a bad   B the bad   C bad

23 She’s wearing the same dress ........................ her sister.
   A as   B than   C that

24 .......................... that I love her.
   A Tell   B Tell her   C Tell to her

25 .......................... you very much for your letter.
   A I am thanking   B Thank   C Thanks to

26 Don’t be angry! It makes things ........................ .
   A worse   B worser   C more worse

27 I can’t see James in the picture because there’s somebody ........................ of him.
   A below   B behind   C in front

28 He goes to the office ........................ train every day.
   A on   B in   C by

29 .......................... to the party this evening?
   A Don’t they come   B Aren’t they coming   C Won’t they be come

30 That’s Mr Brown. He ........................ me English.
   A teach   B teaches   C teaches
1. When I told her about it, she .................................
   A just laughed  B has just laughed  C was just laughing

2. I would like to go ....................... for my holiday next year.
   A abroad  B outside  C foreign

3. Please ask ....................... come in.
   A him  B him to  C to him to

4. I ....................... to the cinema since last year.
   A didn’t go  B don’t go  C haven’t been

5. Is ....................... than her sister?
   A taller Jane  B Jane taller  C Jane more tall

6. Is the boss still in his office? I don’t think ....................... .
   A it  B that  C so

7. I don’t like fish, and my brother doesn’t, ....................... .
   A either  B too  C neither

8. He wanted to ....................... some money from me.
   A lend  B earn  C borrow

9. You ....................... drive slowly through the village.
   A must  B need  C want

10. She was 14 on her birthday, ....................... she?
    A didn’t  B wasn’t  C hadn’t

11. Is she a relative of ....................... ?
    A your  B yours  C your’s

12. ....................... in the class speaks two languages.
    A Everyone  B All students  C All the students

13. ‘ ....................... camera is this?’ ‘It’s Angela’s.’
    A Which  B What  C Whose

14. Who was the man ....................... ?
    A spoke to you  B that you were speaking to  C that you spoke

15. Look, children! Your aunt has ....................... you a box of chocolates.
    A carried  B taken  C brought
16 There isn’t a good restaurant ...................... in this town.  
   A nowhere   B somewhere   C anywhere

17 I’m going out to the garden to pick some flowers ...................... it isn’t raining.  
   A for   B so   C while

18 I ...................... having breakfast when she knocked at the door.  
   A was still   B still was   C was yet

19 The boss is too busy ...................... see her now.  
   A for   B that   C to

20 There wasn’t anything interesting on the news, ...................... ?  
   A wasn’t it   B was there   C wasn’t there

21 I’m afraid they didn’t have ...................... to eat.  
   A enough   B too much   C some more

22 He drives much ...................... than his father.  
   A faster   B more fast   C more fastly

23 ‘We don’t believe you!’ someone told him in a ...................... voice.  
   A big   B loud   C strong

24 You ...................... come with me if you feel tired.  
   A couldn’t   B haven’t   C needn’t

25 ...................... , there were no houses here.  
   A Since 100 years   B A hundred years ago   C It makes a hundred years

26 ...................... is it from here to London?  
   A How long   B How long way   C How far

27 Both ...................... play tennis very well.  
   A they   B them   C of them

28 She never stops working. She works twelve hours ...................... day.  
   A a   B by   C the

29 A large white ...................... , please.  
   A bread   B loaf   C sandwich

30 It’s late. Ask the waitress for the ...................... , John.  
   A bill   B price   C cost
1. Have they finished working yet? I don’t think ......................... .
   A it  B that  C so

2. Please ask ......................... see me.
   A her  B her to  C to her to

3. Somebody stole her bag so she ......................... money from a friend.
   A lent  B earned  C borrowed

4. When he heard the news, he ......................... .
   A just smiled  B has just smiled  C was just smiling

5. ‘ ......................... books are these?’ ‘They’re mine!’
   A Which  B What  C Whose

6. You ......................... have a ticket to travel on the train.
   A must  B need  C want

7. I ......................... my uncle since last year.
   A didn’t see  B don’t see  C haven’t seen

8. Those people with the guide have never been ......................... before.
   A abroad  B foreign  C outside

9. My wife doesn’t eat meat, and I don’t, ......................... .
   A either  B too  C neither

10. Have you had ......................... to eat?
    A enough  B too many  C some more

11. Who was the girl ......................... ?
    A spoke to you  B that you were speaking to  C that you spoke

12. She was born ......................... .
    A since 100 years  B 100 years ago  C for 100 years

13. We must go now. Call the waiter and ask for the ......................... .
    A bill  B price  C cost

14. Hurry, children! I’m going to ......................... you to school in the car.
    A bring  B carry  C take

15. She’s a friend of ......................... .
    A them  B theirs  C their
16 There isn’t much news in the paper today, ........................ ?  
  A isn’t it  B is there  C are there

17 I couldn’t find my hat ........................ .  
  A nowhere  B everywhere  C anywhere

18 This book is very easy .......................... understand.  
  A for  B in  C to

19 I ...................... in bed when she arrived.  
  A was still  B was yet  C still was

20 We can go out now .......................... it isn’t raining.  
  A for  B so  C while

21 Is ...................... than mine?  
  A longer her hair  B her hair longer  C her hair more long

22 ...................... is it to your parents’ house?  
  A How long  B How much way  C How far

23 You ...................... come if you don’t want to.  
  A couldn’t  B haven’t  C needn’t

24 We’re all hungry. Go out and buy another ........................ .  
  A bread  B loaf  C sandwich

25 She’ll be 16 on her next birthday, ........................ she?  
  A isn’t  B won’t  C hasn’t

26 If you want to succeed, you must work ........................ .  
  A harder  B more hard  C very hardly

27 ‘Come here!’ the policeman said in a ........................ voice.  
  A big  B loud  C strong

28 Both ........................ play the piano very well.  
  A they  B them  C of them

29 She has a very good job. She earns a thousand pounds ........................ week.  
  A a  B for  C the

30 ........................ in the class likes that teacher.  
  A Everyone  B All students  C All the students
1. Would you like some more coffee? There’s still ..................... left.
   A a little  B little  C a few  D few

2. She’s already ..................... her mother.
   A so tall than  B as tall than  C so tall as  D as tall as

3. Mary wants to know if she can bring a friend of ..................... to the party.
   A her  B him  C hers  D his

4. My brother, ..................... lives in Spain, is coming to visit us.
   A which  B that  C what  D who

5. If you ..................... soon, we’ll miss the start of the film.
   A aren’t coming  B don’t come  C won’t come  D wouldn’t come

6. I don’t allow my children ..................... so badly.
   A that they behave  B behave  C to behave  D behaving

7. I ..................... watching that programme because it’s very interesting.
   A amuse  B please  C smile  D enjoy

8. ..................... that you would be at the meeting.
   A I was said  B It was said me  C I was told  D It was told me

9. I’ll ring you when I ..................... the hotel.
   A arrive at  B will arrive at  C arrive to  D will arrive to

10. She’s got a much more interesting ..................... in the company now.
    A job  B work  C employ  D reward

11. Can you lend me ..................... scissors?
    A a  B two  C a couple of  D a pair of

12. It will cost a lot of money to have ..................... .
    A that work done  B that work made  C done that work  D made that work

13. I ..................... have tea than coffee.
    A would like more  B prefer  C had better  D would rather

    A sort  B wish  C luck  D chance

15. Take an umbrella ..................... it rains while you are out.
    A if  B in case  C because  D for
16. I couldn’t hear what she was telling. A telling B saying C talking D speaking
17. You nearly had an accident. You should drive more carefully. A would B ought C should D had to
18. That’s the hotel we stayed last year. A which B that C what D where
19. I had fallen asleep and didn’t realise at first that the phone was ringing. A rang B was ringing C has rung D had rung
20. I broke a glass of wine while I was doing the washing-up. A glass wine B wine glass C glass for wine D glass of wine
21. Would you mind looking after the children while I’m out? A looking after B looking for C caring D taking care
22. I’ll write him a note so he’ll know where we are. A that B so C for D as
23. That man robbed me. A robbed me B stole me C robbed D stole
24. They met on holiday and fell in love. A found … got B knew … became C met … fell D saw … grew
25. We had a lovely time. It was such a good party. A so B such C a so D such a
26. They will never agree because they hate each other. A each B each to C one to D to one
27. The furniture for their house has cost them a large amount of money. A lot B amount C number D piece
28. He’s going to have a new suit made to wear at the wedding. A dress B clothes C cloth D suit
29. I’m going to the supermarket a few things. A to buy B for buy C for buying D in order buy
30. I’ll be sad when I have to give playing tennis. A off B in C out D up
1. The building is not safe so nobody is allowed .................. it.
   A enter  B entering  C to enter  D that they enter

2. My uncle, ...................... was born abroad, now lives quite near me.
   A which  B that  C what  D who

3. They ...................... at university and ...................... close friends.
   A found ... got  B knew ... stayed  C met ... became  D saw ... grew

4. If he ...................... improve soon, he won’t pass the driving test.
   A isn’t  B doesn’t  C won’t  D wouldn’t

5. Would you like some more wine? There’s still ...................... left.
   A a little  B little  C a few  D few

6. It’s a very good film so I ...................... seeing it.
   A amused  B pleased  C smiled  D enjoyed

7. Hello! I didn’t expect to see you. ...................... that you were on holiday.
   A I was said  B It was said me  C I was told  D It was told me

8. She’s a lovely little girl. I think that she’s going to be ...................... her mother.
   A so pretty than  B as pretty than  C so pretty as  D as pretty as

   A would  B ought  C should  D had to

10. There was a lot of noise so I didn’t understand what he was ...................... .
    A telling  B saying  C talking  D speaking

11. I ...................... have fish than meat.
    A prefer  B would like more  C had better  D would rather

12. The company have offered her a much better ...................... in London.
    A job  B work  C employ  D reward

13. Hide this somewhere ...................... the teacher sees it.
    A if  B in case  C because  D for

14. If people ...................... more carefully, there wouldn’t be so many accidents.
    A drove  B drive  C would drive  D should drive

15. I gave her ...................... stockings for her birthday.
    A a  B two  C a couple of  D a pair of
16 Good ......................! I hope you pass the examination.
A chance  B wish  C luck  D fortune

17 John has asked if he can bring a friend of ....................... to the party.
A him  B her  C his  D hers

18 I’ll leave her a message ...................... she’ll know where to go.
A that  B so  C for  D as

19 Some gangsters ...................... all their money.
A robbed them  B stole them  C robbed  D stole

20 I was answering the phone and didn’t realise you ....................... outside.
A waited  B were waiting  C have waited  D had waited

21 I broke a ...................... while I was washing up.
A cup tea  B tea cup  C cup for tea  D cup of tea

22 That’s the restaurant ...................... we had dinner last week.
A which  B that  C what  D where

23 She’s a good neighbour. She ...................... the house when we’re on holiday.
A cares  B takes care  C looks after  D looks for

24 The doctor has told him that he must give ...................... smoking.
A off  B out  C from  D up

25 They paid a large ...................... of money for the house.
A lot  B amount  C piece  D number

26 We had a wonderful holiday. It was ...................... pleasant hotel.
A so  B such  C a so  D such a

27 My colleagues have always disliked ...................... .
A each other  B each to other  C one to other  D one to another

28 I’m going to the library ...................... a book.
A to borrow  B for borrow  C for lend  D to lend

29 How much does it cost to have ...................... ?
A a dress done  B a dress made  C done a dress  D made a dress

30 I’ll meet you when you ...................... the airport.
A arrive at  B will arrive at  C arrive to  D will arrive to
Test 5A

1. Jane’s dress is .................. yours.
   A the same than  B the same to  C similar than  D similar to

2. We’ve proved that he was guilty but he .................. doesn’t admit it.
   A yet  B already  C still  D no longer

3. If I .................. the mistake, I would have corrected it.
   A noticed  B would notice  C would have noticed  D had noticed

4. Every old house like this has .................. strange stories.
   A their  B its  C his  D the

5. That’s my name on the cheque but it isn’t my .................. .
   A signature  B letter  C firm  D mark

6. ‘I’m going to the theatre tomorrow.’ ‘So .................. .’
   A do I  B I do  C am I  D I am

7. He came to the party .................. he hadn’t been invited.
   A in case  B in spite  C although  D even

8. I wanted to write to her but she .................. give me her address.
   A hadn’t  B hasn’t  C shouldn’t  D wouldn’t

9. She fell down and broke her ankle .................. was a pity.
   A which  B what  C that  D and

10. They were all on the platform, waiting .................. arrive.
    A for the train  B the train to  C the train’s  D for the train to

11. .................. a good thing that the teacher didn’t see you.
    A That’s  B It’s  C What’s  D There’s

12. He stayed under water for a minute and then swam to the .................. .
    A sea  B surface  C level  D ground

13. What was the name of the person who won first .................. ?
    A reward  B wage  C prize  D price

14. I didn’t realise that your house was .................. the other side of the road.
    A in  B by  C for  D on

15. Her work has been .................. and she deserves an increase in salary.
    A regular  B very well  C satisfactory  D available
16 He had to get off the bus because he couldn’t pay the .................
A bill  B fare  C wage  D hire

17 I would like you ................. that again, please.
A to read  B that you read  C reading  D read

18 We discussed the problem ................. our way to the office.
A through  B on  C by  D in

19 The school that I went to was 10 miles .................
A away  B far  C distance  D long

20 It’s a lovely dress but it’s too expensive. I can’t ................. it.
A spend  B pay  C afford  D value

21 They ................. him of taking the money.
A accused  B blamed  C punished  D threatened

22 I don’t think we’ve met before. You’re confusing me with .................
A some other  B someone other  C other person  D someone else

23 She’d seen the film before, ................. she?
A hadn’t  B didn’t  C wouldn’t  D shouldn’t

24 Look, there’s the waiter! ................. the bill.
A Ask him  B Ask him for  C Demand him  D Demand him for

25 I don’t believe him, ................. excuse he offers.
A however  B whatever  C for any  D for much

26 How long does it take you to ................. to work every day?
A approach  B reach  C get  D arrive

27 She wasn’t ................. to reach the ceiling.
A enough tall  B so tall  C as tall  D tall enough

28 We have ................. for a secretary but haven’t appointed anyone yet.
A announced  B advised  C advertised  D noticed

29 I played very badly. I was ................. with myself.
A ashamed  B disgusted  C sorry  D amazed

30 He’s a better player than I am so I didn’t expect to ................. him.
A beat  B gain  C win  D victory
1. ‘I’m going to see the doctor tomorrow.’ ‘So ..................... .’
   A do I  B I do  C am I  D I am

2. I didn’t leave that note on your desk. I suppose ...................... did.
   A some other  B other person  C someone other  D someone else

3. Every royal palace has ......................... secrets.
   A the  B its  C his  D their

4. They didn’t take any notice of us ......................... we protested.
   A in case  B in spite  C although  D even

5. Oh, look! The design on that man’s tie is ....................... yours.
   A similar than  B similar to  C the same than  D the same to

6. We can’t pay you unless we’re sure that this is his ...................... on the cheque.
   A signature  B letter  C mark  D firm

7. If we ......................... you were coming, we would have met you at the station.
   A knew  B would know  C would have known  D had known

8. I tried to persuade her, but she ......................... listen.
   A hasn’t  B hadn’t  C shouldn’t  D wouldn’t

9. Congratulations! You’ve won first ......................... !
   A reward  B victory  C prize  D price

10. ......................... a pity that you can’t come to the party.
    A That’s  B It’s  C What’s  D There’s

11. The crowd were outside the palace, waiting ....................... arrive.
    A the queen’s  B the queen to  C for the queen  D for the queen to

12. She interrupted the minister’s speech, ......................... made him angry.
    A which  B that  C what  D who

13. The new offices are ......................... the other side of the river.
    A by  B for  C in  D on

14. How long can you stay under water without coming to the ....................... ?
    A level  B ground  C surface  D sea

15. I’m not going to walk to the village. It’s 20 miles ......................... !
    A away  B far  C long  D distance
16 We’ve reminded him several times, but he hasn’t paid us.
A yet  B already  C still  D even

17 We can buy some food our way home.
A in  B on  C at  D by

18 They him of killing the dog.
A accused  B blamed  C punished  D attacked

19 The service at the hotel was so I’ll be happy to stay there again.
A very well  B regular  C satisfactory  D sympathetic

20 I would like you attention, please.
A to pay  B pay  C paying  D that you pay

21 It’s a very good car but it’s too expensive. I can’t it.
A pay  B spend  C afford  D cost

22 No one expected the President to his rival in the election.
A beat  B win  C lose  D gain

23 That’s the trouble with politicians. You can’t trust them, they say.
A however  B whatever  C for all  D for much

24 He had to give up the house because he couldn’t pay the .
A salary  B rent  C hire  D fare

25 That was a nasty thing to do. You should be of yourself.
A ashamed  B disgusted  C sorry  D amazed

26 She wasn’t to lift the heavy box.
A so strong  B as strong  C enough strong  D strong enough

27 You’d already read the book, you?
A hadn’t  B didn’t  C wouldn’t  D shouldn’t

28 It takes the children over an hour to to school with all this traffic.
A arrive  B reach  C get  D approach

29 Our cook has just left, so we’ll have to for another one.
A announce  B advise  C advertise  D notice

30 There’s a policeman over there. the way.
A Ask him  B Ask him for  C Demand him  D Demand him for
1 We had the first snow of the winter .................. days .................. .
   A few ... since  B a few ... since  C few ... ago  D a few ... ago

2 He .................. getting into trouble by refusing to be involved.
   A resists  B avoids  C prevents  D overcomes

3 I’m sorry. I .................. you about the change in the dates but I forgot.
   A should have told  B must have told  C ought to tell  D would tell

4 I knew she was married because she was .................. a wedding ring.
   A carrying  B bearing  C dressing  D wearing

5 Your wife rang .................. you that you’re meeting her after work.
   A for reminding  B to remind  C for remembering  D to remember

6 So far no one has .................. for the job of chief of police.
   A appointed  B applied  C presented  D appeared

7 He wasn’t elected, .................. the efforts of his team.
   A despite  B although  C nevertheless  D however

8 .................. when there is ice on the roads .................. very dangerous.
   A Riding ... is  B The riding ... is  C Riding ... it is  D The riding ... it is

9 The method sounds old-fashioned but it works .................. well as
   .................. .
   A as ... never  B as ... ever  C so ... never  D so ... ever

10 When you’ve been playing as long as I have, one game is very like .................. .
    A other  B each other  C another  D one other

11 She seems very keen on discipline but I wonder .................. in class.
    A what she is like  B what is she like  C how she is  D how is she

12 That’s the third time this week that the machine has been out of .................. .
    A work  B order  C practice  D force

13 She’s still very beautiful. I wish I .................. her when she was young.
    A would have known  B have known  C knew  D had known

14 By the time they change the law, the damage .................. been done.
    A shall have  B will have  C had  D must have

15 I don’t want to stop in the forest but .................. be a village quite near.
    A there may  B it may  C there can  D it can
16 It’s a dangerous occupation. I don’t do it for the ................. of my health.
A cause  B desire  C reason  D sake

17 She ................ the cloth and put it away in the drawer.
A folded  B bent  C twisted  D curved

18 I ................ expecting a storm like this ................. several days now.
A am … for  B am … during  C have been … for  D have been … during

19 We’ve appealed for witnesses but ................. has come forward.
A none  B no-one  C anyone  D any one

20 He ................ to me for the mistake.
A excused  B forgave  C pardoned  D apologised

21 If he’d worked as hard as we have, he ...................... tired.
A has felt  B had felt  C feels  D would feel

22 I can’t find my glasses. I ...................... them at the office.
A had to leave  B could leave  C must have left  D can have left

23 You’ve had a lot to drink so you ................. better let me drive.
A should  B would  C had  D ought

24 They aren’t going to raise taxes – at ...................... , that is what they promised.
A least  B last  C first  D once

25 Come on! I don’t want ...................... the start of the match.
A that we miss  B to miss  C that we lose  D to lose

26 My neighbours are a bit ...................... . They believe in ghosts and magic.
A weird  B wicked  C rare  D decayed

27 If you don’t do what the boss tells you, you’ll be ...................... from the firm.
A rejected  B resigned  C retired  D sacked

28 Those boys climbed up the ...................... tower last night.
A church’s  B churches’  C church  D churches’

29 They made a serious mistake and their opponents took ...................... of it.
A profit  B benefit  C advantage  D gain

30 She ...................... at me and then went on reading.
A glanced  B viewed  C regarded  D responded
1. He just failed to win the race, ...................... his great effort.
   A despite  B although  C nevertheless  D however

2. Hurry up! I wouldn’t like ..................... the start of the film.
   A that we miss  B to miss  C that we lose  D to lose

3. How many candidates have ..................... for the job?
   A appointed  B applied  C presented  D undertaken

4. They arrived in the neighbourhood ................ days ................ .
   A few … since  B a few … since  C few … ago  D a few … ago

5. She was ......................... dark glasses because she didn’t want to be recognised.
   A carrying  B holding  C bearing  D wearing

6. The shop rang ......................... that your new dress is ready.
   A for saying  B to say  C for telling  D to tell

7. Hello! I ......................... you before now but I’ve been very busy.
   A should have rung  B must have rung  C had to ring  D ought to ring

8. I’d like to take ......................... of this opportunity to thank you for your help.
   A profit  B benefit  C advantage  D occasion

9. He always looks brave on the screen but I wonder ......................... in real life.
   A what he is like  B what is he like  C how he is  D how is he

10. She’s recovered from her illness and is playing ..................... well as
    ......................... .
    A as … never  B as … ever  C so … never  D so … ever

11. It looks as if the lift is out of ......................... so we’ll have to walk up the stairs.
    A practice  B order  C running  D work

12. One flight across the ocean is very like ......................... .
    A other  B each other  C another  D one other

13. We’re late. By the time we get there, the film ......................... started.
    A shall have  B will have  C has  D must have

14. She’s very nice. I wish I ......................... her as a teacher when I was at school.
    A would have had  B have had  C had  D had had

15. I ......................... to him for the error.
    A excused  B forgave  C pardoned  D apologised
16 I can’t find my umbrella. I ................................ it on the train.
A had to leave  B could leave  C must have left  D can have left

17 I don’t believe in ghosts – or, at .......................... I’ve never seen one.
A least  B last  C first  D once

18 She .......................... the letter carefully and put it in an envelope.
A folded  B bent  C twisted  D curved

19 Very few people make this journey for the .......................... of pleasure.
A reason  B cause  C desire  D sake

20 They keep the bird in a cage to .......................... it from flying away.
A avoid  B prevent  C contain  D resist

21 There’s ice on the road so you .......................... better drive carefully.
A should  B would  C had  D ought

22 He looked round to make sure that .......................... was following him.
A none  B no-one  C anyone  D any one

23 I .......................... expecting trouble .......................... some time now.
A am … for  B am … during  C have been … for  D have been … during

24 If he hadn’t eaten so much, he .......................... sick.
A hasn’t felt  B didn’t feel  C hadn’t felt  D wouldn’t feel

25 He has some very .......................... habits. He has a bath with his clothes on!
A odd  B decayed  C rare  D wicked

26 .......................... down a mountain at this speed .......................... very
dangerous.
A Skiing … is  B The skiing … is  C Skiing … it is  D The skiing … it is

27 He .......................... out of the window for a moment and then went on working.
A glanced  B viewed  C saw  D regarded

28 He’s been .......................... from the company because he wasn’t doing his job.
A rejected  B retired  C resigned  D sacked

29 We’re short of petrol but .......................... be a garage near here.
A there may  B it may  C there can  D it can

30 They’re carrying out repairs to the .......................... building.
A school old  B school’s old  C old school  D old school’s
Answer Sheet

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