



EGEPT SAMPLE I EXEMPTION EXAM
School of Foreign Languages
Preparatory English Programme

READING (50 points)

PART 3

Read the texts below and choose the correct answer. Then mark A, B, C or D on the optic form.

Questions 1-4

THE SEERACHA RESTAURANT

Brighton

Tel:148952

Come to the Seeracha Restaurant in Brighton for lunch and dinner! Enjoy our excellent international food from China, India, and Italy. We have wonderful beef, fish and chicken. Sit in our lovely garden and try our Italian spaghetti and tomato soup. Our meals are fantastic and always delicious.

Come and have a good time with your friends at our nightclub. Listen to music and dance from 11 pm to 3 am. We serve interesting drinks from different countries in our bar.

Do you want to reserve a table? Phone NOW! We are very busy at lunch-times! Also, remember! People go to the Seeracha Restaurant for a lot of special occasions: birthday parties, business lunches and evening meals with friends.

Open for lunch: 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

Open for dinner: from 6:30 until midnight.

1. In the Seeracha Restaurant, you can find food from _____ .

- A. Japan B. China C. Spain D. France

2. The Seeracha Restaurant doesn't have a garden.

- A. True B. False

3. People go to the Seeracha Restaurant for _____ .

- A. a birthday party C. Christmas parties
B. Karaoke singing D. a breakfast with friends

4. In Seeracha Restaurant, you can have lunch at _____ .

- A. 1:00 pm B. 3:00 pm C. 6:30 pm D. 4:30 pm

Questions 5-7**BRAD PITT**

William Bradley Pitt was born on 18th December, 1963, in Shawnee, Oklahoma (USA). He had a happy childhood and school life, and he went to the University of Missouri to study journalism and advertising. When he was a university student, he started acting. In 1987, he left school before he graduated. He went to Hollywood.

Life in Hollywood wasn't easy. At first he couldn't find any acting jobs, but by 1989 he started getting small TV and film roles. In 1991, he got a small role in the film *Thelma and Louise*. He acted for only 14 minutes but a lot of people noticed him and he started to get bigger roles in films such as Louis in *Interview with the Vampire*. His other films include *Fight Club* (1999), *Babel* (2006), *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (2008), *World War Z* (2013) and *Fury* (2014).

In 2000, he married Jennifer Aniston, but they divorced in 2005. After a short time, Brad Pitt started a romantic relationship with Angelina Jolie. They got married in 2014 and have several children now.

5. In 1987, Brad Pitt _____.

- A. acted in the film *Babel*
- B. left university
- C. started getting TV roles
- D. married Jennifer Aniston

6. Which of the following is **FALSE** about Brad Pitt's life?

- A. He was born in America.
- B. He had a happy childhood.
- C. He studied chemistry at university.
- D. He had a small role in the film *Thelma and Louise*.

7. _____ is Brad Pitt's last film.

- A. *Fight Club*
- B. *Fury*
- C. *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
- D. *Interview with the Vampire*

Questions 8-10**PANCAKE RACE DAY**

People organise Pancake Race in Olney, a small town in England. The race started in 1445. It stopped for a short time during the Second World War. After the war, people started having the race again. Only women can participate in the race. The competitors must be housewives and live in the area. They have to cook a pancake and run about 400 metres from the village square to Parish church and they have to throw and catch the pancake three times.

8. Pancake race _____.

- A. makes the town richer
- B. started during the Second World War
- C. began in 1445
- D. is a race for making friends

9. The competitors must _____.

- A. be women
- B. be over 18
- C. work in the area
- D. be well-educated

10. During the race, the competitors have to _____.

- A. jump three times and catch a pancake
- B. throw some pancakes into a frying pan
- C. throw and catch the pancakes three times
- D. throw away three pancakes

Questions 11-15

Verity Allen thinks different colours can affect us in many different ways. In her new series ‘Colour Me Healthy’, Verity examines how colours can influence how hard we work and the choices we make. She believes they can change our feelings and even influence our health.

5 ‘Have you ever noticed how people always use the same colours for the same things?’ says Verity. ‘Our toothpaste is always white or blue or maybe red. It is never black. Why not? For some reason, we think that blue and white is nice, but we think of black products as being **disgusting**. It is the same for businesses. We respect a company with a name written in blue or black, but we don’t respect one with a name in pink or orange. Therefore, knowledge of colours helps companies to sell more products.’

10 During the ‘Colour Me Healthy’ series, Verity studies eight different colours; two colours in each programme. She meets people from different aspects of the colour industry like designers of food packets and designers of new products. Some of the people she meets clearly have very little scientific knowledge to support their ideas, such as the American ‘Colour Doctor’. Therefore, she doesn’t respect his ideas. However, Verity also interviews real scientists. **They** are studying the effects of green and red lights on mice, with some surprising results.

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Overall, it is an interesting show, and watchers will probably learn something new. But because Verity tries to be polite to everyone she meets on the series, watchers shouldn't believe everything they watch in this programme.

11. '**disgusting**' (line 6) is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. terrible
- B. interesting
- C. colourful
- D. difficult

12. According to Verity, knowledge of colours is important in business because _____.

- A. companies can choose the best workers
- B. businessmen can get new ideas for their office
- C. businessmen can learn how to get rich
- D. companies can sell their products

13. Verity doesn't respect the ideas of the American 'Colour Doctor'.

- A. True
- B. False

14. '**They**' (line 14) refers to _____.

- A. real scientists
- B. designers of food packets
- C. designers of new products
- D. watchers

15. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. 'Colour Me Healthy' teaches people how to be polite.
- B. Scientists shouldn't miss the programme.
- C. The programme shows how to choose the best product.
- D. Watchers shouldn't believe everything in the programme.

Questions 16-19

5 When the comic character Temel Reis made his first appearance on TV in the 1930s, spinach consumption in the United States rose by 33 percent. Why? Spinach **promoted** Temel Reis's strength and gave him big muscles because it was full of iron. However, the belief that spinach gives strength does not show the truth. Nutrition researchers in the 1890s made a mathematical error and they gave spinach ten times more iron than it actually contains. Modern nutritionists believe that as a source of iron, spinach is no better – and no worse – than any other green vegetable. Its iron content is only average, and the little iron it has is almost ineffective, because the body cannot take it in directly.

16. It can be understood from the passage that _____.

- A. Temel Reis ate less spinach than other people
- B. Americans ate more spinach in the 1930s than other nations
- C. Americans ate less spinach before the 1930s
- D. people who eat spinach are stronger than those who don't

17. '**promoted**' (line 2) is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. estimated
- B. increased
- C. included
- D. prevented

18. The author tells us that in the 1890s _____.

- A. spinach used to have quite a bit more iron than it does nowadays
- B. nutritionists wanted the population to think spinach was healthy
- C. iron was not thought to be necessary for the body
- D. researchers made a mistake when analysing how much iron spinach contains

19. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Spinach actually has ten times as much iron as previously thought.
- B. Spinach isn't a great source of iron as it was believed.
- C. Spinach shouldn't really be classified as a true green vegetable.
- D. Spinach seems to remove iron from the body rather than provide it.

Questions 20-23

Although many people think that computer games can be harmful, they have several positive effects on people. Playing computer games is sometimes seen as a **solitary activity**, but a study at Brigham Young University shows that it actually improves social connections. Studying the effect of multiplayer online games on marriages, researchers found that in the 76% of the cases where the couple played together, games actually helped the relationship. In other words, couples that gamed together stayed together. Games may have other effects on us, too. The famous psychologist, Philip Zimbardo, recently spoke out on the subject. He stated that human behaviour is heavily influenced by environmental and social pressures. More recently, Zimbardo even suggested that exposing children to morally unclear situations in games could be useful in helping them develop their own moral values. One possibility is to explore virtual worlds through computer games that could help people to experience and understand concepts that they would otherwise find difficult to imagine. Games about society, populated by real people and open to all, could help test how different cultural backgrounds could be brought together in peace.

20. '**solitary activity**' (line 2) is probably done _____.

- A. as a team B. outside C. alone D. regularly

21. According to the passage, Zimbardo believes that _____.

- A. computer games may actually help children make moral decisions
 B. having children face unclear situations in computer games can cause psychological problems
 C. computer games may not present the actual state of a society
 D. environmental pressures are greater on those who play computer games

22. It is stated in the passage that computer games _____.

- A. do not affect the relationship of married couples
 B. cause problems between people who come from different countries
 C. provide opportunities for people to meet new ideas and worlds
 D. may include harmful features that cause aggressive behaviour

23. The author's attitude towards computer games is _____.

- A. pessimistic B. aggressive C. neutral D. favouring

Choose the correct sentence that completes the meaning of each paragraph. Then mark A, B, C or D on the optic form.

Questions 24-26

24. Mountaineering is an almost unique sport, as the climber is in competition with nature itself rather than other humans. Nature does not follow any rules and can often play very unfairly.

_____.

- A. They are interested in adventure
- B. Therefore, it is quite safe to climb with other mountaineers
- C. They have a full understanding of nature
- D. For this reason, it is a really dangerous activity

25. _____. One million ants can live in a few trees, and there may be a quarter of a million in one colony. The total weight of all the ants in the world is much greater than that of all the human beings.

- A. There are more ants than any other kind of land animal in the world
- B. There are a lot of animals in the world
- C. Some kinds of animals do not exist any more
- D. Birds, bears and anti-eaters are ants' enemies

26. Some people take large amounts of vitamins and minerals over periods of years.

_____. There is no evidence to support their view. In fact, a recent study says that people who take vitamin supplements are not any healthier and do not live longer.

- A. Children need more vitamins than adults do
- B. Our bodies use vitamins in small amounts to build and repair tissues
- C. They assume that if a little is good for them, a lot must be better
- D. To work out your own nutritional needs, it's best to consult a doctor

Read the following passages and find the irrelevant sentence in each paragraph. Then mark A, B, C or D on the optic form.

Questions 27-29

27. (I) Human beings have always decorated their environments. (II) Art does something good for a human being. (III) A lookback into history shows that this is true. (IV) The walls of the caves were decorated with paintings.

- A. I
- B. II
- C. III
- D. IV

28. (I) The exact date when human beings first communicated through language is unknown. (II) Learning a foreign language is a highly difficult process. (III) What we know is that by combining gestures with various noises, people began to associate meaning with sounds. (IV) A spoken language slowly developed from these associations.

- A. I B. II C. III D. IV

29. (I) Most people know that Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. (II) But not many know about another talking device he invented just four years later, in 1880. (III) He called the device photophone, whose name comes from the Greek words for 'light' and 'sound'. (IV) Ear phones change the signals back into sounds.

- A. I B. II C. III D. IV

Read the texts below and choose the correct answer. Then mark A, B, C or D on the optic form.

Questions 30-33

Of the seven continents, Antarctica is the coldest, highest, driest and windiest. With an area of some 5.5 million square miles, it represents one-tenth of the land surface of the world. As much as 98 percent of Antarctica is covered by ice, much of 1.5 miles thick, and the continent is surrounded by seas filled with pack ice and icebergs for most of the year. Except scientists who carry out researches, nobody lives there, so it is a **desolate** wasteland. However, it is suspected that Antarctica might be a treasure trove of precious metals, minerals and food. Hundreds of scientists, geologists and technicians from some 20 countries are permanently based at 44 different sites around the continent. However, not everyone is in favour of commercial exploitation of Antarctica because of the potentially devastating effect it might have on the environment.

30. It can be understood from the figures in the passage that _____.

- A. the Antarctica continent is actually free of ice for six months of the year
 B. very little of Antarctica's 5.5 million square miles of land is free of ice
 C. there haven't been important changes in the climate of Antarctica for a long time
 D. all of the other six continents get less rain than Antarctica does

31. '**desolate**' (line 5) is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. financial B. frustrated C. abandoned D. traditional

32. The passage suggests that Antarctica _____.
- A. has less precious metals, minerals and food than any other continent
 - B. might some day be found to possess a great amount of natural resources
 - C. is thought to be a place of various plants
 - D. has already been proven to be a rich source of valuable natural resources
33. The passage states that _____.
- A. scientists have determined how much destruction industry would cause in Antarctica
 - B. not everyone obeys the law which bans getting minerals from Antarctica
 - C. there is disagreement about whether or not industry should be allowed in Antarctica
 - D. no one was permitted to exploit the continent of Antarctica commercially

Read the texts below and choose the correct answer. Then mark A, B, C or D on the optic form.

Questions 34-37

5 As strange as it seems today, “talking” films were not universally welcome in the 1920s. Silent films were highly respected as an extension of the art of mime, as actors had to use exaggerated gestures to help convey what was happening. Also they could immediately be understood by audiences in any country regardless of language. So the advent of sound was resisted to some extent: **it** was viewed by some as a potential threat to an actor’s skill and his marketability. Despite the objections, within a few years of the invention of cinematography in the 1890s, a number of pioneers were experimenting with ways to combine sound and vision. However, early attempts were unsuccessful, largely because of the problems of amplifying the sound enough for the whole audience to hear it.

34. We can understand from the passage that _____.
- A. in silent films the subject matter was irrelevant to most people all over the world
 - B. only truly respectable people had important roles in silent films
 - C. silent films weren’t accepted as they were an extension of the art of mime
 - D. gestures were much more important in silent films than they are in modern movies
35. One advantage of silent films mentioned in the passage is that _____.
- A. they were understood in foreign countries
 - B. the stories were much simpler and therefore easier for people to follow
 - C. all of the films produced were very artistic
 - D. actors didn’t need to be nearly as talented as they did in talking films
36. **‘it’** (line 4) refers to _____.
- A. language
 - B. mime
 - C. vision
 - D. sound

37. It may be understood from the passage that _____.
- A. all people liked talking films in the 1920s
 - B. cinematography was invented in 1950
 - C. the attempts to combine sound and vision achieved success immediately
 - D. one of the biggest problems with early “talking” films was related to technology

Questions 38-40

Calling Franklin Delano Roosevelt “the greatest president of this great American century”, the United States President Bill Clinton presided over the opening of a Washington D.C. memorial dedicated to the life and times of Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States. Roosevelt became the 4th president, along with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, to have a monument constructed in the capital memorialising the accomplishments of his administration. A sculpture of President Roosevelt sitting in a chair with the family dog, Fala, at his foot, overlooks the memorial grounds. Many disabled Americans argued that since Roosevelt had suffered from polio as a child and lost the use of his legs, he should have been depicted in a wheelchair.

38. The passage states that _____.
- A. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was regarded as one of the greatest of US presidents
 - B. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the 4th US president
 - C. Bill Clinton wants a monument dedicated to himself built in Washington
 - D. Bill Clinton is the greatest US president of the 20th century
39. We can infer from the passage that _____.
- A. Roosevelt was a better president than Lincoln
 - B. Roosevelt used a wheelchair
 - C. people who suffer from physical disabilities are usually great leaders
 - D. most disabled Americans suffered from polio as children
40. After reading the passage, anyone who knows nothing about US history will _____.
- A. know the names of five American presidents
 - B. realise that Abraham Lincoln was president during Civil War
 - C. agree that Thomas Jefferson was an even greater president than Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 - D. disagree that Roosevelt should be depicted in a wheelchair

Questions 41-44

Emma Christoffersen was twenty-eight years old when she collapsed moments after leaving a long flight from Australia. Her death highlighted the statistics concerning health-related problems during long-flights. In fact, more people die from health-related incidents during flights than from air crashes. Studies show that poor air quality, low oxygen levels and cramped seating are triggering heart attacks, deep vein thrombosis and causing contagious diseases among an increasingly large number of passengers. Long periods of sitting in cramped quarters can cause blood clots to form, especially in the legs and lower abdomen, which can cause deep vein thrombosis, from which Emma died. Passengers have also contracted tuberculosis through recycled air. Despite these problems, the airlines are not addressing these issues and continue to reduce the space between the seats. The Aviation Health Institute advises that cabins are ventilated every three minutes, but at present, the average is every ten. To minimise the risk to their health, passengers are advised to exercise and drink plenty of water during a flight.

41. According to the passage, air crashes account for _____.

- A. the greatest number of deaths during flights
- B. fewer fatalities than from those relating to health problems during flights
- C. as many deaths as from heart attacks and deep vein thrombosis combined
- D. only a small proportion of all accidental deaths

42. The author states that airlines are currently _____.

- A. trying to provide more space for passengers
- B. doing all they can to make their planes as safe as possible
- C. ignoring the health-related problems during flight
- D. designing the ventilation systems to prevent any further spread of disease

43. The main factors contributing to health-related problems during flight mentioned in the passage are _____ .

- A. the confined space in which a passenger has to sit and inadequate ventilation
- B. poor safety instructions handed to the passengers by the cabin crew of the aircraft
- C. the absence of any supply of liquid refreshment served while on an aircraft
- D. having a collapsed memory due to jetlag

44. What is a suitable title for this passage?

- A. A Mysterious Death
- B. Causes of Heart Attack
- C. Advice of the Aviation Health Institute
- D. The Danger of Flying

Questions 45-47

Few animals have such economic significance to mankind yet suffer from such a deplorable image as does the pig. As a domestic animal, it is a source of a wide variety of meats, high-quality leather, durable materials for many kinds of brushes. At the same time, the pig is frequently regarded as unclean and even untouchable by many people. In spite of their reputation, pigs are neither filthy nor stupid. Because their sweat glands are relatively ineffective in lowering body temperature, pigs seek relief from the heat by wallowing in mud or shallow waterholes. However, pigs are sanitary when provided with a clean environment sheltered from the sun. Furthermore, in tests of intelligence, pigs have proved to be among the smartest of all domestic animals – even more intelligent than dogs.

45. The author of the passage points out that _____ .
- A. the consumption of pork products is not very safe for health concerns
 - B. pigs supply humans with very many types of products
 - C. it is unsafe to touch pigs as they could attack
 - D. pigs are too unclean to be used in medical experiments
46. When pigs are provided with the right conditions, _____.
- A. the quality of medical products can be improved
 - B. pigs like to keep themselves clean
 - C. the number of materials obtained from brushes can increase
 - D. pigs can provide quality milk
47. It is emphasised in the passage that the pig's reputation as filthy and stupid _____.
- A. does not reflect the truth
 - B. shows the reality
 - C. is, in fact, underestimated
 - D. decreases the demand for its products

Questions 48-50

Making laws against mercenaries is difficult for several reasons. The most important one is the question of just what a mercenary is. Some people fight for other countries' rebels for profit, which is illegal in some countries. But proving such a motive is all but impossible as these people might claim that they join foreign revolutions because they believe in them. The unclear definition of mercenary leads to confusion. For instance, South Africa's new law defines mercenary activity so broadly that it could include academics giving talks on military topics abroad. It will be hard to enforce the law, particularly since mercenaries often operate in violent, chaotic places where evidence is hard to gather.

48. As its main focus, the passage explains that _____ .
- A. there are a lot of mercenaries in South Africa
 - B. mercenaries and revolutionaries often act together
 - C. it is difficult both to make and enforce laws against mercenaries
 - D. it is easy to prove that someone is a mercenary
49. Mercenary activities may include all the following EXCEPT _____ .
- A. joining a revolution out of political beliefs
 - B. working in violent, chaotic places
 - C. giving lectures on military topics abroad
 - D. fighting for pay in rebels that don't concern one's own country
50. The author's attitude could be best described as _____.
- A. sympathetic towards mercenaries
 - B. hostile towards mercenaries
 - C. critical and satirising
 - D. informative and neutral



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