ENTRANCE EXAM IN ENGLISH 2026 Version B1

For questions 1 – 16 read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.

1. I've never forgotten that wonderful teacher
who B) he C) what D) which

2. I …… my classes in Palermo this week because my family and I are away on a tour of London.
A) am attending B) don't attend C) will attend **D) am not attending**

3. I had a great summer. I went to Scotland …… holiday.
A) at B) in C) through **D) on**

4. My brother lives in Australia. I haven't seen him …… 16 years.
A) by B) from **C) for** D) since

5. Ask Fred and Sue for help. They ……this book before.
A) study B) are studying **C) have studied** D) will study

6. I …… speak French fluently when I was younger, but I've forgotten most of it now.
A) may B) must C) can **D) could**

7. Sicily offers tourists water sports, great campsites, lovely beaches and ……a couple of golf courses.
A) even B) still C) yet D) however

8. I ……here since 7 o'clock.
A) wait B) am waiting **C) have been waiting** D) will wait

9. You really ……to wear smart clothes for your interview if you want to make a good impression.
A) can B) might **C) should** D) ought

10. A: Could you teach me how to bake a cake? B: …….
A) I would if I'd know how to do it.
B) I could if I'd known how to do it.
C) I would if I knew how to do it.
D) If I had time, I'd.

11. I refuse to cook for you ……you do the washing-up afterwards.
A) if **B) unless** C) as long as D) as well as

12. Good students always ……notes during lectures.
A) take B) steal C) do D) copy

13. Usually, it ……him two hours to do his homework.
A) is taking B) take **C) takes** D) has took

14. ….. I was studying for my exam, my friend called to invite me to a party.
A) However **B) While** C) During time D) During

15. You …… better study hard if you want to pass the exam.
A) should B) would **C) had** D) have

16. By the time the guests arrived, I ……. all the preparations for the party.
A) had done B) did C) have done D) was done

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For questions 17 – 24 read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits eachspace. Only one answer is correct.

Bull fighting

Bull fighting, known in Spanish …… (17) “corrida de toros," spread from the Iberian Peninsula to Latin America with the Spanish and Portuguese colonization of the New World, …… (18) it was common in ancient Rome. The versions practised in Spain (and in parts of France) and its former colonies in the Americas differ from that which predominates in Portugal, and not simply because in the former the bull dies in the ring while in the …… (19) it does not.
The …… (20) recognised image of the "matador" with a cape and a sword standing close by a charging bull is from the Spanish corrida de toros. Aside from the bull and the common ancestry of the spectacle, the primary similarity between Spanish and Portuguese bull fighting is the great …… (21) of pump and pageantry of the event, which begin …… (22) a parade of all the participants, except the bulls, entering the ring. In …… (23) Portuguese and Spanish bull fights, horses, and horsemen …… (24) an important role.

17) A) like **B) as** C) from D) that
18) A) although B) unless C) because D) despite
19) A) lately **B) latter** C) later D) late
20) A) broad B) high **C) widely** D) wide
21) A) deal B) number C) many D) much
22) A) with B) to C) on D) in
23) A) either B) neither C) nor **D) both**
24) A) take B) make **C) play** D) give

For questions 25 – 37 read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits eachspace. Only one answer is correct.

25. You …… forget to turn off the lights before leaving the house.
A) couldn’t **B) mustn’t** C) needn’t D) wouldn’t

26. I’m thinking … a house.
A) to buy B) of to buy **C) of buying** D) can buy

27. Poor old Mary! She broke her leg while ……
A) ski **B) skiing** C) to ski D) she was skying

28. Can you pass ……. the salt, please?
A) I **B) me** C) mine D) myself

29. I …… how much effort goes into planning a wedding until I started helping my sister with hers.
A) had been realizing B) were never realizing
C) had never realized D) have never realized

30. My manager is busy at the moment so it may take a …… time to answer.
A) few B) small **C) little** D) tiny

31. It’s late. It’s time ……home.
A) going **B) to go** C) went D) will have gone

32. I’m sure he …… have forgotten about the meeting.
A) must B) should C) may D) can

33. She ……. to complete the project ahead of schedule despite facing numerous obstacles.
A) succeed B) could C) be able **D) managed**

34. I ……to music a lot but I don't do any more.
A) listen B) was listening **C) used to listen** D) was used to listen

35. The girl, ……. name is Emily, won the spelling bee.
A) whose B) which C) their D) which have

36. ….. of the company, I apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay in delivery.
A) In place B) On account C) Instead **D) On behalf**

37. Fred …… of university because he found it too difficult.
A) threw out B) dropped in C) picked up **D) dropped out**

For questions 38 – 50 read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits eachspace. Only one answer is correct.

Polar Bears

Polar bears are in (38) …… of dying out. (39) …… some other endangered animals, it's not hunters that are the problem, it's climate change. Since 1979, the ice cap at the Arctic Circle where polar bears live has (40) ……in size by about 30 per cent. The temperature in the Arctic has slowly been (41) ……and this is (42) ……the sea ice to melt, endangering the polar bears' home. The polar bears' main (43) ……of food are the different types of seal found in the Arctic. They catch them by waiting next to the air holes the seals have (44) ……in the ice. (45) ……the bears are very strong swimmers, they could never catch seals in the water. This means that the bears (46) ……do rely on the ice to hunt. Polar bears also need sea ice to travel. They can (47) ……a huge territory and often swim from one part of the ice to another. They have been (48) ……to swim up to 100km, but when there is less ice, they may have to swim further, and this can (49) ……fatal to the bears. A number of bears have drowned in the last few years and scientists believe that it is because they were not able to (50) ……more sea ice before they became too tired and couldn't swim any further.

38) A) risk B) threat C) warning **D) danger**
39) A) Unlike B) Compared C) Different D) Opposite
40) A) reduced B) shortened C) cut D) lost
41) A) rising B) advancing C) gaining D) lifting
42) A) turning B) creating C) resulting **D) causing**
43) A) origins **B) sources** C) means D) materials
44) A) set B) placed **C) made** D) put
45) A) Although B) Even C) Despite D) As
46) A) surely B) fully **C) really** D) properly
47) A) pass B) extend **C) cover** D) spread
48) A) experienced B) linked **C) known** D) taught
49) A) prove B) end C) come D) happen
50) A) achieve **B) reach** C) land D) get