

Word Building

In each of the following exercises, use the root word in bold type to form words that can be used correctly, both in sense and form, in the sentences below.

Example: **care**

(a) He is a very driver so he has never had an accident.

Answer: *careful*

(b) He drives so that he is sure to have an accident before long.

Answer: *carelessly*

EXERCISE 1

(1) **able**

(a) I'm sorry that I will be to attend the meeting tomorrow.

(b) We are fortunate to have so many men of great on our staff.

(2) **act**

(a) speak louder than words.

(b) Apart from teaching English, the school organises a number of outside for students.

(c) He gets bored when he has no work to do. He can't stand being.....

(3) **agree**

(a) We cannot go ahead with the plan unless we have his.....

(b) I'm sorry to with you but I think you're wrong.

(c) I don't mind the heat but my wife finds it.....

(4) **appear**

(a) She takes great pride in her.....

(b) You shouldn't judge people by.....

(c) I was going to offer him a lift but when I looked round he had.....

(d) The police have been looking for him ever since his.....

- (5) **apply**
 (a) That law is not..... to this case.
 (b) He saw an advertisement for the job and wrote out his..... immediately.
 (c) He was the only..... for the job.
- (6) **attend**
 (a) Pay..... to what I'm saying.
 (b) It was pleasant to speak to such an..... audience.
- (7) **attract**
 (a) The greatest..... of the country is its wonderful climate.
 (b) She is a very..... girl.
- (8) **base**
 (a) What was the..... of his accusation?
 (b) There are many reasons for the trouble in the company but the..... problem is the shortage of raw materials.
- (9) **blood**
 (a) It is tragic that such an unimportant incident should have led to so much.....
 (b) If you cut your finger, it.....
- (10) **class**
 (a) It's her job to..... all the new books that arrive in the library under the correct subject headings.
 (b) After winning today's race in the series, the champion has gone to the head of the general.....

EXERCISE 2

- (1) **child**
 (a) He spent his..... in the country.
 (b) Don't be so.....! It's time you grew up.
 (c) Although she was quite an old woman she still had a sweet,..... expression.
- (2) **comfort**
 (a) Sit down and make yourself.....
 (b) They suffered great..... on the journey because of the intense heat.

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(3) compare

- (a) It's difficult to make a..... between our own century and the time of the Romans.
- (b) This year's examination was..... easy. It's usually much harder.

(4) compete

- (a) It is generally believed that..... between different companies should keep prices down.
- (b) Two hundred..... will take part in the tournament.

(5) confidence

- (a) He is..... of success.
- (b) The letter was marked '.....,' so you shouldn't have opened it.

(6) continue

- (a) Can we book seats for the film or is it being shown in..... performances?
- (b) He is a good student but he..... interrupts me when I am speaking.

(7) cook

- (a) People say that electric..... are cleaner than gas.....
- (b) I found the recipe in a..... book.

(8) courage

- (a) He was given a medal for his..... action.
- (b) He wouldn't have passed the examination so I..... him from taking it.
- (c) It's no good telling students they are going to fail. What they need from you is.....

(9) decide

- (a) The weather this year is..... better than it was last summer.
- (b) They must take a..... as soon as possible.
- (c) Afterwards historians realised that this had been the..... battle of the war.

(10) defend

- (a) What have you to say in..... of your actions?
- (b) The..... is accused of stealing two shirts from a shop.
- (c) Modern football is often dull because the teams use..... tactics.

EXERCISE 3**(1) custom**

- (a) It's..... in this country for the bride's father to pay for the wedding.
- (b) You must be polite to... .., otherwise they'll go away or complain to the manager.

(2) depend

- (a) I was tired of being..... on my parents for everything so I looked for a job.
- (b) He has a wife, three children and several..... to support.
- (c) July 4th is a national holiday in the United States to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of.....

(3) destroy

- (a) The bombs caused terrible... .. in the area.
- (b) That child is..... He likes breaking things.

(4) direct

- (a) You're going in the wrong..... London is south of here.
- (b) I saw him I realised something was wrong.
- (c) He is the managing..... of the company.

(5) dust

- (a) The room was so..... that it was obvious that no one had lived there for a long time.
- (b) Take a..... and clean the furniture.

(6) effect

- (a) The only medicine I can recommend is this one but I can't promise you that it will be..... in your case.
- (b) She's the most..... secretary I've ever had. She does everything perfectly.
- (c) We are using work study experts in the factory to try to improve.....

(7) electricity

- (a) It's better not to try to mend it yourself. Send for an.....
- (b) Is your cooker gas or.....?
- (c) He is a qualified..... engineer.

(8) employ

- (a) people receive some money from the Government until they find a job.

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- (b) All the..... have asked for more money but I don't think the boss will give it to them.
- (c) The unions are negotiating with the..... to get higher wages for the workers.
- (d) The Government would like to provide everyone with.....

(9) explain

- (a) Have you any..... for your behaviour?
- (b) His absence is..... I can't think why he isn't here.

(10) explode

- (a) There was a loud..... when the bomb went off.
- (b) The terrorists left the..... in the building an hour before they were due to go off.

EXERCISE 4

(1) extend

- (a) When the new..... to the hospital is built there will be room for another 200 patients.
- (b) I agree with him to a certain..... but not entirely.
- (c) The new drug is already being used..... in hospitals.

(2) fault

- (a) The horse gave a..... performance, jumping every fence perfectly.
- (b) I sent the machine back to the manufacturers because it was.....

(3) fit

- (a) The tailor is making a suit for me so I have to go to the shop for a.....
- (b) He is dishonest and..... to be in charge of young children.
- (c) He disagrees with everything in modern society. In short, he's a.....
- (d) He does exercises every morning because he's keen on physical.....

(4) foot

- (a) He saw the..... of a strange animal in the sand.
- (b) We heard their..... as they ran along the corridor outside our door.

(5) **fortune**

- (a) The plane crashed and..... several people were killed.
- (b) She is still cheerful in spite of all her.....

(6) **friend**

- (a) I'll always value your.....
- (b) A very..... voice answered the telephone and I suddenly realised I had dialled the wrong number.

(7) **head**

- (a) I don't want to read the newspaper. I just want to look at the.....
- (b) I have a..... I'll take an aspirin and go and lie down.
- (c) If you don't remember his address look at the letter..... on his letter to you.

(8) **heat**

- (a) Have you got central.....?
- (b) The water..... in the bathroom blew up and set the house on fire.

(9) **high**

- (a) The..... of the mountain is 3000 metres.
- (b) She went to the party dressed as a witch and wore a pointed black hat to..... the effect.

(10) **house**

- (a) The product is so popular that its name has become a..... word.
- (b) Since his wife died he has employed a..... to look after him.
- (c) Every..... will want to have one of these useful kitchen gadgets.

EXERCISE 5(1) **ice**

- (a) He was afraid to drive the car because the roads were.....
- (b) It's very hot. Would you like an..... drink?

(2) **imagine**

- (a) I'm afraid I can't show you a picture of it so you'll have to use your.....
- (b) The Equator is an..... line drawn round the Earth.

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- (c) He is such an child that he really believes he can see ghosts.
- (3) **important**
(a) Look carefully at this sentence but don't worry about the rest of the article. It's
(b) His invention is of the greatest to the future of mankind.
- (4) **intend**
(a) My is to leave by the first available plane.
(b) He didn't mean to upset you. I'm sure he did it
- (5) **interest**
(a) He told us a very story.
(b) I was very in everything he had to say.
- (6) **just**
(a) In the interests of he must be given a chance to defend himself.
(b) It was to blame her. It wasn't her fault.
- (7) **land**
(a) The aeroplane made a safe
(b) He's the of a pub in the country.
- (8) **laugh**
(a) His speech was greeted with shouts of
(b) The fat man's attempt to climb the tree was
- (9) **lead**
(a) Some members of the party did not want him to be elected
(b) He has the necessary qualities of so people follow him.
- (10) **live**
(a) It's about time you earned your own I can't afford to keep you any longer.
(b) All his he dreamed of buying a house by the sea.
(c) They met when they were students at the university and became friends.
(d) He has a very personality. He's full of energy.
(e) I'm so glad you're still I thought you'd been killed.

✓ EXERCISE 6

(1) light

- (a) Have you any matches? I've left my..... at home, and I am longing for a cigarette.
- (b) They built a..... on top of the cliff to warn ships of the dangerous rocks.
- (c) He took some things out of his suitcase to..... the weight.
- (d) When I picked up the bag I was surprised by its.....

(2) lose

- (a) He found the..... child wandering through the streets.
- (b) Last year the company made a..... but next year we hope to make a profit.

(3) measure

- (a) The tailor took his..... before making the suit.
- (b) The change in the Government's attitude has made an..... difference to the industry.

(4) mechanic

- (a) He is studying..... engineering.
- (b) He did the job..... without needing to think of what he was doing.
- (c) Can you repair this watch? I think the..... is broken.

(5) mother

- (a) While you are expecting the baby you can attend classes on child care as a preparation for.....
- (b) She was a nice..... old lady and all the children in the village loved her.

(6) necessary

- (a) You're making the problem..... hard for yourself. The solution is easier than you think.
- (b) I must speak to the manager immediately. It's a matter of.....

(7) object

- (a) I've no..... to you borrowing it.
- (b) There's no need to be so rude. What an..... way to behave!
- (c) You must learn to look at things..... without giving way to personal prejudice.

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(8) office

- (a) Her husband is a naval....., a captain, I think.
- (b) The Minister's speeches are written for him by a permanent Government....., a Civil Servant.

(9) origin

- (a) The..... plan was very different from the one finally accepted.
- (b) The idea..... from some research we were doing on light metals.
- (c) This design shows great..... It's obvious that he's too proud to copy other people's ideas.

(10) own

- (a) Are you the..... of this car?
- (b) There was an argument about the..... of the land. No one knew who it belonged to.

EXERCISE 7

(1) pack

- (a) He took a..... of cigarettes out and lit one.
- (b) They went on a..... tour to Spain with all expenses included.

(2) part

- (a) He saw some tiny..... of gold in the water.
- (b) I'm afraid that this is only a..... solution. It doesn't provide the complete answer.
- (c) Take your..... for the next dance.

(3) pay

- (a) The refrigerator costs £20 down plus monthly..... of three pounds for two years.
- (b) He died leaving a number of..... bills which his son had to settle.

(4) permit

- (a) You must ask my..... before you leave the room.
- (b) A..... society is supposed to be one where everyone does more or less as he likes.

(5) person

- (a) I'd like a..... interview with the managing director himself.

- (b) They're very popular but..... I don't like their style of singing.
- (c) We're looking for a secretary with a lively..... who will run the office efficiently.
- (6) **please**
- (a) It's a..... to meet you.
- (b) We saw a car accident on our way here. It was a very..... experience.
- (c) The king showed his..... by putting everyone concerned in prison.
- (7) **political**
- (a) Few people really believe..... when they make promises.
- (b) She's not interested in..... She never votes in the elections.
- (8) **post**
- (a) The cost of the book is £1, plus ten pence for.....
- (b) The..... services will not be working tomorrow because it is a national holiday.
- (9) **prefer**
- (a) Both books are good but I have a..... for this one.
- (b) Please ring me soon,..... in the afternoon when I'm more likely to be at home.
- (c) It's very annoying to have to wait while the plane is being repaired but it's..... to crashing
- (10) **prison**
- (a) Don't let the..... escape!
- (b) He was..... without a trial.

EXERCISE 8

- (1) **prepare**
- (a) She is making..... for their arrival.
- (b) He made a few..... remarks, introducing the speaker to the audience.
- (c) He was..... for such a violent reaction. It took him by surprise.
- (2) **produce**
- (a) The new machine will increase..... by ten per cent.

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- (b) Our..... are sold all over the world.
(c) The land has become more since we started using this fertiliser.
- (3) pure
(a) I had no reason to do it. I did it..... for the fun of it.
(b) These..... in the water make it unfit to drink.
- (4) qualify
(a) They need someone with your..... for a job like that.
(b) He was..... from the race because he had taken drugs.
- (5) rain
(a) Put the money aside for a..... day.
(b) The average..... in London is lower than in many other parts of the country.
- (6) real
(a) I didn't..... that she was your sister until I saw you together.
(b) He had a sudden..... that they had not told him the truth.
(c) It seems all right in theory but in..... the situation is very different.
- (7) reason
(a) I'm..... satisfied with my progress.
(b) He can't do everything at once. It's..... of you to expect him to.
- (8) receive
(a) He picked up the..... and answered the phone.
(b) You must have a written..... to show how much you paid for the goods.
(c) There will be a..... after the wedding for all those who have been invited.
- (9) recognise
(a) He was given a medal in..... of his services to the country.
(b) Since she has dyed her hair, she's become almost.....
- (10) rob
(a) The bank..... escaped in a car that was waiting for them.
(b) After the....., they hid in a farmhouse.

EXERCISE 9**(1) respect**

- (a) He likes his students to be and call him 'sir'.
- (b) No one guessed that the apparently business man was really a criminal.
- (c) I don't mean any, sir, but I think you're mistaken.

(2) safe

- (a) He realised the bomb was going to explode so he led the women and children to
- (b) He my life when I fell into the sea.

(3) satisfy

- (a) I'm that everything is in order.
- (b) His daughter's success gave him great
- (c) He expressed his with the contract by tearing it up.
- (d) That seems a very arrangement to me. I don't think it will work.

(4) scarce

- (a) I had time for breakfast today because I got up so late.
- (b) There is a of good doctors at present.

(5) science

- (a) He is one of the greatest in the world.
- (b) I had a education but I've always been more interested in art.

(6) sense

- (a) That was a action, without reason or justification.
- (b) Telescopes are very instruments.
- (c) Of course what you say is right. Any person would agree with you.

(7) serve

- (a) Clean your own shoes! I'm not your
- (b) There is a good bus to the town centre.

(8) shame

- (a) What an unkind thing to say! You should be of yourself.
- (b) It's a waste of money for the Government to buy a picture like that.

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(c) He's completely..... He does what he likes without any feeling of conscience.

(9) sorry

(a) There was a look of..... on his face.

(b) He looked at me..... He was very sad.

(10) stop

(a) Put the..... back on the bottle.

(b) A piece of cloth in the water pipe caused the.....

EXERCISE 10

(1) sleep

(a) Is there a..... car on the train?

(b) He's..... Don't wake him.

(c) I feel..... I'm going to bed.

(d) I've passed several..... nights worrying about the problem.

(e) We call the heavy pieces of wood that support railway lines.....

(2) sun

(a) We are enjoying good weather, with bright..... days.

(b) He looks..... after spending all day on the beach.

(3) suspect

(a) I don't trust him. I've been..... of him ever since I met him.

(b) I don't know for certain who was responsible but I have my.....

(4) sympathy

(a) I told her the story and she was very..... and tried to help me.

(b) I..... with you but unfortunately there's nothing I can do about it.

(5) true

(a) Tell me the.....

(b) He's a..... person. I'm sure he wouldn't lie to you.

(c) Tell me, really and....., if you don't mind me going.

(d) I'm grateful to you for your..... You've made the investigation much easier.

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(6) trust

- (a) He's a of the school and so he must know about anything concerning the accounts.
- (b) They the part of Tarzan to Johnny Weissmuller, who had been a famous swimmer.
- (c) Do you think we should tell him the secret? Is he or will he tell someone else?

(7) union

- (a) The metre is a of measurement
- (b) we stand, divided we fall.
- (c) We hope that this agreement will lead to greater in the country.

(8) use

- (a) That's a gadget. My wife would like one in her kitchen.
- (b) It's arguing with him. He never listens to what you say.
- (c) This car has outlived its so we're going to break it up.
- (d) All of water are asked to be careful because there is a shortage.

(9) wide

- (a) This product is used.
- (b) What is the of the road?
- (c) They are going to the road to make traffic easier.
- (d) There is a belief abroad that London is still full of fog for most of the year.

(10) work

- (a) He's a hard You won't see him sitting at his desk doing nothing.
- (b) Skilled can earn a lot of money in this factory.
- (c) He is employed at a steel
- (d) He's in his making some cupboards for the kitchen.
- (e) It's a good idea in theory but in practice.

Test Paper 1

Choose the word or phrase which best completes the sentence, A, B, C, D or E. Only one answer is correct in each case.

- (1) She heard a at the door and went to see who was outside.
A hit B knock C lean D strike E touch
- (2) A young art student acted as our when we visited the National Gallery.
A coach B conductor C guide D lead E trainer
- (3) Please your bill before you leave the shop and make sure that it is correct.
A check B control C esteem D figure E prove
- (4) If you hear the baby, please tell me.
A cry B say C shout D weep E whisper
- (5) The bus conductor told him to get off because he couldn't pay the
A bill B fare C fee D journey E travel
- (6) I felt a sharp when I put my hand in the boiling water.
A ache B harm C hurt D pain E suffer
- (7) I am very fond of Graham Greene's novels. He is my modern author.
A favoured B favourite C likely D popular
E preferred
- (8) She chose some attractive paper for the Christmas present.
A covering B envelope C involving D packing
E wrapping
- (9) It's rude to interrupt when someone else is
A discussing B remarking C saying D talking
E telling
- (10) Look, Mother! Jack has you some flowers.
A brought B carried C lifted D present E taken
- (11) He out of the window for a moment and then went on working.
A glanced B glimpsed C regarded D saw
E viewed

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- (12) The company made a record last year.
A benefit B earn C profit D wage E winning
- (13) These cars originally had two doors but the latest
has four.
A brand B mark C model D pattern E trade
- (14) He was killed in a car
A blow B crash C flash D hit E shock
- (15) He's a nice man but he's to drink too much at parties.
A adequate B apt C common D probable
E suitable
- (16) He has a bad cold and won't be to play in the match tomorrow.
A adequate B appropriate C fit D proper
E suitable
- (17) He his wife and children and left them to take care of themselves.
A abandoned B let C missed D spoilt E wasted
- (18) We want to make our products cheaper than ours
A colleagues' B competitors' C enemies' D experts'
E partners'
- (19) It's the in this country for the father of the bride to pay for the wedding.
A common B custom C habit D normal E use
- (20) He is a very player. He 'practises' for two hours every morning.
A amateur B anxious C excited D impatient
E keen
- (21) The bank will you the money if you are prepared to pay them eight per cent interest on it.
A borrow B lend C make D possess E put
- (22) I to him for my bad behaviour.
A apologised B coped C excused D forgave
E pardoned
- (23) The sky is I don't think it will rain.
A clean B clear C cloudy D open E tidy
- (24) I want to see all of you here tomorrow morning at nine o'clock without
A fail B fault C late D miss E neglect

- (25) He the letter carefully and put it in the envelope.
A bent B curved C folded D turned E twisted
- (26) The price of the meal a service charge.
A encloses B enters C envelopes D includes
E inspects
- (27) He shouldn't be allowed to play tennis in the club. He's
not a
A belong B member C partner D representative
E social
- (28) He has always wanted to see his name in
A news B paper C press D print E publication
- (29) He his head, wondering how he could solve the
problem.
A scratched B scraped C screwed D shaved
E wound
- (30) Everyone who applies for a job with the company is
given an intelligence
A experience B fitting C proof D test E trial
- (31) Do you to go to the party?
A attempt B attend C intend D pretend E think
- (32) We locked the animals in the cage to them from
getting away.
A avoid B hinder C object D prevent E resist
- (33) They're old customers of ours. We've been with
them for many years.
A competing B dealing C shopping D supplying
E treating
- (34) I don't think I'll beat him. I'm out of
A fitness B game C play D practice E sport
- (35) If you are . . . to customers, they'll walk out of the
shop.
A brush B rough C rude D rusty E tough
- (36) We must get there or other. If there are no buses,
we'll have to take a taxi.
A anyhow B anyway C anywhere D somehow
E somewhere
- (37) I'll . . . the children for you while you are out.
A look after B look for C look on D look out
E look over

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- (38) I wish I could smoking.
A give away B give from C give off D give out
E give up
- (39) We'll have to the meeting until next week because
no one can come tomorrow.
A put down B put off C put on D put round
E put up
- (40) We went to the railway station to our friends
A see off B see out C set out D tell goodbye
E wave out

Test Paper 2

Choose the word or phrase which best completes the sentence, A, B, C, D or E. Only one answer is correct in each case.

- (1) He was sent to prison for a bank.
A borrowing B lending C robbing D stealing
E taking
- (2) She bought a new for the party.
A clothes B clothing C dress D vest E wear
- (3) My favourite is roast beef.
A dish B eat C menu D plate E receipt
- (4) Several of the explorers did not survive the terrible
across the desert.
A excursion B journey C step D travel E voyage
- (5) What a beautiful dress! It you perfectly.
A goes B likes C matches D mixes E suits
- (6) As the two teams were at the end of the game,
they had to play again to decide the winners of the
competition.
A correct B equal C exact D fair E just
- (7) The books I borrowed are overdue. I'll have to take
them back to the
A bible B bookshop C library D magazine
E review

- (8) Naturally I'm that I didn't pass the examination but I'll do better next time.
A deceived B despaired C disappointed
D disillusioned E tricked
- (9) He was the only person to the crash. Everyone else was killed.
A alive B cure C recover D relieve E survive
- (10) I him to go to the Lost Property office to see if his umbrella had been found.
A advertised B advised C announced D noticed
E remarked
- (11) I in bed all night thinking about it.
A laid B lay C led D lied E stood
- (12) It was on the top shelf, out of
A achievement B arrival C attempt D reach
E touch
- (13) Before you take on the job, will you give me a rough of how much it will cost?
A esteem B estimate C realisation D value
E worth
- (14) The competitors in the car rally had to follow the laid down by the organisers.
A address B direct C progress D route E street
- (15) When the clock twelve, we raised our glasses and drank to celebrate the New Year.
A beat B hit C shot D struck E turned
- (16) He had no way of making a fire so he had to eat the fish
A crude B raw C rough D rude E wild
- (17) It was so hot that I had to go indoors. I couldn't it any longer.
A carry B hold C pass D stand E support
- (18) I've had time to read the report so I can't give an opinion on it.
A hard B hardly C nearly D roughly E seldom
- (19) The concert was so that the audience went to sleep.
A bored B boring C exhausted D tired E tiring
- (20) What a beautiful ! It's a pity we have no flowers to put in it.
A crystal B cup C glass D mug E vase

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- (21) Stick this on the parcel that says 'Fragile'. Then people will see that they must handle it carefully.
A advertisement B advice C label D sign
E signal
- (22) I've for a job in Mexico. I hope I get it.
A applied B appointed C implied D presented
E succeeded
- (23) Look, Mother! James has brought you a of flowers.
A branch B bucket C bunch D bush E growth
- (24) Although the town had changed in the ten years since he had last visited it, much of it was still to him.
A accustomed B common C familiar D relative
E used
- (25) When his aunt died, he a lot of money from her.
A earned B inherited C paid D spent E won
- (26) This year the company made a but next year we hope to make a profit.
A loose B lose C loss D lost E lot
- (27) I'm afraid the lift is out of so we'll have to walk up the stairs.
A function B movement C order D practice
E running
- (28) I to inform you that we cannot exchange articles once they have left the shop.
A regret B resent C respect D sense E sorry
- (29) I hands with him when I was introduced to him.
A gave B greeted C nodded D shook E waved
- (30) His shoes were so old that his were sticking out of them.
A ankles B fingers C thumbs D tips E toes
- (31) Would you looking after the baby for me while I'm out?
A agree B like C matter D mind E object
- (32) I you to drive carefully today. The roads are icy.
A propose B recommend C refer D regard
E suggest
- (33) Good ! I hope you win.
A chance B luck C run D sort E wish
- (34) The trade of the company is a flying horse.
A brand B class C mark D model E stain

- (35) The hotel room was so dirty that I was and complained to the manager.
A ashamed B disgusted C disgusting
D embarrassed E shameful
- (36) It's no use waiting for him any longer. We as well go without him.
A can B just C may D must E should
- (37) Her husband treated her badly. I'm surprised she it for so long.
A put by B put off C put through D put up
E put up with
- (38) They were such good friends. I was surprised when they
A fell down B fell off C fell out D fell over
E fell through
- (39) He could hardly such a generous offer.
A turn down B turn for C turn off D turn round
E turn up
- (40) He for his office every morning at eight o'clock.
A began out B set about C set out D set to
E started up

Test Paper 3

Choose the word or phrase which best completes the sentence, A, B, C, D or E. Only one answer is correct in each case.

- (1) They our team by three goals to one.
A beat B conquered C earned D gained E won
- (2) He works at a big steel outside the town.
A fabric B factory C industry D product
E society
- (3) I congratulated him on winning the
A match B play C practice D recital E sport

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- (4) A of mine, my cousin John, is coming to stay with us.
A familiar B known C neighbour D parent
E relative
- (5) He has been very since his wife died.
A lonely B only C single D sole E unique
- (6) As all the hotels in the town were full up, we tried to find accommodation in a village.
A close B native C near D nearby E neighbour
- (7) The fish sauce was lovely, Janet. Would you mind letting me have the or is it a family secret?
A card B course C prescription D receipt
E recipe
- (8) His parents died when he was a baby and he was by his aunt.
A brought out B brought up C grown D grown up
E taken out
- (9) I on seeing the manager. The service here is terrible.
A ask B demand C insist D repeat E underline
- (10) He me of someone I knew at school.
A memories B refers C regards D remembers
E reminds
- (11) I £5 from my father because I was short of money.
A asked B borrowed C lent D spent E wasted
- (12) His office is on the sixth of the building.
A flat B floor C ground D level E stage
- (13) The main interest of the Trade Union is to raise its members' of living.
A ability B capacity C condition D degree
E standard
- (14) The for the race to begin was the starter firing a pistol.
A advice B attention C despatch D notice
E signal
- (15) If you leave your bicycle out in the rain it will get
A crude B rough C rude D rusty E tough
- (16) It must have rained the night. The ground's still wet.
A ago B during C for D since E while

- (17) He's so by nature that he never knows what to say to strangers.
A disgusted B embarrassing C shameful D shy
E upset
- (18) I want to the car to see how it goes before I buy it.
A experiment B prove C taste D try on E try out
- (19) A is a person who comes from another country.
A foreigner B host C stranger D tramp
E wanderer
- (20) When they reached the they had to show their passports before crossing into Germany.
A border B cliff C edge D front E shore
- (21) They a hundred workers because they had no work for them.
A disposed B resigned C sacked D shot E threw
- (22) At we didn't get on very well but later we became friends.
A beginning B first C least D once E principle
- (23) Policemen have to wear because so many people ask them the time.
A bells B clocks C hours D watches E whistles
- (24) She's happiest when she has a house of people to entertain.
A enough B filled C full D lot E plenty
- (25) Don't take what he said so seriously. He was only
A amusing B enjoying C funny D joking
E tricking
- (26) Don't be afraid of the dog. He won't do you any :
A bite B harm C hurt D pain E wound
- (27) I'll pay you back the money I you at the end of the month.
A debt B doubt C lend D owe E own
- (28) His landlady threw him out because he hadn't paid the
A due B fee C hire D let E rent
- (29) She and fell from the top of the stairs to the bottom.
A slipped B sloped C smashed D spilt E split
- (30) The elephant fell into a the villagers had set for him in the long grass.
A track B tramp C trap D trick E trip

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- (31) I of his course of action and told him to go ahead.
A accepted B agreed C approved D consented
E passed
- (32) Emotional speeches often strong feelings.
A arise B arouse C get up D give up E rise
- (33) I took of the opportunity to tell him what I thought.
A advantage B benefit C gain D occasion
E profit
- (34) He suffers from a speech and so he cannot pronounce the letter 'r' properly.
A break B defect C error D fault E mistake
- (35) He's the greatest expert on French art.
A alive B live C lively D living E nowadays
- (36) He never attends at the university so he may not know enough to get his degree.
A lectures B performances C rehearsals
D reunions E subjects
- (37) The weather forecast said it would rain but it looks as if it's going to fine.
A turn down B turn into C turn out D turn over
E turn up
- (38) He's fond of his colleagues but he goes on working for the same firm.
A running down B running into C running out
D running over E running up against
- (39) The plane at 7 o' clock.
A took away B took down C took off D took out
E took up
- (40) My car so I had to walk.
A broke down B broke off C broke up D fell down
E fell through

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- (14) She put a of chocolate on the cake.
A colour B cover C layer D level E plain
- (15) I'll have to take the toy back to the shop to exchange it because the mechanism is
A blame B defect C false D faulty E few
- (16) Dinner will be served but we have time for a drink before then.
A actually B currently C lately D presently
E suddenly
- (17) He at me to show he appreciated the joke.
A glimpsed B grinned C sneered D stared
E watched
- (18) They're to build a new factory here.
A planning B pretending C projecting
D suggesting E thinking
- (19) There's a great of pollution on the beaches this summer.
A deal B lot C many D number E quality
- (20) It was not an accident. He did it on
A decision B determination C intention D purpose
E security
- (21) I've bought some attractive and I'm going to make a dress out of it.
A clothing B costume C material D matter
E pattern
- (22) Don't touch things that don't to you!
A belong B involve C own D possess E retain
- (23) There are so many in the road that you have to drive very carefully.
A bends B crosses C curls D currents E folds
- (24) I like the hat but it doesn't me. Have you got the same thing in a larger size?
A dress B fit C go well D match E suit
- (25) I'm very to you for all your help.
A agreed B graceful C grateful D reliable
E thanks
- (26) The school claims to students all the English they need in three months.
A explain B instruct C learn D teach
E understand

- (27) One of the water burst during the recent cold weather and the kitchen was flooded.
A channels B conductors C pipes D tubes
E ways
- (28) I only a straw hat to protect my head when the sun is very hot.
A bear B carry C dress D put E wear
- (29) I'm afraid we haven't got what you want in at the moment. We can order it for you.
A reserve B sale C shop D stock E work
- (30) I wasn't able to the meeting because I was too busy.
A assist B attempt C attend D present
E take place
- (31) He to hit me if I didn't do as he said.
A pretended B said C thought D threatened
E warned
- (32) He said he was not guilty but the police proved he had
A denied B laid C lay D lied E meant
- (33) I don't feel like swimming. I'd rather sun-bathe on the
A beach B coast C dust D harbour E shore
- (34) He bought his house on the plan, paying a certain amount of money back to the bank every month.
A hire B instalment C part D piece E share
- (35) He was the child in the family so he had no brothers or sisters to play with.
A alone B individual C lonely D only E unique
- (36) I haven't seen him he came to dinner with us last week.
A for B meanwhile C since D when E while
- (37) He'll his shyness when he's older.
A get away B get down C get off D get over
E get up
- (38) Throw some water on her face and then perhaps she'll
A come back B come down C come on D come out
E come round

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- (39) We've bread. I'll have to go to the baker's to buy some more.
A run away with B run down C run off
D run out of E run over
- (40) The good service at the restaurant the poor meal to some extent.
A made for E made out C made over D made up
E made up for

Test Paper 5

Choose the word or phrase which best completes the sentence, A, B, C, D or E. Only one answer is correct in each case.

- (1) The outside the house said: 'Private'.
A advice B label C notice D signal E threat
- (2) Are you going to your house in London while you are abroad?
A dispose B hire C let D remove E sale
- (3) How unkind of him to to help you!
A agree B admit C deny D ignore E refuse
- (4) Close the door, please! I don't like sitting in a
A blow B current C draught D vent E wind
- (5) I had to stand in a for hours to get the tickets for the performance.
A file B procession C queue D tail E turn
- (6) When he was a boy his hobby was stamp
A assembly B collecting C finding D gathering
E picking
- (7) He lost his and threw a book at me.
A feeling B mood C sense D spirit E temper

- (8) I learnt to a bicycle when I was six years old.
A conduct B drive C go D ride E run
- (9) Do as you think best. It doesn't whether he agrees or not.
A care B decide C import D matter E mind
- (10) I don't think you've Mrs. Walker before. I'll introduce you to her.
A discovered B found C known D met
E presented
- (11) If the boss sees you doing that, you'll get into
A mess B nuisance C problem D struggle
E trouble
- (12) My husband's at He'll speak to you when he comes home.
A busy B employ C job D work E works
- (13) It's no good asking me to calculate the cost. I'm hopeless at
A characters B counters C figures D prizes
E shapes
- (14) The road was so that the car bounced up and down.
A rare B sharp C steep D sudden E uneven
- (15) You should be of yourself for behaving so badly.
A ashamed B confused C disgusted D embarrassed
E shameful
- (16) I an answer to my letter in the next few days.
A expect B hope C promise D suppose E wait
- (17) The car broke down but the in the garage soon fixed it.
A driver B machinist C manufacturer D mechanic
E motorist
- (18) Why are you arresting me? I haven't done anything
A crime B error C faulty D mistaken E wrong
- (19) Roses are quite flowers in English gardens.
A accustomed B annual C common D used
E vulgar
- (20) Benjamin Franklin the lightning conductor.
A discovered B found C invented D resulted
E solved

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- (21) I didn't know his so I couldn't write to him.
A address B direction C letter D route E way
- (22) The only problem about sitting outside here in the evenings is that you are likely to be by mosquitoes.
A bitten B grasped C ground D murdered
E picked
- (23) You must facts and not try to run away from the unpleasant truth.
A eye B face C front D look E sight
- (24) There was a sudden of lightning, which lit up the whole street.
A burn B fire C flash D splash E split
- (25) When he he wants to be an engine driver.
A ages B becomes C grows D grows up
E increases
- (26) I just to stop the child from running into the road.
A achieved B controlled C could D managed
E succeeded
- (27) As soon as his party came into he raised the salaries of Members of Parliament.
A force B position C power D right E strength
- (28) There was an interesting of the film in *The Sunday Times* last weekend.
A comment B remark C resume D review
E revision
- (29) I didn't realise you wanted to keep the letter. I've it up.
A broken B pulled C smashed D torn E wrapped
- (30) We're sorry you're ill and send you our best wishes for a speedy
A recovery B relief C repair D repose E survival
- (31) When he was young all he at the factory was £1 a week.
A earned B gained C inherited D sacked E won
- (32) She at me for a long time without saying anything.
A glimpsed B saw C stared D viewed E watched
- (33) He threw the box out of the window and saw it fall to the outside.
A flat B floor C ground D plain E soil

- (34) You've made a very decision. Any reasonable person would have done the same thing.
A sensational B sensed C sensible D sensitive
E sentimental
- (35) The water here is very You can get across the stream on foot.
A broad B flat C narrow D pure E shallow
- (36) I am staying in a youth in the centre of the town.
A home B hostel C inn D lodge E pub
- (37) The little boy had blue eyes and fair hair so he , his mother.
A took after B took down C took from D took off
E took over
- (38) There's no food left and the shops are shut so you'll have to
A go for B go off C go on D go through
E go without
- (39) You sometimes quite valuable things in antique shops.
A come across B come back C come into
D come off E come round
- (40) I'll you at 8.30 and give you a lift to the office.
A call at B call for C call in D call round
E call to