

MM PLACEMENT TEST

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(Version in British English)

Part One

A. Listen to ten short extracts and answer the questions that follow.
Choose a, b or c. You will hear each extract twice.

1. Where are Claire's black shoes?
 - a. Under the bed.
 - b. On the bookcase.
 - c. Behind the curtain.

2. What did the woman buy?
 - a. A shirt.
 - b. A jumper.
 - c. A jacket.

3. What is Noah doing?
 - a. He's swimming.
 - b. He's talking on the phone.
 - c. He's windsurfing.

4. Where are the people?
 - a. At home.
 - b. In a restaurant.
 - c. At the supermarket.

5. What doesn't the holiday include?
 - a. A hotel near the beach.
 - b. Two meals a day at a hotel.
 - c. Sightseeing tours.

6. What doesn't Judith want to do again?
- Go camping by a lake.
 - Go hiking in the mountains.
 - Stay in a hotel by the sea.
7. What has Gary done?
- He's lost his passport.
 - He's put his passport in his bag.
 - He's brought the wrong passport.
8. What does the girl find interesting about the new mobile phone?
- That it fits inside your ear.
 - The way you use it.
 - That it looks like a watch.
9. Where are the people?
- At home.
 - In a car.
 - In the middle of a lake.
10. What sport is the man talking about?
- Tennis.
 - Baseball.
 - Table tennis.

B. Read items 11-40 and choose a, b or c.

11. _____ not my size.
- a. This shoes is
 - b. These shoes is
 - c. These shoes are
12. Our new _____ are not very friendly.
- a. friends
 - b. parents
 - c. neighbours
13. _____ to make a cake?
- a. How many eggs do we need
 - b. How much eggs do we need
 - c. How many eggs need we
14. I love skiing, it's _____ .
- a. glad
 - b. boring
 - c. fun
15. I want to buy this skirt _____ it is very expensive.
- a. and
 - b. but
 - c. so
16. The supermarket is _____
- a. on Baker Street near the park.
 - b. at Baker Street between the park.
 - c. to Baker Street on the park.

17. _____ turn left, Mary!
- a. Not
 - b. Doesn't
 - c. Don't
18. Jason _____ the bus to work every day.
- a. take
 - b. takes
 - c. is taking
19. The children _____ like the party last Saturday.
- a. don't
 - b. didn't
 - c. weren't
20. My brother is married and _____ wife is a doctor.
- a. his
 - b. her
 - c. him
21. History is Philip's favourite _____ .
- a. subject
 - b. chapter
 - c. degree
22. _____ with my homework, please?
- a. Could you help me
 - b. You can help me
 - c. Are you helping me

23. Do you know the name of _____ mountain in the world?
- a. the higher
 - b. highest
 - c. the highest
24. My cousin _____ a party next Saturday.
- a. has to
 - b. is going to have
 - c. had
25. Hugh always _____ his birthday.
- a. invites
 - b. arranges
 - c. celebrates
26. The doctor told me _____ in bed for a few days.
- a. I stay
 - b. to stay
 - c. staying
27. Tom _____ that film yet.
- a. hasn't seen
 - b. haven't seen
 - c. doesn't see
28. My grandfather lives on an island in the middle of a big _____.
- a. lake
 - b. desert
 - c. forest

29. There is _____ to eat at home. Let's go to a restaurant.

- a. anything
- b. something
- c. nothing

30. Will you do me _____, please?

- a. a favour
- b. an appointment
- c. homework

31. A: How are you?

B: _____

- a. I'm Cathy's brother.
- b. Fine, thanks. And you?
- c. I'm 25.

32. A: _____

B: I'm a teacher.

- a. How do you do?
- b. What do you do?
- c. Nice to meet you.

33. A: What's for dinner?

B: _____

- a. I'll have a sandwich, please.
- b. Chicken, rice and salad.
- c. Is there any spaghetti?

34. A: Kevin broke his leg yesterday.

B: _____

- a. Really? What's wrong?
- b. Sorry! That's wrong.
- c. Oh, dear. How did it happen?

35. A: John and I are going to the theatre tonight. Would you like to come with us?

B: _____

- a. I'd love to. What time do you want to meet?
- b. Yes, and I really enjoyed it!
- c. Sorry, but I'm busy now.

36. A: Guess who I saw at the airport! Jack Nicholson!

B: _____

- a. Long time no see!
- b. Sounds interesting!
- c. You're kidding!

37. A: I passed my driving test!

B: _____

- a. Congratulations!
- b. Good luck!
- c. Excuse me!

38. A: Sorry, Karen. I can't go shopping with you tomorrow afternoon. I just remembered that I have an important meeting.

B: _____

- a. Get well soon!
- b. Never mind. Maybe Molly will come with me.
- c. Could we make it a bit later?

39. A: _____

B: Well, there are some ways to know if your pet is OK or not. First...

- a. Is there something wrong with my cat?
- b. How can you tell if a cat isn't feeling well?
- c. How is your cat?

40. A: I got a postcard from Helen yesterday!

B: _____ She says she is having a
great time in Spain.

- a. Me too!
- b. Good for you!
- c. Wait a minute!

C. Read the following texts and answer questions 41-50. Choose a, b or

c.

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41. What does the text say about the house?

- a. It's big but expensive.
- b. It's big and cheap.
- c. It's far from Redwood Park.

Hi Jerry,

I'm going to the department store. I want to buy a present for your brother's birthday, some T-shirts for the children and maybe a dress for me. Your dinner is in the fridge.

Love,

Beth

42. Who's Jerry?

- a. Beth's husband.
- b. Beth's brother.
- c. Beth's son.

He's young, he's famous, he's Robbie Wilson, the Irish singer with the No.1 hit *Me & You!* Robbie lives in London but he often travels around the world giving concerts. He loves visiting new places and meeting new people. There's only one thing Robbie doesn't really like about his job and that is travelling by plane! He even hates being at an airport! This evening he is flying to New York. Poor Robbie!

43. What is Robbie Wilson's problem?

- a. He hates travelling abroad.
- b. He doesn't like flying.
- c. He doesn't have any free time.

Hi Tracey,

How are you? We've just moved into our new house and I'm so happy! You see, I've got my own room now! It's so cool! The house is so big that Mum is still decorating it. It has also got a garden where we can sit on sunny days. Please come and visit us at the weekend.

Love,

Jessica

44. Why is Jessica excited?

- a. Because the house is big.
- b. Because the house has got a garden.
- c. Because she has got her own room.

Dear Linda,

I'm writing to you from Edinburgh, Scotland's beautiful capital. We're having a great time! It's snowing at the moment but the streets are crowded with people shopping or just looking around. You see, the city is famous for its New Year's celebrations and everyone looks so excited and happy. I'm coming back in a week. See you then! Oh, and Happy New Year!

Love,
Karen

45. What is Karen not talking about?
- What the weather is like.
 - What people are buying.
 - What is happening in Edinburgh.

Dear Kate,

I'm really looking forward to your visit. Don't try to find my house on your own. My brother or I will pick you up at the station. Just let me know what time your train arrives. One thing is for sure: we're going to have a brilliant time in Poole next weekend!

Love,
Ken

46. What should Kate do?
- Wait at the station.
 - Go to Ken's house.
 - Send an e-mail to Ken's brother.

Located between the desert mountains and the cool, blue waters of the Red Sea, is the luxurious Eilat Princess Hotel. The EPH has three different function rooms with audiovisual equipment available to its guests. Sit back and relax while the hotel organises your conferences, meetings, or other events. After work, enjoy great food in one of the hotel's restaurants, relax in the pool, enjoy a game of tennis, or just put your feet up.

47. Which of the following can't you do at the Eilat Princess Hotel?

- a. Swim.
- b. Water sports.
- c. Business.

The Chinese New Year is one of the world's most colourful and important celebrations. There are noisy parades and dragon dances not only in China but in all the areas where Chinese people live around the world. The festival celebrates the beginning of the new year. Before celebrations begin, Chinese families clean their houses and buy colourful plants and flowers to bring them good luck for the new year.

48. How do the Chinese celebrate New Year?

- a. They buy colourful flowers.
- b. They clean their houses.
- c. They organise parades and dances.

The ancient Olympic Games first took place in Olympia, Greece, in 776 BC. After taking place for 1169 years, they stopped. Then, in 1894, a Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin, had an idea. He wanted to organise the first modern Olympic Games. Two years later, his dream finally came true and the first modern Olympics took place in Athens, Greece. They were quite a success and twelve countries took part, including Greece, France, England, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary and the United States.

49. When did the first modern Olympics take place?

- a. In 1169.
- b. In 1894.
- c. In 1896.

Dear Dr Simpson,

I am 19 years old, I never have coffee, sugar, or fast food and I exercise 3-4 times a week. However, I am not feeling very well these days. I feel tired, I don't sleep well, I've lost my appetite and I think I've lost weight. I took some vitamins but they didn't help. What should I do?

Yvonne

50. Why is Yvonne writing to the doctor?

- a. She believes her lifestyle is unhealthy.
- b. She believes she doesn't eat the right kind of food.
- c. She believes she looks after herself but still has health problems.

Part Two

A. Listen to ten short extracts and answer the questions that follow.

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1. When will Mike let Colin know if he's coming to the party or not?
 - a. On Sunday.
 - b. On Thursday.
 - c. On Friday.

2. What surprised Sheila during her trip to Cairo?
 - a. How cheap everything was.
 - b. How big the pyramids were.
 - c. How good Egyptian clothes were.

3. What is the relationship between the man and the woman?
 - a. Husband and wife.
 - b. Customer and waitress.
 - c. Colleagues.

4. What happened to the Warrens' house?
 - a. An earthquake destroyed it.
 - b. An aeroplane crashed into it.
 - c. A tornado hit it.

5. What did Tim do at the train station this morning?
 - a. He took part in a film.
 - b. He took part in a survey.
 - c. He took part in a competition.

6. Why did Cheryl buy her costume?
- a. To appear in a play.
 - b. To go to a party.
 - c. To appear in a film.
7. Why is Ethan late?
- a. Because he slept in.
 - b. Because the taxi driver got lost.
 - c. Because he had to wait a long time for the bus.
8. Where is Jack Pritchard?
- a. At a TV studio.
 - b. At a hotel.
 - c. At a café.
9. Why does Craig want to get some aspirins?
- a. His wife has got a headache.
 - b. He is going on a trip in a few days.
 - c. He is worried about his new job.
10. What does the woman say about the film?
- a. It has won a lot of awards.
 - b. It should have had more information about Sophie's marriage.
 - c. It was quite disappointing.

B. Read items 11-40 and choose a, b or c.

11. I had the most _____ experience last night.
a. furious
b. frightened
c. frightening
12. John _____ how to download information from the Internet, he will help you.
a. knows
b. is knowing
c. can know
13. _____ the beach, we found an injured bird.
a. When we have cleaned up
b. As soon as we were cleaning up
c. While we were cleaning up
14. Do you have _____ to the Internet?
a. control
b. access
c. entrance
15. There is not _____ to go skiing this weekend.
a. snow enough
b. enough snow
c. too snow

16. A: How long _____ English lessons?
B: For two years. I started when I finished primary school.
a. have you been taking
b. have you been taken
c. have you taking
17. You _____ take the bus, I'll drive you to work.
a. have to
b. needn't
c. should
18. That school started a special programme to _____
paper, so that used paper can become something useful again.
a. recycle
b. pollute
c. improve
19. This skirt is on sale, there is a 40% _____.
a. deposit
b. discount
c. charge
20. A: I don't really like playing tennis.
B: _____.
a. Neither do I
b. So do I
c. I don't too
21. By next June Tim _____ enough money to
buy a new car.
a. is saving up
b. will be saving up
c. will have saved up

22. Jenny would look after the children for you if you _____
her to.
- have asked
 - asked
 - will ask
23. Peter Sellers, _____ played in *The Pink Panther*, is my favourite actor.
- .that
 - which
 - who
24. I never have time to read more than the newspaper _____.
- headlines
 - articles
 - sections
25. Not all journalists have _____ information.
- embarrassed
 - reliable
 - innocent
26. _____, it was too late to go to the cinema.
- As soon as I finished
 - Before I had been finishing
 - By the time I had finished
27. You _____ if you don't want to miss your flight!
- would rather hurry
 - had better hurry
 - shouldn't hurry

28. No one is answering the phone, they _____
out.

- a. can't have gone
- b. could go
- c. must have gone

29. At the end of the hour, our teacher told us that we could
_____ the test if we hadn't finished yet.

- a. carry on with
- b. carry out
- c. get away with

30. My cousin _____ cheating in his final exams.

- a. caught
- b. had caught
- c. was caught

31. A: Cindy, I'm afraid I can't make it to the dance tonight.

B: _____

- a. That's OK, I'll make it for you.
- b. Oh, that's a shame!
- c. OK. Let me know.

32. A: Why don't you buy that dress?

B: _____

- a. Well, I'm £10 short.
- b. I like the sound of that.
- c. So what?

33. A: Richard really went out of his way to help me.

B: _____

- a. Did he find his way in the end?
- b. Yes, he's a good friend!
- c. I can't believe my eyes!

34. A: Why don't you use your credit card to pay?

B: _____

- a. Well, first of all, I spend too much and then...
- b. For this reason I don't like credit cards.
- c. It's no wonder I don't like credit cards.

35. A: I'll never do that again, _____!

B: Was it really that bad?

- a. to my surprise
- b. that's more like it
- c. that's for sure

36. A: _____? He looks terrible!

B: Well, he works very long hours and doesn't get enough sleep.

- a. Is Joe up for it
- b. What's up with Joe
- c. Is Joe up yet

37. A: Will it take you long to fix the car?

B: Don't worry, Mrs Carson, we will have your car ready _____.

- a. for the time being
- b. in no time
- c. from time to time

38. A: We must do something about the traffic problem.

B: _____ . What do you suggest?

- a. That's true.
- b. That's too bad.
- c. Take it easy.

39. A: Hey, Martha, are you OK?

B: Not really. This morning I woke up with a terrible headache, and _____ , I left my bag in the taxi on my way to work!

- a. let's face it
- b. tell me about it
- c. to make matters worse

40. A: Do you know anybody who would be good for the job?

B: Yes, actually, I _____ .

- a. have someone in mind
- b. know someone in charge
- c. see what you mean

C. Read the following texts and answer questions 41-50. Choose a, b or

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Bateaux London and the British Airways London Eye have teamed up to offer two holiday packages. The Dinner Cruise combines a four-course meal and live entertainment with a flight on the BA London Eye for £74 per person. The Sunday Lunch Cruise includes a three-course meal and live jazz together with a BA London Eye flight, starting from £48.50 per person.

41. What is the best title for the text?

- a. London Cruise Offer
- b. Dinner with Entertainment
- c. A Weekend in London

One Saturday my friends and I were in town checking out the latest hits in a record shop. While we were looking around, they put on my favourite song and I started singing along to the music. Suddenly, I saw a group of people looking at me. I turned and looked at my mates. They were killing themselves laughing! Obviously, I had been singing loudly and really badly. I made a fool of myself!

42. What happened to the writer of this text?

- a. He sang along beautifully to the music.
- b. He didn't like the music he heard.
- c. He found himself in an embarrassing situation.

Dear Millie,

I've heard about dry shampoo where you don't have to wash your hair as with normal shampoos. I've asked at the local chemist's but they've never heard of dry shampoo. I've also checked at the supermarket but no luck! Can you tell me exactly what it is and where I can find it?

Julie, Birmingham

43. Why did Julie write this letter?

- a. To talk about her hair problem.
- b. Because she wants information about something.
- c. To recommend a new product.

Carrie

by Stephen King

Carrie White is not popular because she's not cool. So, nobody talks to her at school. She always knew that she was different, but when her strange powers begin to develop, she knows that she is special.

Suddenly, one night things go wrong in the most horrible way. A classic that is still as frightening as it was nearly thirty years ago.

44. Who do you think shouldn't read this book?

- a. Anyone who is under thirty years old.
- b. Anyone who is easily scared.
- c. Anyone who loves horror films.

The Mary Rose was built between 1510 and 1511 and was lost in 1545. For many years, the Mary Rose was Henry VIII's favourite warship, fast and successful. And yet she sank - on a fine summer day as she sailed into action against the French. She remained at the bottom of the sea until October 1982 when she was brought safely back to her home port. Now you have the chance to step back in time and visit one of Britain's most famous warships.

45. Where is the text taken from?

- a. A novel.
- b. A brochure.
- c. A history book.

I feel British although both my parents, who own a Chinese restaurant in Bangor, North Wales, were born in Hong Kong. They came over just before I was born because my grandfather thought there would be more opportunities for them in Britain. I've been to China only once and I liked it a lot. It's so different from the Welsh countryside. I have lots of friends from different countries, from Chinese and British to Greeks and South Africans. I often cook Chinese for them. They love it!

46. Where was the writer of the text born?

- a. In Britain.
- b. In China.
- c. In Hong Kong.

For a really good night's entertainment why not go along and see Mick Hodges's latest film "I spy"? Though I found Hedi Lopez's performance disappointing and the special effects could have been improved on, the storyline and the plot more than made up for it and Jed Baxter was brilliant in his role.

47. Which of the following statements would the writer of the text agree with?
- The film was disappointing.
 - The special effects were wonderful.
 - The film was enjoyable.

A woman with a stolen passport was arrested yesterday at Dublin Airport while she was checking in. According to the police, the passport had the name of a woman whose handbag had been stolen in a Dublin restaurant last month. However, the photograph on the passport had been replaced by a photograph of the woman that was arrested. The police are investigating the matter to find out whether the woman has stolen other passports as well.

48. Why was the woman arrested?
- Because she used to steal passports.
 - Because she changed the photograph on her passport.
 - Because the passport she had didn't belong to her.

The display includes an embroidered pink silk dress with matching bolero jacket designed by Catherine Walker and worn by Princess Diana to a state banquet in India in 1992. You'll also see the blue silk dress by Victor Edelstein worn to the dinner at the White House in 1985, at which the Princess delighted guests by dancing with John Travolta.

49. Where is the text taken from?
- A biography about Princess Diana.
 - A brochure about an exhibition.
 - An article about fashion designers.

Try to get cash out during the day and when you're with someone. Don't visit the cashpoint if there are other people around and don't let anyone else know your PIN (Personal Identification Number). Put your money and your wallet away before leaving. Don't just stand there chatting to your friends or on your mobile phone.

50. Who is this warning aimed at?
- People queuing in the bank to make a withdrawal.
 - People taking money out of a bank cash machine.
 - People who don't know how to use a bank cash machine.