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Hello and welcome to the Concours Pass Test of English. This test has been designed especially and exclusively for students participating in Concours Pass.

During this test you will have a series of exercises to help determine your proficiency in spoken and written English. For the entire test please remember that you are asked to choose just one answer for each question according to what you have heard or read. Then you should mark that answer clearly on your answer sheet by filling in the corresponding space. The sample question has been done for you to use as an example.

On behalf of everyone at Concours Pass, thank you for your interest and participation, and good luck to you all.

I. SHORT DIALOGUES

In Part In you will hear short dialogues between two people. Each dialogue is followed by one question. Neither the dialogues nor the questions will be repeated. In your test book you will read the question heard on the CD and four answers to that question.

Now listen to a sample question:

Man: Well, I just don't know what to do for my next vacation!

Woman: Why don't you come with us to Morocco?

Man: Unfortunately, hot weather really isn't my cup of tea.

Narrator: What does the man mean?

In your test book you read:

What does the man mean?

- a) He has never been to a hot country.
- c) He would love to go.
- b) He does not like hot weather.
- d) He takes his tea hot.

The best answer to the question "What does the man mean?" is choice C, "He does not like hot weather." Therefore, you should choose answer C.

Now begins Part 1.

1. Man: It's so hot! Let's forget going for that run. Maybe we should go to the movies or something.
Woman: I'm used to it, so it's up to you.
Narrator: What does the woman mean?
 - a) She does not like running.
 - b) She has already seen the movie.
 - c) She is already hot.
 - d) The heat does not bother her.

2. Woman: What kind of weather did you have for your vacation?
Man: Let's just say that I should have brought my heavy coat... even if it was the middle of summer!
Narrator: What does the man imply?
 - a) It was cold.
 - b) It was hot.
 - c) He needs a new coat.
 - d) He was very pleased.

3. Man: Guess what? I just got a promotion!
Woman: That's great – I'm going to book a table for two to celebrate.
Narrator: What will the woman probably do?
 - a) Call a friend.
 - b) Call a restaurant.
 - c) Ask for a raise.
 - d) Talk to her boss.

4. Man: What do you think about our new offices?
Woman: Well, I've seen worse, but what's lacking is a lunch room.
Narrator: What does the woman mean?
 - a) She hates her new office.
 - b) She forgot her lunch.
 - c) There is no place to eat at work.
 - d) She does not have enough room to work.

5. Man: So, you and Angela aren't roommates anymore. I'm not surprised.
Woman: Well, it's not that we didn't get along... We just didn't have much in common.
Narrator: What can be inferred about the woman?
 - a) She did not really enjoy living with Angela.
 - b) She never lived with Angela.
 - c) She misses Angela.
 - d) She changes roommates often.

6. Woman: Hi, according to my navigator I should be near Main Street, but I guess I'm getting the wrong directions.
Man: To be honest, I have a hard time with those things. Just follow me; I'm on my way there right now.
Narrator: What does the man mean?
 - a) He knows where to find a navigator.
 - b) He does not have time to help.
 - c) He is lost too.
 - d) He will help the woman find her destination.

7. Woman: Why don't we call Barry for help?
Man: No, Barry's going to the game tonight.
Woman: Oh, so Nina did finally manage to talk him into it then.
Narrator: What had the woman assumed?
- a) Barry did not want to go to the game.
 - b) Barry did not want them to help them.
 - c) Nina did not want to go to the game.
 - d) Nina and Barry couldn't help them.
8. Woman: Sorry to bother you, but I'm trying to work and that music's really loud.
Man: I had no idea you could hear it up there.
Narrator: What will the man probably do?
- a) Play different music.
 - b) Play the music more softly.
 - c) Wait for the woman to go to work.
 - d) Share his music with the woman.
9. Man: I can't wait! The whole class on a ski trip together!
Woman: I'm not so sure. Not everyone's paid the inscription fee yet.
Narrator: What does the woman imply?
- a) Everyone in the class has paid the fee.
 - b) Some people may not go.
 - c) The trip is free.
 - d) Skiing is an expensive sport.
10. Woman: I really ought to call Pete to tell him about this afternoon's meeting.
Man: Why bother? You'll see him soon enough at lunch.
Narrator: What does the man suggest the woman do?
- a) Cancel the meeting with Pete.
 - b) Not bother Pete with such details.
 - c) Speak with Pete at lunch.
 - d) Hurry up to go to lunch.
11. Woman: Shouldn't someone go pick up that pizza?
Man: Don't look at me!
Narrator: What does the man mean?
- a) Stop staring at him.
 - b) He does not intend to do it.
 - c) He does not like his looks.
 - d) He does not like pizza.
12. Man: Hello. Can I help you?
Woman: Yes, is breakfast included?
Man: Just one moment, I'll check for you.
Narrator: Where is this conversation probably taking place?
- a) A singles bar.
 - b) A train station.
 - c) A bank.
 - d) A hotel.

13. Man: I've heard that the new restaurant on High Street is really good.
Woman: They did a great job on it – a perfect interior. But what's more important, good food or a nice atmosphere?
Narrator: What does the woman imply?
- a) A restaurant's atmosphere is important to her.
 - b) The food is not so good.
 - c) It is probably expensive.
 - d) She has not yet been to the restaurant.
14. Man: I don't know what to do. My boss has offered me a promotion, but it's in San Francisco!
Woman: That is pretty far away, but when you're young you've got to go for it.
Narrator: What does the woman suggest the man do?
- a) He should go visit San Francisco before making a decision.
 - b) It would be good to go if he were younger.
 - c) He should stay closer to home.
 - d) He should take the risk and accept.
15. Woman: Aren't you supposed to bring the original to the print shop for duplication?
Man: Oh, I had that done at the beginning of the week.
Narrator: What does the man mean?
- a) He did it.
 - b) He is doing it.
 - c) He will do it.
 - d) He asked someone to do it.
16. Woman: I really don't want to miss this news – could you turn the radio up please?
Man: I'd say it's the same old stories all the time, but if that's what you want...
Narrator: What is the woman's problem?
- a) She does not understand the man.
 - b) The volume is too low.
 - c) There is some bad news.
 - d) She does not have much time.
17. Woman: Two seats for the 10 o'clock show, please.
Man: I'm afraid it's sold out. Would you like to see something else or just try your luck at a later showing?
Narrator: What does the man imply?
- a) It is too early to see the show.
 - b) She should have reserved.
 - c) Today is the last showing.
 - d) She can try again later.
18. Man: Do you want to come kayaking with us this weekend?
Woman: That's about the last thing in the world I'd want to do!
Narrator: What does the woman mean?
- a) She is not interested in going.
 - b) She is afraid about being last.
 - c) She has kayaked in various places around the world.
 - d) She is very enthusiastic about the idea.

19. Woman: Just cancel the room service then!

Man: I hope you didn't have a problem with our food.

Woman: That was just one of many complaints. I'll be checking out in the morning.

Narrator: Where is this conversation probably taking place?

- a) A restaurant.
- b) A bank.
- c) A hotel.
- d) A supermarket.

20. Man: This fever just doesn't seem to want to go away!

Woman: Have you asked for a new prescription of that stuff you got last time?

Narrator: What are these people discussing?

- a) A medical problem.
- b) A computer problem.
- c) A financial problem.
- d) An academic problem.

II. SHORT TALK

In Part II you will hear three short talks. Each talk is followed by three questions. The talks are about a number of different subjects and will not be repeated. In your test book you will read the questions and four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 21 through 23 refer to the following talk.

Thank you for coming in today. As you can see, George's Gym is a great place to work out! If you're a new member, or if you haven't had time to get your free body-fat test, be sure and come by the trainer's desk to get that done. What can be measured, can be improved. While you're there, ask about our individualized workout programs. George's Gym offers a wide variety of exercise options, from step aerobics to swimming basketball, to help you meet your fitness goals. And our personal trainers are experts in designing a weight-lifting program that is just right for you. Thanks again for choosing George's Gym, and have a great day!

21. Where would this announcement most likely be heard?

- a) In the street.
- b) In a store.
- c) At a birthday party.
- d) At a fitness club.

22. What should listeners do if they want a body-fat test?

- a) Sign up at the front desk.
- b) Go to the trainer's desk.
- c) Send a check with the fee.
- d) Design a workout program.

23. What is being offered?

- a) Money-back guarantees.
- b) Personalized training.
- c) A free prize drawing.
- d) Membership discounts.

Questions 24 through 26 refer to the following talk.

Hello Patrick. This is Carter. Could you please tell Oliver and Owen that I'm going to be a few minutes late for our appointment? My friend was supposed to pick me up from the airport, but her car had a flat tire on the way. I just called her, and she's gotten it fixed but now she's stuck in traffic downtown, so she won't be here for about another 20 minutes. It's 11 now, and our appointment is at 11:30, so there's no way I'm going to make it on time. Please tell them I hope to be there by noon. While you're waiting for me, could you start by briefing them on our company? Thanks.

24. Why is the speaker making the call?

- a) To find out where his friend is.
- b) To inform Patrick of his mistake.
- c) To notify people that he will be late.
- d) To cancel his appointment.

25. What is scheduled for 11:30?

- a) A teleconference.
- b) A luncheon.
- c) A plane flight.
- d) A meeting.

26. Where is the speaker now?

- a) In a car.
- b) Downtown.
- c) On a bus.
- d) At the airport.

Questions 27 through 29 refer to the following talk.

Hello. First, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and then I'll move on to the demonstration. My name is Natalie Parsons, and I've been a professional chef with the Household Gourmet for five years now. In this role, I've been able to work doing two things I love — cooking and meeting new people. The Household Gourmet was founded thirty years ago to provide people with kitchen products that reduce both cooking and clean-up time. Tonight I'll be preparing two easy, delicious treats for you. The first is an appetizer that can be made very quickly using several prepared items from the supermarket. The second treat is a dessert that takes a little bit longer to make, but is well worth the trouble. As I prepare these dishes, I'll be demonstrating some of our efficient, effective, inexpensive kitchen products for you. And at the end of the demonstration, we'll all be able to sample the results; and then I'll help you place your orders for Household Gourmet products.

27. Who is the speaker?

- a) A restaurant manager.
- b) A professional chef.
- c) A waiter.
- d) A supermarket clerk.

28. What does the speaker say about the dessert?

- a) It takes longer to prepare than the appetizer.
- b) The preparation involves very few utensils.
- c) The ingredients are simple.
- d) It can be made very quickly.

29. What will happen last?

- a) Audience members will prepare something.
- b) The speaker will distribute her new cookbook.
- c) Audience members will order cooking products.
- d) The speaker will introduce her assistant.

La section écrite du test va maintenant commencer. Vous disposez de 50 minutes pour faire les parties II et IV. Surveillants, veuillez arrêter le CD et le remettre en marche dans 50 minutes.

III. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

In Part III there are 25 incomplete sentences, each with four words or phrases given beneath. You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. You may now begin.

30. What . . . ?
a) does this word mean
b) means this word
c) does mean this word
d) does meaning this word
31. I learned my speech . . . so I wouldn't have to read it.
a) by ear
b) in over my head
c) by heart
d) all ears
32. Next year my parents . . . for 35 years.
a) will have married
b) will has been married
c) will have been married
d) will had been married
33. My house was . . . Jim's.
a) not as expensive as
b) not as expensive than
c) not as expensive
d) less expensive that
34. I'm very disappointed because it's the second time this
a) was happening
b) happened
c) happens
d) has happened
35. For your bad behavior, I hope you get what you
a) find
b) deserve
c) take
d) obfuscate
36. Mary is my father's friend. She is a friend of
a) him
b) he
c) his
d) hers
37. The concert is . . . April 5th.
a) in
b) at
c) on
d) by

38. I three movies since I bought my new TV.
a) have been seeing
b) am seeing
c) have seen
d) see
39. The fisherman a shark with his net.
a) brought
b) taught
c) bought
d) caught
40. I wish he smoking. And I think he should do it now!
a) has stopped
b) had stopped
c) will stop
d) would stop
41. Let's look the word in the dictionary.
a) up
b) into
c) within
d) down
42. When we went to the Louvre, it was the first time I a Van Gogh painting.
a) have seen
b) was seeing
c) had seen
d) would see
43. This firm has taken two companies this year.
a) about
b) for
c) off
d) over
44. There aren't people in the hall.
a) some
b) many
c) much
d) little
45. Research suggests that replacing negative thoughts with optimistic ones
may reduces stress.
a) cowardly
b) consistently
c) incidentally
d) scarcely

46. I . . . until my doctor really scared me.
a) was smoking
b) was used to smoke
c) used to smoke
d) am used to smoking
47. I wasn't . . . on going, so I decided to stay.
a) mind
b) mean
c) keen
d) kind
48. "Should I come by after dinner?" "Sure, I . . . anything."
a) don't do
b) won't do
c) won't be doing
d) won't have been doing
49. Paul and Henry . . . in an accident yesterday.
a) is hurt
b) is hurted
c) were hurt
d) were hurted
50. I am not used . . . in front of so many people.
a) to talk
b) talking
c) having talked
d) to talking
51. Smoking is considered to be very . . .
a) hapless
b) unhealthy
c) heartfelt
d) helpless
52. Give the books to the girls; they're . . .
a) theirs
b) they
c) them
d) their
53. It is dangerous to go to that part of town. Someone . . . us.
a) might hurt
b) could have hurt
c) would be hurting
d) should hurt
54. She . . . a smell of gas.
a) noticed
b) faked
c) spoiled
d) threatened

IV. WRITING

Read the following essay questions carefully and respond to **one** question on page 2 of your answer sheet in 180 to 200 words. You may make notes in the space provided for you below, **but only what is written on page 2 of your answer sheet will be scored.**

Essay Question One:

Studies have shown that younger people are reading fewer books now. Discuss the causes and consequences of this phenomenon. Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.

or:

Essay Question Two:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Businesses should do anything they can to make a profit. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

V. TELEPHONE CALLS

In Part V you will hear conversations between two people. Each conversation will be heard only once and will be followed by several questions. In your test book you will read the questions and the four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 55 through 57 refer to the following telephone call.

Woman: Hello, Marco. Guess what? I'm having problems finding the conference center. I passed the pub but I couldn't find Friedman Street.

Man: Okay. Friedman Street is closed for construction, so you'll need to double back and take Walnut Way instead. Slow down when you see the gas station and take a right there.

Woman: But I can't see Walnut Way on the GPS. Are you sure this is right?

Man: Yes, it's a new street so it might not show up yet.

Woman: Okay, I'll take your word for it.

55. Where is the woman going?

- a) To the office.
- b) To a gas station.
- c) To the hotel.
- d) To the conference center.

56. How most likely is the woman traveling?

- a) By car.
- b) By taxi.
- c) By bus.
- d) On foot.

57. What does the man say about Walnut Way?
- a) It is closed for construction.
 - b) It is a new road.
 - c) It is close to the hotel.
 - d) It is a one-way street.

Questions 58 through 60 refer to the following telephone call.

Woman: Hello, UPS? I'm calling to check on a package I sent on the 7th. It still hasn't arrived, and today's the 13th. Can you tell me what happened to it?

Man: I'll certainly do my best. Do you have the tracking number handy?

Woman: Let's see... it's T-828-4973-55-27.

Man: OK, I can see that it did go out on the 7th. Hold on, please. I've got to check another computer and see where it's at.

Woman: Well, I hate to say it but I don't have all day!

58. Why does the woman call the man?
- a) To order a replacement package.
 - b) To ask about a late package.
 - c) To check on a broken package.
 - d) To complain about a lost package.
59. What does the man say about the package?
- a) It was lost en route.
 - b) It was shipped on time.
 - c) It was damaged upon receipt.
 - d) It is still on the loading platform.
60. What does the man plan to do?
- a) Say good-bye to the woman.
 - b) Check the package tracking number.
 - c) Bring the package to the woman.
 - d) Determine the status of the package.

Questions 61 through 63 refer to the following telephone call.

Man: Good afternoon, I'd like to make a reservation for three nights and four days, please, from the 21st through the 24th.

Woman: All right. Single or double occupancy? And would you like a regular room or a suite?

Man: A regular double please. And would it be possible to get one with an ocean view?

Woman: I'm afraid all our regular double rooms with views are booked for those dates. We do have one double view suite available. Those cost \$50 a night more than regular rooms.

Man: That seems worth it. I think I'll go with that.

61. What position does the woman hold?
- a) Concierge.
 - b) Secretary.
 - c) Hotel clerk.
 - d) Chauffeur.

62. What does the man want?

- a) A regular single.
- b) A suite without a view.
- c) A single with a view.
- d) A double with a view.

63. What will the man probably do next?

- a) Purchase an airline ticket.
- b) Book a regular double room.
- c) Ask the price of a double view suite.
- d) Thank the woman and hang up.

VI. CONCOURS PASS RADIO

In Part VI you will listen to three shows on a popular radio station, CPR, otherwise known as Concours Pass Radio. Each show will be heard only once and will be followed by several questions. In your test book you will read the questions and four proposed answers to each question. The question numbers will be said by the narrator in order to indicate how much time you have.

Questions 64 through 67 refer to the following show.

You're listening to Geek News on Concours Pass Radio. And today's report gets my full approval because boy, do I love multitasking when I'm in my car for hours trying to get across town!

Ford Motor Company announced Thursday their plan for new technology that would allow computers to read text messages to drivers, fueling the ongoing debate over drivers being distracted while driving.

While Ford has not made a formal announcement, they are expected to do so within the next two or three weeks, Doug VanDagens, the company's global director of connected services said.

VanDagens said he is making what people already do, which is text, read Twitter feeds and talk while driving, even safer.

Reports said that safety groups, however, are blasting the idea, saying that U.S. drivers already have enough distractions in their vehicles, for example touch screen maps, GPS systems, and mp3 radios.

The Ford system (which will be installed in certain Ford models later in the year) prohibits drivers from actually surfing the Web visually while the vehicle is moving. Drivers will only be able to get on the Internet via a Wi-Fi hot spot when the vehicle is parked.

Although the new technology will first be installed in the Edge and the Focus models, not all 2010 models will see an upgrade, but the newer lines will come with the new capability, according to reports.

Ford did not say whether the price of the cars will go up due to the new system.

64. How does the presenter feel about this innovation?

- a) A little positive.
- b) Very positive.
- c) Indifferent.
- d) Negative.

65. What is Ford's project?
- a) To make a more fuel-efficient car.
 - b) To help drivers surf the Net while driving.
 - c) To create a new GPS system.
 - d) To convert text messages into audio.

66. What did Mr. VanDagens declare?
- a) The innovation will make texting safer.
 - b) The innovation will decrease texting.
 - c) The innovation will be inexpensive.
 - d) He made no comment

67. Which of the following is true?
- a) Wi-Fi access will be universal.
 - b) The Ford Focus will not have this upgrade.
 - c) Ford is launching this product progressively.
 - d) Car prices will go up.

Questions 68 through 71 refer to the following show.

You're listening to Offbeat News on Concours Pass Radio. And listen carefully – this is no laughing matter.

We have all heard the popular expression, 'laughter is the best medicine,' but recent studies now suggest that it really has the potential to cure certain diseases. If not cure, it might help in preventing some diseases and can keep us healthy.

Doctors, who have so far been prescribing bitter pills to their patients, have now been recommending them to watch feel-good movies and TV sitcoms. In fact, recently in a hospital in Rhyl, North Wales, patients have started watching comedy films and their favorite TV shows to relieve pain.

Management and doctors at Glan Clwyd Hospital believe in laughter therapy and have installed portable DVD players in wards where every patient can choose the DVD "painkiller." The medical staff has also admitted that laughter works wonders for children undergoing treatment.

And laughter can prevent heart-attacks.

According to a latest study by cardiologists at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, people suffering from heart ailments were 40 per cent less likely to laugh in comparison to people in the same age group without heart diseases. "Laughter is the best medicine, appears to be true when it comes to protecting your heart," says Michael Miller, M.D., Director of the Center for Preventive Cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center and a professor of medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

68. What is said about laughing?
- a) It can cure certain diseases.
 - b) It can prevent certain diseases.
 - c) It can keep us healthy.
 - d) All of the above.

69. What are some doctors doing now?
 a) Prescribing better pills.
 b) Advising patients to watch comedy shows.
 c) Telling more jokes.
 d) Stopping traditional medicine.

70. Which of the following is true for the Glan Clwyd Hospital?
 a) DVD players have replaced pain killers.
 b) DVD players work better than pain killers.
 c) Laughter works well on children.
 d) Management considers this to be a placebo effect.

71. What is said about patients with heart problems compared to healthy people?
 a) They laugh 14% more.
 b) They laugh 40% more.
 c) They laugh 14% less.
 d) They laugh 40% less.

Questions 72 through 5 refer to the following show.

You're listening to Green News on Concours Pass Radio.

Are you an eco-adventurer? If your idea of a perfect trip is getting up close and personal with the natural world, you'll want to check out this dream destination for ecotourists. To make our list, it wasn't enough for a place to be blessed with extraordinary natural resources; it was equally important that those resources are being cared for. And remember — visitors must do their part as well, as the parts of the earth with the greatest ecological diversity are often the most threatened. If you choose to visit, it's more important than ever to be careful and help ensure that these places remain beautiful and unspoiled for many years to come.

Their remote location and strict environmental regulations have helped preserve the pristine beauty of Norway's famous fjords, with their snowcapped mountains, tumbling waterfalls and crystal-clear waters. Visitors can go hiking or biking over the rugged terrain, or take a scenic boat ride through the towering fjords. A wide variety of wildlife lives here, including eagles, seals, porpoises and seabirds. Along with the region's natural attractions, the fjords are also home to many small fishing villages where local cultural traditions have survived for hundreds of years despite the relatively small population.

As an international leader in environmental policy, Norway has taken care to protect its unique coastline by regulating the fishing, whaling, sealing and petroleum industries. For more information and help finding your destination, visit the Norwegian Embassy Web site.

72. Who might NOT be interested in this information?
 a) Someone looking for adventure.
 b) Someone looking for economy.
 c) Someone looking for beauty.
 d) Someone looking for a preserved environment.

73. Which of the following criteria was most important in choosing Norway?

- a) The beauty of its resources.
- b) The protection of its resources.
- c) The diversity of its resources.
- d) The expense of its resources.

74. Which of the following is true?

- a) There is quite easy access to this area.
- b) There are limited activities here.
- c) There is a limited number of animal species here.
- d) There is a limited number of people here.

75. What advice is given to potential travelers?

- a) Book the trip early.
- b) Be careful about dangerous animals.
- c) Plan on a high budget.
- d) Seek help in planning the trip.

This is the end of our shows on Concours Pass Radio, and this is the end of our Test of English for Concours Pass. Thank you for your participation.