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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.

PART 1 – SHORT DIALOGUES

Directions

In Part 1 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.
B. He would love to go.
C. 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. What does the woman mean?
A) The rolls are on the right not the left.
B) All the bacon rolls have been sold.
C) She doesn't sell bacon rolls.
D) She will get a bacon roll from the back of the shop.

2. What does the man imply?
A) He's disappointed the woman can't help him.
B) He's very busy next week.
C) He does not believe the woman.
D) He's going to do the assignment next week.

3. What will the woman probably do?
A) Find her cheque book.
B) Make sure that her bag is ready.
C) Put the tickets in her handbag.
D) Look for the tickets in her bag.

4. What does the woman mean?
A) The report may not be accurate.
B) There is a problem with the report.
C) The report will be late.
D) The man should insist on having a guarantee.

5. What can be inferred about the woman?
A) She doesn't like Mexican food.
B) She has recently eaten spicy food.
C) She doesn't want to stand in a queue.
D) She is ill and can't stand up.

6. What does the man mean?
A) The results have dropped.
B) The woman should search for her results.
C) The woman should contact him about the results.
D) He will find the results.

7. What had the woman assumed?
A) He had finished organizing the visit.
B) The details were unimportant.
C) There were many sorts of delegate visiting.
D) The delegates will be sorted into groups.

8. What will the man probably do?
A) Phone for a meal to be delivered.
B) Order some groceries for the fridge.
C) Cook a meal.
D) Make a plan for the evening.

9. What does the woman imply?
A) Steven has not been helpful.
B) She thinks Steven is mean.
C) The man should try harder.
D) The man should be more understanding.
10. What does the man suggest the woman do?
A) Have a lunch break.
B) Get fit by joining a sports club.
C) Try on a new sports outfit.
D) None of the above.
11. What does the man mean?
A) He will accept the offer.
B) He assumes that delivery costs are included in the price.
C) He wants a better price.
D) He wants to know the cost of delivery.
12. Where is this conversation probably taking place?
A) In a department store.
B) In a sports club.
C) In an airport.
D) In an office.
13. What does the woman imply?
A) She paid a lot for the conference.
B) The conference was well prepared.
C) She got a good deal.
D) She had spent a lot of time preparing for the conference.
14. What does the woman suggest the man do?
A) Take a new product sample.
B) Take some medication.
C) Sit at a different table.
D) Write some ideas on the white-board.
15. What does the man mean?
A) The company has made more profit.
B) The structure needs improving.
C) The changes have been advantageous.
D) He likes the new structure.
16. What is the woman's problem?
A) The dentist is too expensive.
B) A dentist has not been appointed.
C) The dentist is always busy.
D) She doesn't like going to the dentist.

17. What does the man imply?
A) He has good qualifications.
B) He has a lot of experience.
C) He has found an internship position.
D) None of the above.
18. What does the woman mean?
A) She doesn't like the receptionist.
B) She has contacted the agent.
C) The agent is very aged.
D) She has tried to phone the agent without success.
19. Where is this conversation probably taking place?
A) A doctor's surgery.
B) A sports shop.
C) A fitness centre.
D) A football match.
20. What are these people discussing?
A) A photograph.
B) A new car.
C) A flat.
D) A restaurant.

PART 2 - SHORT TALKS

Directions

In Part 2 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 advertisement.

21. What is being advertised?
A) A beach vacation.
B) A short weekend break.
C) A luxury holiday.
D) A travel itinerary.
22. Who is the main target audience?
A) Families with young children.
B) Young couples.
C) Single people.
D) None of the above.

23. Where is the travel agency?
A) In the centre of town.
B) In the shopping centre.
C) At the travel centre.
D) At the station.

Questions 24 through 26 refer to the following message.

24. Who is the message for?
A) Richard.
B) Anita.
C) Sandra.
D) Sonia.
25. Why has Marteen left a message?
A) To give his flight details.
B) To ask for help.
C) To answer a question.
D) To explain his absence.
26. Where will Marteen be at 3pm?
A) In Oslo.
B) In London.
C) In a plane.
D) In Copenhagen.

Questions 27 through 29 refer to the following announcement.

27. Who is most likely listening to this announcement?
A) Employees.
B) Holiday-makers.
C) Sports professionals.
D) Students.
28. What is the main objective of the announcement?
A) To introduce Chad and Rosemary.
B) To explain the workshops.
C) To welcome everybody.
D) To explain the purpose of the weekend.
29. What lack did the speaker refer to?
A) Of surveys.
B) Of sharing best practices.
C) Of workshops.
D) Of team-building.

La section écrite du test va maintenant commencer. Vous disposerez de 50 minutes pour faire les parties 3 et 4. Surveillant, veuillez arrêter le CD et le remettre en marche dans 50 minutes.

PART 3 – COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Directions

In Part 3 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. You haven't seen my watch, _____ ?

- A) do you
- B) isn't it
- C) haven't you
- D) have you

31. There's been a tremendous increase _____ prices.

- A) in
- B) of
- C) by
- D) with

32. _____ has been arranged for the meeting.

- A) All
- B) Every
- C) Everything
- D) Each

33. The company has _____ recruitment plans.

- A) any
- B) none
- C) not
- D) no

34. Look out! He _____ go off the road!

- A) is going to
- B) will be going to
- C) will
- D) will be

35. What _____ this morning so far?

- A) did you do
- B) are you doing
- C) have you done
- D) did you

36. The new software tools have _____ us to increase output significantly.

- A) enabled
- B) forbidden
- C) allowed
- D) permitted

37. If you'd have trained more, you _____ hurt your leg.
A) didn't
B) hadn't
C) wouldn't have
D) should have
38. I didn't go to the movie as I can't _____ queuing.
A) go
B) stand
C) manage
D) make
39. Hurry up! We need to _____ with the preparations!
A) get through
B) get down
C) get on
D) get
40. I shall now explain
A) to you some process
B) you some process
C) the process to you
D) you to the process
41. I'll never be able to understand this project unless I _____ the missing file.
A) don't find
B) find
C) will find
D) would find
42. This slide shows us how the retail market has _____ over the last four quarters.
A) evolved
B) develop
C) adapted
D) changed
43. The customer _____ another fifteen samples from the catalogue.
A) ordered
B) commanded
C) costed
D) delivered
44. We _____ here since we won the championship last year.
A) played
B) have played
C) have been played
D) have been playing

45. Fred had to _____ the contract rapidly.
A) draw
B) draw through
C) draw down
D) draw up
46. How _____ information do we have now?
A) much
B) many
C) some
D) few
47. What do you do to _____ your living?
A) earn
B) gain
C) do
D) win
48. In my previous position, I _____ travel frequently.
A) am used to
B) use to
C) used to
D) often
49. Peter has come back early from his _____ to Paris.
A) travel
B) trip
C) voyage
D) stay
50. If we hadn't applied early, we _____ had such good seats.
A) would never have
B) wouldn't
C) hadn't
D) shouldn't have
51. Did you _____ the headlines on the radio this morning?
A) listen
B) watch
C) find
D) hear
52. I've completely overhauled the machinery and I suggest you do _____.
A) same
B) more
C) likewise
D) similar

53. The announcement must be made to the entire _____

- A) stuff
- B) workforce
- C) salaries
- D) employees

54. You idiot! You _____ have gone through the red light. Now you'll lose 3 points!

- A) mustn't
- B) couldn't
- C) ought to
- D) shouldn't

PART 4 – WRITING

Directions

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. (25 points)**

Essay Question One:

Affirmative action is one way in which young women can be encouraged to enter the world of science and engineering. Discuss the pros and cons of this method. Is there a better way? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.

or:

Essay Question Two:

Huge amounts of energy are consumed to support the ever-growing number of servers hosting cloud computing. Should there be limits to what we expect in terms of speed and ease of access to the internet? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

PART 5 – TELEPHONE CALLS

Directions

In Part 5 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.

55. What is the man's problem?
A) He doesn't like the goods.
B) He ordered the wrong goods.
C) He forgot to place the order.
D) He wants to cancel the order.
56. What does the woman do?
A) Tell him to return the goods.
B) Tell him to order more goods.
C) Issue a credit note.
D) Suggest some possible solutions.
57. When could the man receive the replacement goods?
A) At 11 o'clock this morning.
B) At 11 o'clock tomorrow.
C) After 12 o'clock tomorrow.
D) Before 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Questions 58 through 60 refer to the following telephone call.

58. Who is the woman calling?
A) A doctor's surgery.
B) A hospital.
C) A dental practice.
D) A physiotherapist.
59. Why is the woman not registered?
A) She's new to the area.
B) She's leaving the area soon.
C) She wants to move.
D) She's waiting for a recommendation.
60. Who will the woman probably see this morning?
A) Doctor Jessing.
B) Doctor Trimble.
C) Doctor Reynolds.
D) None of the above.

Questions 61 through 63 refer to the following telephone call.

61. What is the main reason for the man's call?
A) To update Susie about his schedule.
B) To discuss details of a joint venture.
C) To check that Susie was in the office.
D) All of the above.
62. What has Roger been doing?
A) Making enquiries about a project.
B) Making a decision about a project.
C) Sending a text message about a project.
D) Dealing with a project.

63. Where will the man probably be this evening?
A) In the office.
B) In Singapore.
C) At the airport.
D) In the factory.

PART 6 – CONCOURS PASS RADIO

Directions

In Part 6 you will listen to three shows on a popular radio station, CPR, otherwise known as Concoours 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.

64. What is this show mainly about?
A) Travelling by air.
B) Low-cost airlines.
C) Commercial airlines.
D) Low-cost airlines' pricing strategy.
65. Why does the woman normally travel with a low-cost airline?
A) Their schedule suits her better.
B) To be able to avoid passport control queues.
C) To manage her travel budget.
D) To disembark rapidly.
66. What does the woman say about fastboarding?
A) You can avoid passport control queues.
B) It is generally not worth the extra cost.
C) The extra-fee is too high.
D) It's an excellent idea.
67. What is said about regular airlines?
A) They offer good service.
B) They are too expensive.
C) They allow you to control your budget.
D) All of the above.

Questions 68 through 71 refer to the following show.

68. What is this show mainly about?
A) Utility companies.
B) Electricity companies.
C) Energy bills.
D) Smart meters.

69. What is said about the advantages of smart metering to the consumer?
- A) They reduce electricity consumption.
 - B) They reduce electricity bills.
 - C) They reduce tariffs.
 - D) They reduce demand.
70. What benefits of reducing peak demand does the man mention?
- A) Lower tariffs.
 - B) Lower consumption.
 - C) Financial and environmental benefits.
 - D) Higher demand.
71. What does the man say about how consumers feel towards utility companies?
- A) They have little confidence in them.
 - B) They trust them.
 - C) They have confidence in them.
 - D) They find them serious.

Questions 72 through 75 refer to the following show.

72. What is this show mainly about?
- A) Traffic in London.
 - B) Commuting in London.
 - C) A London bike scheme.
 - D) The cost of transport.
73. What changes in behaviour are referred to by the woman?
- A) Better car-sharing.
 - B) More job-sharing.
 - C) More use of taxis.
 - D) Longer journeys.
74. What will the working committee look at?
- A) The financing of a bike scheme.
 - B) The safety issues raised by a bike scheme.
 - C) The impact of a bike scheme.
 - D) None of the above.
75. Which is true: according to the survey of those living within the North and South circular roads,
- A) 67% would use the scheme one day a week.
 - B) 67% would never use the scheme.
 - C) 67% would use the scheme several times a week.
 - D) 67% would use the scheme once a week.

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.