

English level test B1

Total _____/100 scores

Reading 1

Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

The price of a perfect holiday

Cruises are becoming more and more popular, with around 20 million passengers per year now enjoying holidays on board luxury ships. Many people see a cruise as the perfect way to sit back and do nothing, and enjoy time off work. But what is the effect on the environment of this trend?

Although it usually takes less energy for a vehicle to move through water than over land, cruise ships are often huge, with the biggest ones carrying up to 6,000 passengers. Moving such large vehicles requires enormous engines which burn as much as 300,000 litres of fuel a day. One scientist has calculated that cruise ships create as much pollution as 5 million cars going over the same distance. Because they are out at sea, they also burn dirtier fuel that isn't allowed on land. Unfortunately, no government has control over the amount of air pollution out at sea.

Cruises also produce huge amounts of rubbish, and cruise ships aren't usually good at recycling. Waste water from showers and toilets is usually poured directly into the sea – as much per day as from a small town. Waste food from restaurants isn't put into the sea, but still causes problems when brought back to the land.

Cruise ships also cause difficulties in the cities where they stop. Popular destinations can get five or six ships per day, with thousands of tourists at a time. Good for restaurants? No. Restaurant owners complain that the visitors look around for a few hours and then return to their ship to eat. What's more, the crowds can put off other tourists, who complain that the streets are too busy. Some towns have banned cruise ships or put a limit on the number that can stop at the same time. People who care about the environment worry that as the cruise industry continues to grow, so too will the issues for our planet.

1. The purpose of the text is to

A persuade people that a cruise is a wonderful holiday.

B criticize people who go on cruise ships.

C explain some of the problems that cruise ships cause.

D persuade governments to ban cruise ships.

2. One reason cruise ships cause a lot of air pollution is because

A they carry large numbers of cars as well as passengers.

B their engines are not as efficient as those of other ships.

C it takes more energy to move through water than over land.

D they use types of fuel that are not permitted on land.

3. What do we learn about the waste products on cruise ships?

A All the waste products are carried back to shore.

B Waste food is often thrown away at sea.

C Most cruise ships recycle their waste products.

D An enormous amount of the waste water isn't recycled.

4. Why are cruise ship passengers not popular in some cities?

A They are sometimes rude to other tourists.

B They don't spend money on meals.

C They fill up the restaurants, so other tourists can't get in.

D They complain when the city is too crowded.

5. Which best describes large cruise ships?

A They seem to offer ideal relaxing holidays, but they aren't environmentally friendly.

B They are becoming very popular, and they bring a lot of benefits, in spite of their problems.

C They used to cause a lot of pollution, but things are improving now.

D They cause pollution in the sea and on land, so cities are planning to ban them in the future.

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Reading 2

Look at the sentences below. Read the text and choose the correct answer T (True) or F (False)

1. Adlers' Department Store has just started offering a personal shopping service. T F
2. The personal shopping charge is refunded if you buy some clothes. T F
3. The personal shopper starts by showing you some clothes to find out what you are looking for. T F
4. Personal shoppers learn their skills from people who know the job well. T F
5. You should decide how much you can afford to spend before you come to your appointment. T F
6. You have to share a changing room with other shoppers. T F
7. A maximum of five people can attend an appointment together. T F
8. The personal shopper can help you to find clothes at reduced prices. T F
9. You have to book in advance to get an appointment with a personal shopper. T F
10. With the special offer this month, you can only save money on electronic goods. T F

Do you love shopping but can never find clothes that fit you or look nice? Or maybe you hate shopping and just want to get it done quickly? Well, why not come to Adlers' Department Store and try one of our personal shoppers?

Our personal shoppers have helped hundreds of customers over many years, both men and women. People of all ages have enjoyed the benefits of our service, and it doesn't have to be expensive. We charge a small amount for your appointment, but we give you this money back if you buy any of the items you try on.

Before you look at any clothes, our personal shopper will sit down with you and discuss what you are looking for – whether it's a special dress for a party, clothes you can wear to school or university, a smart suit for a job interview or just some new clothes to take on holiday. All our personal shoppers are trained in our stores by experienced staff to know what styles and colours will suit you best. It's a good idea to think about money in advance and set a limit on the amount you want to spend, so the personal shopper can find clothes within your price range.

Then comes the enjoyable part! You sit back and relax while your personal shopper looks at the huge choice of clothes in our store and selects items for you to try on. One advantage of having a personal shopper is that you get your own private changing room, so you can take your time, even if the rest of the store is crowded.

If you prefer to shop with your friends, there is also an option to have a group appointment. You can bring up to five friends with you, and you all get help with your shopping at the same time. It's great fun, and it works especially well if you're all going to a special event together. You can save money, too. When there's a sale on, your shopper can help you to avoid the crowds and find some amazing bargains.

If you're interested in trying our personal shopping experience, why not come along to one of our stores and talk to us? On days when the store is quiet, one of our personal shoppers might be free to help you there and then. But it's best to book in advance, to make sure you aren't disappointed.

For this month only, if you book an appointment with a personal shopper, we're offering a ten per cent discount on goods in all departments of our store, including electronic items such as computers and tablets.

So, what are you waiting for? Get yourself a new look, and make shopping fun!

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Use of English

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Emma Watson

The actress Emma Watson grew up near Oxford in the South of England and (1) _____ as an actress at the Stagecoach School in Oxford. (2) _____ she had only acted in a few school plays, in 2001 she was lucky enough to get the role of Hermione in the Harry Potter film (3) _____. This was the role which first (4) _____ her famous. She appeared in (5) _____ eight of the Harry Potter films from 2001 to 2011. After the Harry Potter films, Emma (6) _____ to work in films, but also (7) _____ a few years studying English literature at university. She acted while she studied, and (8) _____ 2012 she has continued to develop her career and has appeared in (9) _____ very successful films. She is (10) _____ very interested in fashion, and has worked as a fashion model for a well-known fashion magazine.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. A. trained | B. coached | C. taught | D. learned |
| 2. A. But | B. So | C. Although | D. Despite |
| 3. A. set | B. series | C. group | D. collection |
| 4. A. produced | B. made | C. caused | D. created |
| 5. A. each | B. most | C. every | D. all |
| 6. A. continued | B. kept | C. stayed | D. remained |
| 7. A. passed | B. spent | C. gave | D. allowed |
| 8. A. later | B. after | C. past | D. since |
| 9. A. several | B. plenty | C. lots | D. few |
| 10. A. too | B. besides | C. also | D. plus |

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Task 2

Choose the correct answer. only ONE answer is correct.

1. Fred to the shop.

- A. went just
- B. just was going
- C. has just gone
- D. just has gone

2. Ann gave.....

- A. my the flowers
- B. the flowers mine
- C. the flowers me
- D. me the flowers

3. Mary ... to school

- A. never walks
- B. is never walking
- C. never is walking
- D. walks never

4. Where

- A. Mary works
- B. works Mary
- C. Does Mary works
- D. Does Mary work

5. Who

- A. Tom usually helps?
- B. Tom Does usually help?
- C. does Tom usually help?

D. usually does Tom help?

6. What colour is your dog?

A. It's grey

B. It's a grey

C. It's colour grey

D. It's the grey colour

7. A. Is the little clever boy?

B. Is clever the little boy?

C. Is the little boy a clever?

D. Is the little boy clever?

8. Mary hasn't got

A. no friends

B. many friends

C. some friend

D. much friend

9. A. Not to do that!

B. No do that!

C. Don't do that!

D. Don't that!

10. A. Come here to me!

B. Come there to me!

C. Go here to they!

D. Go there to he!

11. How.....to the station from here?

A. to go

B. do you go

C. do one go

D. go we

12. Brian is..... Pamela.

A. as old as

B. not old as

C. as old that

D. not old that

13. Mother..... the children through the window.

A. is seeing

B. is looking

C. is watching

D. is washing

14.going to the party.

A. Everyone are

B. Everyone is

C. Every people are

D. Every people is

15. Did your brother go to the USA last year?

A. No, he did never go there

B. No, he has never gone here

C. No, he never was there

D. No, he's never been there

16. Jenny hasn't got a dog. Mike hasn't

A. got, either

B. got, too

C. got one, either

D. got one, too

17. 215 is.....

A. two hundred fifty

B. two hundred and fifty

C. two hundred fifteen

D. two hundred and fifteen

18. Have you been to the USA? Yes, I in 1987

A. went there

B. went here

C. came there

D. came here

19. Janet is the girl..... in her hand.

A. with anything

B. with nothing

C. of anything

D. of nothing

20. Anne's older.....

A. that Mary

B. than Mary's

C. than us

D. than I'm

21. Are the bicycles in the garage? No, there in the garage

A. is nothing

B. is not nothing

C. is not something

D. is anything

22. Have you got any brown socks? No, but I 've got.....

- A. some blue ones
- B. some blues
- C. some blue one
- D. a blue ones

23. Whose is this house? It's

- A. our
- B. ours
- C. our one
- D. ours one

24. A. How old he is?

- B. How many years has he?
- C. What age he has?
- D. How old is he?

25. There isn't In the restaurant.

- A. any people
- B. any persons
- C. anybody
- D. nobody

26. Laura's her sister.

- A. very taller than
- B. much taller than
- C. very taller that
- D. much taller that

27. Pat's a girl.... long arms.

- A. with some

B. with her

C. with

D. with the

28. What time..... dinner?

A. Peter has

B. do Peter has

C. does Peter has

D. does Peter have

29. Her father will come at 8 o'clock.....

A. this evening

B. this afternoon

C. in this evening

D. in this afternoon

30. I feel fine today because I.....

A. have gone to bed early tonight

B. have gone to bed last night

C. went to bed early tonight

D. went to bed early last night

31. What is Tom like? He.....

A. likes a cup of tea

B. is liking football

C. isn't very nice

D. isn't very well

32. Has Susan got the money? Yes, John gave yesterday

A. to her them

B. to her it

C. her them

D. it to her

33. Debbie is beside Jenny. Jane is Debbie

A. behind

B. beside

C. next

D. between

34. Sam is the radio.

A. listening to

B. listening in

C. hearing to

D. hearing in

35. The shoes are in the box. I know because my brother..... yesterday.

A. has put them in

B. put them in

C. has put them

D. put them

36. Last monthto Scotland.

a. was Tom

B. tom was

C. went Tom

D. Tom went

37. Which student is near the teacher? Malcolm is.....

A. much near

B. very nearer

c. the nearest

D. the next

38. Whose is this? It's

A. my

B. his

C. her

D. our

39. Tomorrow my sister will come..... late.

A. home

B. at home

C. to home

D. to the home

40. Nansy works in a shop and

A. so does Alan too

B. so Alan too does

C. that does Alan too

D. that Alan too does

41. Rose... to sing on Saturday

A. can

B. will

C. is going

D. shall

42. What is your cousin?

A. That's she

B. This is her

C. I haven't got any

D. She's a doctor

43. Can you see the bottles?

- A. many beer into
- B. much beer into
- C. many beer in
- D. much beer in

44. We'll do it.....

- A. 11 o'clock in the morning
- B. on 11 o'clock this morning
- C. this morning at 11 o'clock
- D. in this morning at 11 o'clock

45. Are you going to work? No,

- A. I' take a bus
- B. to the doctor's
- C. by train
- D. I'm riding my bicycle

46. Here are three books!like best?

- A. Which book do you
- B. Which book you
- C. What book do you
- D. What book you

47. The old man came the stairs.

- A. out of
- B. through
- C. off
- D. down

48. What..... on Sunday?

- A. does Jim usually
- B. John usually does
- C. usually does Jim
- D. Does John usually do

49. Have you been to Scotland?

- A. Not ever
- B. Not yet
- C. Not already
- D. Not never

50. Carolsing tomorrow.

- A. going to
- B. is going
- C. can
- D. can to

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Writing

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Choose ONE topic and write an essay of 120-150 words. Express your opinion and give examples.

1. Some people think that in the future robots will do many of the jobs currently done by people. (Is this a good or a bad thing in your opinion?)
2. Music is one of the most important things in the lives of young people today. (Why do you think this is?)
3. Only abroad a person can get a good higher education. (Why do/don't you think so?)