

## **TRAINING TEST I**

### **Translate the following text into English**

A breakfast-room adjoined the drawing-room, I slipped in there. It contained a bookcase: I soon possessed myself of a volume, taking care that it should be one stored with pictures. I mounted into the window-seat: gathering up my feet, I sat cross-legged, like a Turk; and, having drawn the red moreen curtain nearly close, I was shrined in double retirement.

Folds of scarlet drapery shut in my view to the right hand; to the left were the clear panes of glass, protecting, but not separating me from the drear November day. At intervals, while turning over the leaves of my book, I studied the aspect of that winter afternoon. Afar, it offered a pale blank of mist and cloud; near a scene of wet lawn and storm-beat shrub, with ceaseless rain sweeping away wildly before a long and lamentable blast.



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Continué hojeando mi libro. Era una obra de Bewick, consagrada en gran parte a las costumbres de los pájaros, y cuyas páginas de texto me interesaban poco, en general. No obstante, habla unas cuantas de introducción que, a pesar de ser muy niña aún, me atraían lo suficiente para no considerarlas áridas del todo. Eran las que trataban de los lugares donde suelen anidar las aves marinas: "las solitarias rocas y promontorios donde no habitan más que estos seres", es decir, las costas de Noruega, salpicadas de islas, desde su extremidad meridional hasta el Cabo Norte.

**Do what is necessary to the verb in brackets. It may be necessary for you to add prepositions or put the possessive adjective before the gerund**

1. Why don't you concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) these? They are very important.
2. It was rash of you not to allow \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the train.
3. His mother doesn't fancy \_\_\_\_\_ (he marry) a girl of such a different background.
4. I shall never forget \_\_\_\_\_ (go) abroad) for the first time.
5. He could not explain \_\_\_\_\_ (be) found in possession of the stolen articles.
6. She looked for him everywhere and eventually found him \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) in the shade of some bushes.
7. She agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (institute) divorce proceedings.
8. What a pity that you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) me yesterday as arranged.
9. Why do you always expect \_\_\_\_\_ (I take) an interest in your love affairs?
10. Queen Victoria did not allow \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) in her presence; she only allowed her son \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) if he lay on the floor with his head in the fireplace.
11. You must get \_\_\_\_\_ (go) if you want to catch that train.
12. I found \_\_\_\_\_ (she be) a very superficial person.
13. Why won't you consider \_\_\_\_\_ (share) a flat with me?
14. Would you advise \_\_\_\_\_ (I book) accommodation in advance?
15. I do hope you will excuse \_\_\_\_\_ (I be) so late; I am dreadfully sorry.
16. A lot of people do not believe \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) formal grammar; I do not agree with them.
17. I tried to make allowances \_\_\_\_\_ (she be) young and inexperienced; nonetheless her inefficiency in running the house irritated me.
18. Some boys enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a community at boarding school, but others hate it.
19. Your expectations \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the examination have not, unfortunately, been fulfilled.
20. I thought you liked Paris. What made you decide \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there this year?
21. I dared \_\_\_\_\_ (he walk) down Piccadilly in a sack.
22. They agree \_\_\_\_\_ (want) a change of government, but do not fancy \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a socialist government.
23. I apologised \_\_\_\_\_ (mislead) them.
24. Would you consider Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the greatest European dramatist?
25. She asked \_\_\_\_\_ (I buy) some fruit on the way home.
26. I advised him \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Spain last week: it is much too hot at this time of year.

**Insert the right verbs in the following sentences.**

1. That letter has certainly \_\_\_\_\_ my mind at rest.
2. Witnesses must \_\_\_\_\_ evidence on oath.
3. It is advisable to \_\_\_\_\_ precautions against burglars. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ out an insurance policy?
4. The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ tribute to his late colleague's devotion to duty.
5. I tried hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the taxi-driver's attention-
6. Usually the English are not good at \_\_\_\_\_ compliments.
7. I hope you are \_\_\_\_\_ steps to \_\_\_\_\_ the matter right.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ a vote of censure on the Government.
9. If I \_\_\_\_\_ orders I naturally expect them to be \_\_\_\_\_ out by my subordinates.
10. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ pity on the cripple and healed him.
11. Wolsey \_\_\_\_\_ into disgrace in the end, but he had had a good run for his money.
12. Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ a curse on anyone who might move his remains from Stratford.
13. May I \_\_\_\_\_ you company as far as the end of the road?
14. Unfortunately that Company \_\_\_\_\_ bankrupt last year.
15. If you insist on behaving like that you must be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences.
16. He swore to \_\_\_\_\_ his revenge on me for making him suffer so much.
17. I hear you are \_\_\_\_\_ for Parliament in the next election! Good luck to you!
18. That was a dirty trick to \_\_\_\_\_ on your wife.
19. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ offence at what I am saying.
20. It \_\_\_\_\_ me great pleasure to announce my daughter's engagement to Mr Peter Magnus.
21. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ a football pool; I don't know how to \_\_\_\_\_ one in!
22. Did that candidate \_\_\_\_\_ a good impression on you?
23. I \_\_\_\_\_ call on Aunt Jane in the hope of \_\_\_\_\_ to lend me £5.
24. I wish you would tell me why you \_\_\_\_\_ a grievance against me.
25. To everyone's surprise the jury \_\_\_\_\_ in a verdict of not guilty.

**Choose the correct option**

1. That hideous power station is certainly a ..... on the landscape  
a) stain                      b) blot                      c) mark
2. I don't know him at all well; he's only a ..... acquaintance  
a) Slight                      b) slender                      c) casual
3. Some clergymen agree to remarry the so-called innocent ..... in a divorce.  
a) Party                      b) individual                      c) partner
4. The firm prospered because the Directors ..... back a lot of money into it.  
a) Took                      b) ploughed                      c) invested
5. When he went bankrupt he had to start again from .....  
a) Everything                      b) nought                      c) scratch
6. As none of the students who went out to lunch together had much money, they decided to go .....  
a) Dutch                      b) independent                      c) halves
7. It was realised that there was a lot of ..... money in circulation.  
a) Unreal                      b) false                      c) counterfeit
8. He refuted the accusations ..... against him.  
a) Done                      b) levelled                      c) given
9. He left when it was his turn to ..... a round of drinks.  
a) Proffer                      b) pay                      c) stand
10. She was such a chatterbox that no-one could get a word in .....  
a) Sideways                      b) edgeways                      c) upside-down
11. Goodness know whether this Cabinet ..... will lead to more efficient government  
a) Rearrangement                      b) shake-down                      c) reshuffle
12. I am afraid the result of the coming election is a ..... conclusion.  
a) Foregone                      b) foreseen                      c) predicatable
13. Charlie Chaplin's ..... comedies were a source of universal pleasure.  
a) Funny                      b) slapstick                      c) maudlin
14. There was such a thin ..... wall between those two houses that every sound could be heard through it.  
a) Barrier                      b) party                      c) weak
15. As Mr Pickwick thought that everyone was as kind and nice as himself he was in for a ..... awakening  
a) Crude                      b) rough                      c) rude
16. I bet he has earned a ..... penny since he has been with that firm  
a) Pretty                      b) good                      c) solid

17. He certainly has a ..... on his shoulder about being born in the lower classes.  
a) Complex                                      b) chip                                      c) neurosis
18. The patient is much worse again today; she has had a .....  
a) Collapse                                      b) breakthrough                                      c) relapse
19. I can cook quite reasonably now, but it took me a long time to get the ..... of it.  
a) Habit                                      b) art                                      c) hang
20. Some people have the ..... of putting you at your ease at once.  
a) Flair                                      b) knack                                      c) ability
21. As long as I have known him he has always lived in the ..... of luxury  
a) Lap                                      b) middle                                      c) midst
22. He is so wealthy that, as far as buying a house is concerned, money is no ...  
a) Object                                      b) consideration                                      c) preoccupation
23. A lot of people who have had a ..... deal in life will show surprising cheerfulness  
a) Bad                                      b) rough                                      c) raw
24. I think he is quite disinterested, though some people attribute a(n) ..... motive to him.  
a) Secret                                      b) ulterior                                      c) subconscious
25. He is a ..... master at hiding his feelings.  
a) Past                                      b) clear                                      c) true

**Choose the correct particle or preposition**

1. What time would you like to be knocked ..... the morning?  
a) up in                                      b) down to                                      c) up for
2. Pull yourself together and stop showing .....  
a) up                                      b) out                                      c) off
3. The robber was given ..... one of his accomplices.  
a) away by                                      b) away to                                      c) out by
4. She was put ..... at not having her lease renewed.  
a) off                                      b) out                                      c) in
5. It was certainly a risk but he pulled it .....  
a) off                                      b) out                                      c) in
6. Will you run ..... to the off-licence? We seem to have run **OUT OF** sherry  
a) Up                                      b) in                                      c) round  
a) out of                                      b) out for                                      c) out to

7. He certainly put the man ..... his paces at the interview.  
a) through                      b) across                      c) back
8. Who put you ..... making over the bulk of your estate to your eldest son and heir?  
a) up with                      b) up to                      c) in for
9. You will never get ..... in life unless you are prepared to put your back into your work.  
a) over                      b) in                      c) on
10. Why don't you put ..... that job? I would be willing to put in a good word for you.  
a) up with                      b) up to                      c) in for
11. He has let himself ..... a lot of trouble by running ..... the boss's daughter.  
a) in on/away with      b) in for/away with      c) in for/out of
12. If there was a run on sugar my grocer says that she will see ..... it that everyone gets a fair amount by resorting to rationing.  
a) about                      b) off                      c) to
13. It is unkind to show him ..... in front of the whole class.  
a) up                      b) around                      c) out
14. He set ..... in business as an antique dealer.  
a) out                      b) up                      c) about
15. She slipped ..... for her date while her parents were glued to the television set.  
a) away                      b) on                      c) out

**Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.**

**1. COUNTERFEIT**

- A. unmarked
- B. assumed
- C. fraudulent
- D. genuine
- E. specific

**6. FRUITLESS**

- A. useless
- B. futile
- C. purposeful
- D. mirthful
- E. profitable

**2. ABRUPT**

- A. hurried
- B. impulsive
- C. methodical
- D. reluctant
- E. gradual

**7. MURKY**

- A. luminous
- B. charitable
- C. smoky
- D. miserable
- E. upright

**3. BYSTANDER**

- A. participant
- B. detective
- C. colleague
- D. pedestrian
- E. witness

**4. INFAMOUS**

- A. sincere
- B. glorious
- C. notorious
- D. outrageous
- E. innocent

**5. GRIM**

- A. meek
- B. grave
- C. lighthearted
- D. hopeful
- E. passionate

**8. UTMOST**

- A. remotest
- B. minimal
- C. supreme
- D. limitless
- E. mediocre

**9. COW**

- A. condense
- B. chill
- C. comfort
- D. startle
- E. elate

**10. LAVISH**

- A. unsightly
- B. petite
- C. awful
- D. economical
- E. grand

**Transcribe the following words according to the way they are pronounced in British or American English**

	<b>British English</b>	<b>American English</b>
Tomato		
Either		
Bath		
Twenty		
Schedule		
Bath		
Hard		