

Anglais

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. She's not sure about the meeting.
- B. She isn't going to the meeting.
- C. The meeting has been cancelled.
- D. She's going to call about the meeting.

2. What does the man imply?

- A. Everything is going wrong.
- B. The weather is bad.
- C. He does not believe the woman.
- D. He knew the scanner was broken.

3. What will the woman probably do?

- A. Finish her own assignment.
- B. Finish the man's assignment.
- C. Change the deadline.
- D. Help with the proof-reading.

4. What does the woman mean?

- A. She needs help with the survey.
- B. She doesn't need help with the survey.
- C. She thinks the man isn't being honest.
- D. The survey needs to be managed differently.

SUJET : ANGLAIS

5. What can be inferred about the woman?

- A. She doesn't like exams.
- B. She thinks the exam will go well.
- C. She's cross with the man for asking about the exam.
- D. She's not confident about the exam.

6. What does the man mean?

- A. Jim and Sue became friends.
- B. Jim and Sue had a fight.
- C. Jim and Sue ruined the party.
- D. Jim and Sue didn't come to the party.

7. What had the woman assumed?

- A. Peter had returned to his studies.
- B. Peter had summarized the work done.
- C. Peter was going to abandon his degree.
- D. Peter was still ill.

8. What will the man probably do?

- A. Buy some tickets for the cinema.
- B. Find out when the film is showing.
- C. Find out how long the film lasts.
- D. Contact the theatre for details about the performance.

9. What does the woman imply?

- A. Sheila should be ashamed.
- B. Sheila went to the University too often.
- C. Sheila made a lot of effort to get a place on the team.
- D. Sheila should not be disappointed.

10. What does the man suggest the woman do?

- A. Continue to give him any news about the idea.
- B. Not bother him with the idea any more.
- C. Keep working on the idea for a bit longer.
- D. Find a different person to help.

11. What does the man mean?

- A. They need to make a phone call this afternoon.
- B. He doesn't understand the woman's problem.
- C. He can't help as he's busy this afternoon.
- D. They'll see how things develop during the discussion this afternoon.

12. Where is this conversation probably taking place?

- A. In a department store.
- B. In a hospital.
- C. In an airport.
- D. In an office.

13. What does the woman imply?

- A. She doesn't know Ryan.
- B. She thinks Ryan is nicer than he at first appears.
- C. She's worked with people a lot worse than Ryan.
- D. She doesn't find Ryan strict.

14. What does the woman suggest the man do?

- A. Consume less high-calorie drinks.
- B. Reduce the waiting time.
- C. Have a drink while he's waiting.
- D. Take a short cut to the doctor's.

15. What does the man mean?

- A. Linda wouldn't listen to him.
- B. Linda ended the phone call abruptly.
- C. Linda refused to take the phone call.
- D. Linda is annoying him.

16. What is the woman's problem?

- A. The ticket office was closed.
- B. There are no tickets available.
- C. The championship has been cancelled.
- D. The championship has already taken place.

SUJET : ANGLAIS

17. What does the man imply?

- A. The woman had been slow to ask about the test.
- B. The test went badly.
- C. The test went well.
- D. He doesn't want to talk about the test.

18. What does the woman mean?

- A. She's never acted in a Shakespeare play before.
- B. She's been in all the Shakespeare plays before.
- C. She's surprised about the change in decision.
- D. She doesn't like Shakespeare.

19. Where is this conversation probably taking place?

- A. A warehouse.
- B. A train station.
- C. A shopping centre.
- D. A market.

20. What are these people discussing?

- A. A car.
- B. A restaurant.
- C. A flat.
- D. A job.

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 advantages of Howes are mentioned in the advertisement?

- A. Reasonable prices, relaxing atmosphere.
- B. Easy parking, low prices and advice.
- C. Hard discount and an on-line store.
- D. Top of the ranges products

22. When is Howes open?

- A. Every day except Sunday.
- B. Every week day, closed at weekends.
- C. Every day.
- D. None of the above.

23. What discount is being offered?

- A. 13%
- B. 30%
- C. Up to 13%
- D. Up to 30%

SUJET : ANGLAIS

Questions 24 through 26 refer to the following message.

24. Who is the message for?

- A. Fiona Smith.
- B. Sonia Ramsworth.
- C. Mr. Xing.
- D. Mr. Chong.

26. What should Mr. Xing's assistant now do?

- A. Send his contact details.
- B. Change Mr. Xing's travel schedule.
- C. Phone Mr. Chong.
- D. Confirm Mr. Xing's availability.

25. Why has the woman left a message?

- A. To arrange travel plans.
- B. To cancel an appointment.
- C. To re-arrange a meeting.
- D. To inform about her absence.

Questions 27 through 29 refer to the following announcement.

27. What means of transport are the travellers listening to this announcement using?

- A. Plane.
- B. Train.
- C. Boat.
- D. Coach.

29. Where is the tour operator's counter?

- A. On the ground floor.
- B. On the first floor.
- C. On the second floor.
- D. None of the above.

28. What is the main objective of the announcement?

- A. To inform about an imminent departure.
- B. To warn about a delay.
- C. To inform about the facilities available.
- D. To give a bad weather warning.

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. What assignment... on at the moment ?

- A. do you work
- B. did you work
- C. are you working
- D. have you been working

31. When I was small, I... to love that cartoon!

- A. am used
- B. was used
- C. used
- D. use

32. The meeting is... March 23rd... 9am.

- A. on on
- B. the at
- C. in on
- D. on at

33. Sorry but your timetable doesn't... for any more options.

- A. allow
- B. permit
- C. let
- D. leave

34. This evening's talk has been... due to lack of demand.

- A. called through
- B. called up
- C. called down
- D. called off

35. The weather... perfect so far this season.

- A. is
- B. is being
- C. was
- D. has been

36. We haven't... met all the candidates.

- A. still
- B. already
- C. once
- D. yet

37. Would you be... next Friday?

- A. disposed
- B. available
- C. suitable
- D. appropriate

38. Did you... to finish all the exercises?

- A. arrive
- B. succeed
- C. manage
- D. make

39. We don't have... ideas for the moment.

- A. much
- B. any
- C. few
- D. no

40. I haven't touched that biscuit tin... three days now!

- A. during
- B. for
- C. since
- D. along

SUJET : ANGLAIS

41. As soon as I get some news, I... you.

- A. will call
- B. am calling
- C. will be calling
- D. call

42. This slide shows us how our online sales have... over the last fiscal year.

- A. evolved
- B. evaluated
- C. adapted
- D. changed

43. The brochure looks good to me... I still prefer the glossy version.

- A. whereas
- B. although
- C. despite
- D. likewise

44. Careful! You... touch that liquid. The fumes are extremely toxic.

- A. shouldn't
- B. couldn't
- C. needn't
- D. mustn't

45. If only I hadn't dropped my bag, I... the last bus home.

- A. would have caught
- B. would catch
- C. will have caught
- D. wouldn't have caught

46. We've decided to... our holiday until we've got a bigger budget to spend.

- A. put over
- B. put down
- C. put off
- D. put

47. How long does your... to campus take?

- A. journey
- B. voyage
- C. travel
- D. trip

48. Bookings are up... the bad weather.

- A. rather
- B. despite
- C. whereas
- D. because

49. You made a back up of the last version of the presentation,... ?

- A. isn't it
- B. no
- C. didn't you
- D. don't you

50. Before... , make sure you've got your house keys.

- A. to leave
- B. you are leaving
- C. leaving
- D. of leaving

51. We've plenty of time! We... have rushed after all!

- A. should
- B. must
- C. mustn't
- D. needn't

52. We won't sign this contract unless you... a 24-hour delivery time.

- A. will guarantee
- B. won't guarantee
- C. could guarantee
- D. guarantee

SUJET : ANGLAIS

53. Could you... my briefcase is in the car?

- A. check
- B. verify
- C. control
- D. validate

54.. . . to London before?

- A. Did you ever gone
- B. Have you ever went
- C. Did you ever been
- D. Have you ever been

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:

Bookshops are disappearing in the face of new technology, such as e-books, and online venues with forums and discussions groups. Does this matter? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.

or:

Essay Question Two:

Some companies insist on a formal dress-code, others allow casual dressing. How important is what you wear and should companies be allowed to impose rules about how you dress at work? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Space for notes:

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 isn't available for his appointment.
- B. He doesn't like Dr Sander.
- C. He needs some more medication.
- D. He needs an appointment urgently.

56. What is Dr Sander's schedule like?

- A. He has plenty of availability.
- B. He is very busy.
- C. He is only taking existing patients.
- D. He is away on holiday as from tomorrow.

57. For what time is the appointment finally made?

- A. Tomorrow at seven.
- B. Tomorrow at eleven
- C. Today at 7am.
- D. Today at 7pm.

Questions 58 through 60 refer to the following telephone call.

58. What are the man's main requirements for the travel ticket?

- A. Date and time of arrival.
- B. Price and flexibility.
- C. Airline.
- D. Departure time.

60. What is the price of the cheapest flight?

- A. £825.
- B. £800.
- C. £790.
- D. £719.

59. What advice does the woman give?

- A. To check the Monday's flight details on-line.
- B. To purchase a ticket for Monday's flight immediately.
- C. To travel on another day.
- D. To take a return ticket.

SUJET : ANGLAIS

Questions 61 through 63 refer to the following telephone call

61. What is the main reason for the man's call?

- A. To update Sam about his schedule.
- B. To re-organise his schedule.
- C. To make new travel arrangements.
- D. To ask Sam to book a hotel.

63. At what time will the meeting be held?

- A. 18.00
- B. 16.00
- C. 8am.
- D. 6pm.

62. Where is the man most probably now?

- A. In the Holiday Inn.
- B. In Singapore.
- C. At the airport.
- D. At an agency.

PART 6

CONCOURS PASS RADIO

Directions

In Part 6 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.

64. What is this show mainly about?

- A. The banking system.
- B. Improving universities.
- C. University tuition fees.
- D. Effectiveness of student loans.

65. How much are the English university tuition fees per year now?

- A. £3,300
- B. £9,000
- C. £13,000
- D. £19,000

66. What percentage of the cost of university is ultimately recovered by the government from graduates?

- A. 9%
- B. 55%
- C. 72%
- D. 73%

67. What is said about applicants from modest backgrounds?

- A. They apply less than before.
- B. More now apply to better universities.
- C. They apply if it's free.
- D. They do not apply.

SUJET : ANGLAIS

Questions 68 through 71 refer to the following show.

68. What is this show mainly about?

- A. Sporting events in Brazil.
- B. Industry in Brazil.
- C. Jobs for young people in Brazil.
- D. The Brazilian workforce.

69. How many young people are there in Brazil?

- A. About 13 million
- B. About 24 million
- C. About 30 million
- D. About 34 million

70. What is the main aim of the job programmes mentioned by the man?

- A. To hire people.
- B. To train people.
- C. To hire and train people.
- D. To hire and train young people.

71. How does the man feel about the future for young people in Brazil?

- A. Very positive.
- B. Quite positive.
- C. Not very positive.
- D. Negative.

Questions 72 through 75 refer to the following show.

72. What is this show mainly about?

- A. Sustainable energy.
- B. Electric cars.
- C. Energy self-efficient homes.
- D. Greenhouse gas emissions.

73. What percentage of greenhouse gases are generated by building and transportation?

- A. 14%.
- B. 30%.
- C. 40%.
- D. 44%.

74. How many solar panels are needed in the Smart Home?

- A. The same as a typical home.
- B. Half of a typical home.
- C. Two times as much as a typical home.
- D. More than a typical home.

75. What is the main aim of the Smart Home project?

- A. To be profitable.
- B. To experiment with ideas.
- C. To demonstrate the technology.
- D. To help a start-up company.

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.