

ESL – Easy Level Test Practice

Reading Skills

Read the statement or passage and then choose the best answer to the question. Answer the question based on what is stated or implied in the statement or passage.

1. My name is Marco Mancini and I am from a small town in Italy. I am 11 years old. My favorite past times are sports, playing video games and telling jokes. Everybody thinks I'm a funny person. When I go to school, a birthday party or I am with my family, I always make people laugh. I love to tell funny stories and silly jokes.

What do we know about Marco from the paragraph?

- a) He likes to tell stories.
- b) He is a hilarious person.
- c) He likes to play football.
- d) He lives in an Italian city.

2. One morning, Robert, my husband was getting dressed while I was making breakfast. He came into the kitchen looking very happy while he was putting on his belt.

"Look! I lost 5 centimeters around my waist!" he exclaimed.

An hour later, our youngest son, who is 25 centimeters taller and 25 kilograms heavier than my husband asked, "Mom, Do you know where my belt is? I can't find it anywhere."

What happened in this paragraph?

- a) The husband's name is Robert.
- b) The son is larger than the father.
- c) The father put on his son's belt.
- d) Robert lost 5 kilos and is happy.

3. My name is Kathy Martin. I am a receptionist for BPM. I have worked for BPM for ten years. It's a good company to work for. I have a busy day. I am responsible for many things. I answer the phones and work with customers. I also have to answer letters and emails. The work is very interesting. It is never boring.

The paragraph tells us that...

- a) Kathy doesn't like her job.
- b) Kathy needs a new job.
- c) Kathy hasn't got a lot of responsibility at work.
- d) Kathy enjoys working at BPM.

4. Ice cream is probably the most popular dessert in the world today. But did you know that people started eating ice cream over two thousand years ago? In ancient Rome, ice or snow was mixed with fruit juice. The Persians mixed milk and sugar into their frozen desserts. They also started adding nuts, fruits and flavours to these cold desserts.

What is the main idea?

- a) People have eaten ice cream for centuries.
- b) Everybody loves ice cream.
- c) Ice cream is made with milk and sugar.
- d) People ate ice cream in Rome, Italy.

5. People love cats. Every day, cat owners everywhere buy tons of food for their furry friends - from popular store brands to specialty food in tins. Pet shops are now full of cat treats, funny cat toys, scratching posts and soft cat beds. In fact, cats are so popular now that people are buying clothes, bags or jewelry with pictures of cats on them as well as following their favorite Internet cats online!

What is the main idea here?

- a) All cat owners spend lots of money on their cats.
- b) People like cats more than dogs.
- c) Cats are more popular today than they were before.
- d) People who like cats are crazy.

6. NASA has visited Mars more often than any other planet. Mars continues to interest scientists searching for life because it is known to have water. Mariner spacecraft first visited the planet in the nineteen sixties. In the mid nineteen seventies, the Viking One and Two spacecraft returned detailed pictures of the red planet. The Viking project also put landers on Mars and tested its soil.

What is the paragraph about?

- a) Mars is a planet near Earth.
- b) Scientists have been to Mars many times.
- c) Mars has been visited many times.
- d) Science is trying to put a spaceship on Mars.

7. The National Geographic Society began in the United States more than a century ago with thirty-three members. Today it has more than nine million members worldwide. It is the largest non-profit scientific and educational organization in the world. It has taught millions of people about the world they live in, the deep oceans and outer space.

What does the paragraph tell us?

- a) It tells us that 33 people are members of the National Geographic Society study deep oceans.
- b) It tells us that less people are members of the National Geographic Society than before.
- c) It tells us that members of the National Geographic Society study the world around them.
- d) It tells us that more people are members of the National Geographic Society than before.

8. Schools generally close for the summer months. Most students have a summer vacation of more than two months. This traditional vacation from school was created a long time ago when many people still lived on farms or in small villages. Children had to help at home during the summer with planting and harvesting crops and looking after the animals. Later on, schools continued this tradition because it was often difficult to have classes during the hot weather.

What does the paragraph tell us about school holidays in the summer?

- a) It is traditional to have two months holidays.
- b) The holiday was created to help children who lived on farms.
- c) The holiday was created because summers are hot.
- d) It is traditional because people like to go away on holiday in the summer.

9. You can find cyber cafés in cities around the world. Now, some high schools are opening cyber cafes too. Schools say it helps students that haven't got a computer or cannot use the Internet at home. This way students can work and do homework on the computers. They can also send and receive emails.

Why are cyber cafes good for students?

- a) Because they can send emails to their friends.
- b) Because they can use the computer when they don't have Internet.
- c) Because they can do their homework at school.
- d) Because they can drink coffee and use the Internet.

10. Place an ad in your local newspaper advertising a "Garage Sale". Do not forget to put in the address where the sale is! Advertise the things you have to sell like old books, sports equipment, clothes, furniture, etc. End ad with the time, "Sale begins at 9:00 a.m. Come early!"

What is this paragraph about?

- a) Putting an ad in the newspaper.
- b) Putting up a sign.
- c) Having a sale in your garage.
- d) How to advertise a sale.

11. Many kinds of birds live in Death Valley. So do mammals and reptiles. You might see the small dog-like animal called the coyote or wild sheep called bighorns. Other animals include the desert jackrabbit, the desert tortoise or turtle and a large reptile called a chuckwalla. Many kinds of snakes live in the Valley, including one called the sidewinder rattlesnake. It is an extremely poisonous snake with long sharp teeth called fangs.

What does the paragraph say about Death Valley?

- a) That you can see snakes in the desert.
- b) That there are many types of animals that live in Death Valley.
- c) Death Valley is not a place where you will find a lot of reptiles.
- d) In Death Valley you will find coyotes, jackrabbits, cougars and snakes.

12. Meigs Field was originally a small airstrip on the Northerly Island in Chicago. It operated from 1948 to 2003 and was the base airport for the popular flight simulation game "Microsoft Flight Simulator". Meigs airport was demolished in 2007, following a decision by the mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley.

What happened to Meigs Field airstrip?

- a) It was demolished in 2003.
- b) Mayor Richard Daley decided to close it.
- c) Airport was closed in 2007.
- d) Meigs Field doesn't appear in Microsoft Flight Simulator.

13. Lifestyle issues often play a role in people becoming obese, especially in recent times. One of the main reasons for obesity is the steady international shift to consume food that is high in sugar, but low in nutrients. Another possible reason for gaining weight is decreased physical activity.

According to the passage...

- a) Our lifestyles are to blame for weight gain.
- b) We are becoming too lazy.
- c) We do not need to consume sugar.
- d) We eat too much food.

14. In 1988 the producer Tim Burton chose the actress Winona Ryder for portraying the role of Lydia Deetz in his upcoming movie "Beetlejuice". Burton saw the seventeen-years-old actress starring in the movie Lucas and considered her absolutely perfect for the movie.

What the producer Tim Burton did in 1988?

- a) He directed the movie Lucas.
- b) He gave the role of Lydia Deetz to Winona Ryder.
- c) Winona Ryder was sixteen at the time.
- d) Tim Burton is an actor

15. Tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious, family or business purposes, usually for a limited duration. Tourism is commonly associated with international travel, but may also refer to travel to another place within the same country. Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. Tourism can be domestic or international, and international tourism has both incoming and outgoing implications on a country's balance of payments. Today, tourism is a major source of income for many countries, and affects the economy of both the source and host countries, in some cases being of vital importance.

From the paragraph above, we can conclude that:

- a) Tourism can only be international..
- b) Tourism is travel only for recreation and leisure purposes.
- c) Tourism is a minor source of income for source country and a major source for host country.
- d) If one visits a place as a tourist and decides to stay there permanently, he is no longer called a tourist.

Language Use

The sentences below have a blank space. Choose the correct word or phrase that makes a grammatically correct sentence.

16. The table ___ 50 years old.

- a) have
- b) can
- c) has
- d) is

17. How many minutes are there in ___ hour?

- a) much
- b) a
- c) some
- d) an

18. We're students. That's ___ classroom.

- a) us
- b) our
- c) is
- d) we

19. These days a lot of people ____ in big cities.

- a) live b) lived c) leave d) is living

20. Terry and Jason ____ like playing golf.

- a) not b) don't c) no d) aren't

21. It's lunch time. We ____ lunch.

- a) has b) are c) eating d) are having

22. There's a nice picture ____ the wall.

- a) in b) on c) from d) to

23. The girls ____ at school yesterday.

- a) is b) were c) are d) was

24. Mr. Smith ____ the football game on his iPad.

- a) listened b) showed c) watched d) looked

25. Some cars go _____ than others.

- a) more beautiful b) more enjoyable c) faster d) elder

26. The bus was full. We couldn't _____

- a) get out b) get on c) get by d) get off

27. Do not look _____ me that way.

- a) for b) to c) at d) through

28. Mickey Mouse _____ the most important cartoon character created by Walt Disney.

- a) gets b) have c) be d) is

29. Why does my son _____ so many lies?

- a) watching b) watches c) watch d) is watching

30. Brock, the dog, _____ very upset if we left him home alone.

- a) has been b) would be c) would not be d) will had been

Read the sentences below and choose the best way of combining them.

31. He entered the house. He locked the door.

- a) He entered the house and; he locked the door.
b) After he entered the house, he locked the door.
c) Before he entered the house, he locked the door.
d) He entered the house, after he locked the door.

32. They were feeling tired. They studied for exams all night.

- a) They were feeling tired and they studied for exams all night.
b) They were tired before they studied for exams all night.
c) They were feeling tired but, they studied for exams all night.
d) They were tired because they studied for exams all night.

33. Mark realized his mistake. He asked for more time.

- a) Mark asked for more time because he realized his mistake.
b) Mark made a mistake by asking for more time.
c) Asking for more time, Mark realized his mistake.
d) Mark asked for more time and realized his mistake.

Sentence Meaning (Part I)

The sentences below have a blank space. Choose the word or phrase that makes the sentence meaningful and correct.

34. The shop hasn't got any cheddar cheese ___ orange juice in cartons.

- a) so b) but c) an d) or

35. All the suitcases are really heavy, ___ this big one is the heaviest.

- a) because b) but c) and d) or

36. The boys are talking ___ the football match on Saturday.

- a) on b) for c) about d) from

37. The policeman likes ___ the city a safe place.

- a) to help b) to do c) to be d) to make

38. Theresa works ___ as a nurse.

- a) on a hospital b) hospital c) in a hospital d) a hospital

39. The bird's nest ___ belongs to a bluebird.

- a) under the roof b) under the tree c) under the house d) under the sofa

40. It's _____ to go by plane than by train.

- a) cheaper b) less cheap c) more cheap d) bigger

41. This man is known as one of _____ mathematicians in the world.

- a) most intelligent b) more intelligent c) the most intelligent d) intelligent

42. Realizing that the debate club has been involved with legal issues at school, Normani decided to drop ___ and focus solely on her studies.

- a) in b) off c) by d) out

43. _____ way shall we go? This way or the other way?

- a) What b) Which c) How d) Who

Sentence Meaning (Part II)

Each problem contains one or two sentences followed by a question. Choose the correct answer to the question.

44. Jenny has a larger apple than her brother.

How does Jenny's apple compare to her brother's?

- a) It was bigger.
- b) It was smaller.
- c) It was not bigger.
- d) It was exactly the same size.

45. Jack is a high school student, but he is not a typical high school student at all.

What is Jack like?

- a) He is an ordinary student.
- b) He is different.
- c) He is the same as his friends.
- d) He has problems at school.

46. Dr. Seuss wrote Green Eggs and Ham, and I really enjoyed the book.

How does the speaker in this sentence feel about the book?

- a) The speaker likes the book.
- b) The speaker thinks the book is dull.
- c) The speaker thinks the book is funny.
- d) The speaker dislikes the book.

47. Lily looked out the window, and saw snow everywhere. She pulled the blanket over her shoulders.

How does Lily feel?

- a) She is happy it snowed.
- b) Snow makes her feel good.
- c) She wants to go outside and play.
- d) Snow makes her feel cold.

48. My father likes documentaries about different cultures, however he also enjoys a good film that makes you laugh.

What does my father like?

- a) He only likes documentaries.
- b) He dislikes funny films.
- c) He likes both comedies and documentaries.
- d) He enjoys movies of all types – interesting and sad.

49. Amber was not worried about what others thought of her efforts. She was only concerned with the results.

Which of the following best describes Amber?

- a) She is pragmatic.
- b) She is dismissive.
- c) She is stubborn.
- d) She is unfriendly.

50. The girls seem to frequent the chemical lab just as often as the boys do.

Which of the following is true?

- a) The girls never visit the chemical lab.
- b) Only the boys come to the chemical lab.
- c) The boys and the girls visit the chemical lab together.
- d) The chemical lab is as popular with the girls as it is with the boys.

Correct Answers and Explanations

Reading Skills (Easy Level)

1. B is the correct answer because text mentions that he is a funny person and loves telling jokes and stories. Hilarious is a synonym of funny.
2. C is the correct answer because the son, who is bigger than the father, was looking for his belt that is now missing; implying that the father took it by mistake.
3. D is the correct answer because Kathy mentions that it's a good company to work for. She also has been there for many years and says that it is interesting.
4. A is the correct answer because the main idea of the text is the history of ice cream and how people have been eating it for many years.
5. C is the correct answer because the text tells us how popular cats are at the moment; implying also that they weren't as popular in the past.
6. C is the correct answer because the text mentions that Mars has been visited many times in the past by different spacecraft.
7. D is the correct answer because the text tells us that there are more members in the National Geographic Society today than there were when it first started more than a hundred years ago.
8. B is the correct answer because the text indicates that school holidays were created to help students/children who had to help their parents on the farm in the summertime.
9. C is the correct answer because the paragraph tells us that students who don't have computers or the Internet at home can do their homework using a computer at school.

10. A is the correct answer because the paragraph tells us how to place an ad for a garage sale in a newspaper and what information we need to include.
11. B is the correct answer because the text talks about all the different types of animals you can find in Death Valley.
12. B is the correct answer.
13. A is the correct answer.
14. B is the correct answer.
15. D is the correct answer. As mentioned in the paragraph above, tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious, family or business purposes, usually for a *limited* duration.

Language Use (Easy Level)

16. D is the correct answer because we need the correct form of "to be" to complete the sentence.
17. D is the correct answer because the H is silent here. Therefore the word starts with a vowel sound and must follow the rule of using the indefinite article "an" instead of "a".
18. B is the correct answer because we need the possessive form of "we".
19. A is the correct answer because we need the present simple of the verb "live" to complete the sentence correctly.
20. B is the correct answer because we need the negative form of the present simple to complete the sentence.
21. D is the correct answer because we need the present continuous to complete the sentence properly.
22. B is the correct answer because "on" is the only preposition here that can go with "the wall".
23. B is the correct answer because we need the correct form of the past simple with the subject "the girls".
24. C is the correct answer here because we need the past tense of the verb "watch" to complete the sentence correctly.

25. C is the correct answer. The statement includes the verb "To Go". The only possible comparative is faster. Elder - means higher in age. Beautiful and Enjoyable are qualities.
26. B is the correct answer. They were trying to get on the bus.
27. C is the correct answer. You look at something.
28. D is the correct answer. Mickey Mouse still exists.
29. B is the correct answer. Tell lies' is a fixed phrase and the word 'lies' cannot be used with other verbs in this context.
30. B is the correct answer because this sentence is in the Second Conditional form and uses "would + infinitive" in the main clause.
31. A is the correct answer because we have two independent clauses that must be separated with a comma.
32. D is the correct answer because the two sentences need to be joined with "because". One sentence is the cause of the other sentence. Therefore it answers the question, "why?".
33. A is the correct answer. The two events one after the other leads us to understand that, only after Mark realized his mistake did he need more time. The rest of sentence misconstrues the meaning and the logical timeframe of the events.

Sentence Meaning (Easy Level – Part I)

34. D is the correct answer in this sentence because we need a connector to connect together two options that are not available.
35. B is the correct answer in this sentence because there is one suitcase is heavier than the others.
36. C is the correct answer in this sentence because we need a preposition that goes with "talking" and "about" is the only correct option.
37. D is the correct answer in this sentence. None of the other options make sense in the sentence.
38. C is the correct answer in this sentence because you work "in a hospital".
39. A is the correct answer in this sentence because it is the only option that completes the sentence logically.
40. A is the correct answer. Forms Less and More Cheap are not correct. Cheap is a syllable adjective, so the comparative is formed adding the suffix "er" at the end of the adjective. Bigger is the comparative of "Big", which doesn't accord with the verb "to go"

41. C is the correct answer. When we are talking about somebody who is known or famous for something, we usually use superlative adjective. That is why only the most intelligent answer fits here. The first answer is not correct, because the article always comes with superlative.

42. D is the correct answer. As the sentence suggests Normani leaving the debate club, to “drop out” means to quit or withdraw from participation or membership in something. Top “drop in” or “drop by” means to pay a casual or unexpected visit. While to “drop off” means to fall sleep.

43. B is the correct answer. We say Which when we are thinking about a small number (perhaps two, three or four things)

Sentence Meaning (Easy Level - Part II)

44. A is the correct answer because larger is a synonym of bigger.

45. B is the correct answer because “not typical” means different.

46. A is the correct answer because enjoy is a synonym of like.

47. D is the correct answer because the part “Lily pulled the blanket over her shoulders” means that she is cold.

48. C is the correct answer because it mentions that he likes comedies i.e. films that make you laugh, and documentaries.

49. A is the correct answer. Pragmatic means practical. Since Amber is the one making the effort, logically she would be most concerned about the results. For her the outcome is more important than the opinions of others about what she is doing. Amber is being pragmatic.

50. D is the correct answer. The key phrase “as often as” is a comparative and implies that the frequency of visits to the chemical lab by the girls and the boys is the same or similar.



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