

ДЪРЖАВЕН ЗРЕЛОСТЕН ИЗПИТ ПО  
АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК

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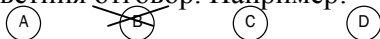
**УВАЖАЕМИ ЗРЕЛОСТНИЦИ,**

Тестът съдържа **60 задачи** по английски език. Задачите са **два вида**:

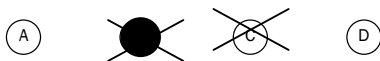
- задачи с избираем отговор;
- задачи със свободен отговор.

Освен посочените задачи, тестът съдържа и задача за създаване на писмен текст.

**Първите 50 задачи (от 1. до 50. включително)** в теста са от затворен тип с три възможни отговора, обозначени с главни букви от **A** до **C**, от които само един е верен, и с четири възможни отговора, обозначени с главни букви от **A** до **D**, от които само един е верен. Отговорите на тези задачи отбелязвайте със син/черен цвят на химикалката в **листа за отговори**, а не върху тестовата книжка. **Листът за отговори** на задачите с избираем отговор е официален документ, който ще се проверява автоматизирано, и поради това е задължително да се попълва внимателно. Отбелязвайте верния отговор със знака **X** в кръгчето с буквата на съответния отговор. Например:



Ако след това прецените, че първоначалният отговор не е верен и искате да го поправите, запълнете кръгчето с грешния отговор и отбележете буквата на друг отговор, който приемате за верен. Например:



**За всяка задача трябва да е отбелязан не повече от един действителен отговор. Като действителен отговор на съответната задача се приема само този, чиято буква е отбелязана със знака X.**

**Отговорите на задачите със свободен отговор (от 51. до 60. включително)** се отбелязват в предоставения **свитък за свободните отговори**. Четете внимателно инструкциите! Срещу номера на съответната задача напишете верния отговор.

**Задачата за създаване на писмен текст** изпълнете в **свитъка за свободните отговори** на предвиденото за това място, като не забравяте да отбележите номера на избраната от Вас тема.

**ПОЖЕЛАВАМЕ ВИ УСПЕШНА РАБОТА!**

## PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **cats** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

**1. For thousands of years cats have been kept to bring good luck.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**2. Ancient Egyptians were probably the first to breed cats.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**3. Research shows that cats were not typical of Cyprus native wildlife.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**4. Cats, like early dogs were raised as pets.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**5. Most probably people quickly found out that cats could be used to fight mice and rats.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** You will hear a text about a **recent linguistic study** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing the best answer among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

**6. If you are in a country whose language you don't know you'd better be careful what you say or else you might make a fool of yourself.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**7. In order to find out what about the human brain endows us with the language faculty researchers will dissect a human brain.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**8. Researchers tried to teach monkeys short made-up words.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**9. The results of the experiment suggest that tarmarin monkeys and humans perhaps have faculties in common.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**10. A new study is being planned to prove that human language is the most sophisticated form of communication.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **Raleigh’s Plant, the potato**, twice. Before you listen to it, you have **2 minutes** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, C or D. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

**11. Sir Walter Raleigh sailed across the sea in search of**

- A) America.
- B) potatoes.
- C) a new state.
- D) new territories.

**12. The English thought the potato**

- A) promised a great profit.
- B) would not give a good crop.
- C) did not look good.
- D) resembled a plum.

**13. At first the English did not like the potatoes because**

- A) they tasted like plums.
- B) they were not ripe.
- C) they were not properly cooked.
- D) Brits are very conservative.

**14. What enticed the gentleman to taste the potato was its**

- A) nice smell.
- B) oval shape.
- C) smooth skin.
- D) ashy colour.

**15. The potatoes were found to taste better when**

- A) mashed.
- B) baked.
- C) boiled.
- D) fried.

## **PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION**

**Directions:** Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B or C, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

### **Dating and Relating**

It’s like looking in a mirror! It turns out we all have a little something in common with Narcissus—the mythical fellow who fell in love with his own reflection. Scientists recently concluded that our brains favour people with familiar faces. The research team asked over 200 participants to view a number of digitally altered human faces. They found that subjects preferred the features they found the most familiar. This may explain that common phenomenon of couples looking like they could be siblings.

Another new study says that when a woman walks into a room, she is considered more attractive if she turns her eyes directly toward a certain man. Men would rate the same woman as less desirable if she doesn't make strong eye contact. The researchers went on to suggest that our impressions are largely formed by nonverbal communications such as eye contact.

Still another recent study reveals that regardless of what people say they are looking for in a dating situation, they don't need a lot of time with or information about a person to tell if they're interested. Single people's behavior suggests that individuals know the person who appeals to them when they see her or him - almost instantly. It was found that men and women assessed potential compatibility within moments of meeting, using primarily visual aspects such as age, height, and attractiveness. Somewhat surprisingly, factors that you might think would be really important to people - like religion, education, and income - turned out to play very little roles in their choices.

Love makes us crazy. It stimulates the production of a stress hormone, leading to slightly higher blood pressure and possible loss of sleep. All in all, love kind of leaves you obsessive, stressed, and blind.

If we take apes, rosy cheeks are crucial in the dating game, says a new study, which has found that primates prefer mates with red faces. A rosy glow might also act similarly in humans, sending a message of good health. Perhaps that's why women use blusher.

**16. Many couples look alike.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**17. Verbal communication is the only important type of contact for humans.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**18. According to a study single people need more time than expected to decide if someone appeals to them.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**19. Being in love can bring about sleeplessness.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**20. Rosy cheeks are sometimes regarded as a sign of good health by both humans and animals.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

The Chumash people inhabited an area of southwestern California that included large portions of present-day Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties as well as the Channel islands. They took advantage of the rich resources of their homeland. They made great use of stone for milling and for making tools and weapons. Their large domed huts were framed by willow poles covered with mats made from twined bulrushes harvested from the marshlands. Plant fiber was also used to weave baskets with beautiful, intricate patterns that are regarded as being among the finest in the world. From the trees, they used wood to make bowls, bows, and several types of canoes, the largest and most durable of which could hold up to twelve people and ply the open ocean.

Although the Chumash were accomplished fishers and hunted a variety of animals, including elk, antelope, deer, rabbits, and squirrels, at least three-fourths of their diet consisted of

plant foods, including flowers, leaves, seeds, roots, and bulbs. Their most important food source was the acorn, from which they made flour. Plants were also used to make medicines.

The Chumash lived in villages that were connected by social, political, and economic ties. A typical village consisted of several domed houses, each with one or more granaries, a ceremonial dance ground, a field for game playing and a burial ground. The Chumash were avid traders with other western tribes, who bartered for Chumash hides, grains, fruit, beads, headdresses, nets, baskets, leather, tools, utensils, and canoes. The Chumash even had a currency represented by a string of small white shell beads.

**21. Obviously the Chumash were**

- A) quite a primitive tribe.
- B) not very artistic by nature.
- C) an industrious, inventive people.
- D) not a seafaring people.

**22. The text suggests that the Chumash**

- A) failed to make the most of their natural resources.
- B) were highly developed people.
- C) were one of the numerous local tribes in the area.
- D) lived very primitively.

**23. The Chumash homes were**

- A) domed.
- B) on poles.
- C) small.
- D) of stone.

**24. The Chumash were known as**

- A) canoeists and animal breeders.
- B) wood-carvers and medicine men.
- C) marsh harvesters and plant growers.
- D) basket weavers and fishers.

**25. According to the passage, the greater part of the Chumash diet consisted of**

- A) raw acorns.
- B) fish.
- C) plant foods.
- D) deer and rabbits

**Directions:** Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

### THE MOST POPULAR BOOK

Due to the success of *The Hobbit*, the publishers Allen and Unwin encouraged J.R.R. Tolkien to write a sequel. Thus over a period of many years, J.R.R. Tolkien began writing *The Lord of the Rings*. This soon became quite different from *The Hobbit*, both in scope and dimension. It

actually became an epic of unprecedented depth. No longer was Tolkien writing a simplistic adventure story; in *The Lord of the Rings*, the triumph of good over evil is far from unquestionable and even in the mission's success there is no obvious happy ending. There is a feeling of permanent change; nothing can remain as it is. As well as having a fascinating story line, the book deals with many issues of how people respond to certain choices and the influence of power and ego. It can be read in many ways, but it does offer an underlying moral and spiritual dimension.

Due to the sheer scope and length of the book, the publishers Allen and Unwin, were wary of publication. They worried about whether it would be a commercial success. Eventually they decided to publish the book, but split it up into 6 sections; they also offered no payment to J.R.R. Tolkien, until the book yielded some profit. The first edition was published in 1954, and soon attracted many readers' attention. However, it was not until 1965, when the book was published in America, that it really took off, becoming an international bestseller. Somehow Tolkien's story managed to capture the rebellious spirit of the 60s, and it became immensely popular on American college campuses. Tolkien became a household name and *The Lord of the Rings* would soon earn its reputation as one of the most popular books of all time.

Although the book has received the most powerful popular acclaim, it has not always received the same applause from the literary world. In 1972, Oxford University conferred on Tolkien the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. This was not for his writing, but for his linguistic research. Tolkien, however, would have taken no offence at this award. For him his linguistic studies were as important as his fictional literary endeavours.

He did not particularly enjoy the fame that came from his literary success, and in 1968 he moved to Poole to gain a little more privacy. His beloved wife, Edith, died in 1971, and J.R.R. Tolkien died a couple of years later in 1973. After his death his creations gained increased popularity. His son, Christopher Tolkien, carefully went through all his manuscripts, and published posthumously several histories of middle earth, encompassing various early drafts of stories and histories.

**26. What makes *The Lord of the Rings* different from *The Hobbit* is its**

- A) marvellous story line.
- B) simplicity.
- C) concern with adventure.
- D) broad scope and deep message.

**27. In context the word "wary" in Paragraph 2 most probably means**

- A) cautious.
- B) certain.
- C) terrified.
- D) unfriendly.

**28. The publishers of *The Lord of the Rings***

- A) expected to make a substantial profit on the book.
- B) did not promise to pay Tolkien immediately.
- C) found the book totally uninteresting.
- D) were ready to publish only 6 sections of the book.

**29. *The Lord of the Rings* achieved success in America because**

- A) Tolkien's name reached a great number of households.
- B) the American media made it an international bestseller.
- C) it became popular among American students and professors.
- D) it had already become immensely popular in Britain.

**30. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?**

- A) Tolkien's book was warmly received by literary critics.
- B) Tolkien was awarded an honorary degree for his work as a scholar.
- C) Tolkien did not mind being regarded as a serious linguist.
- D) Tolkien was not quite happy about his popularity.

**PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH**

**Section One: Cloze Test**

**Directions:** Read the text and the sentences below. For each numbered gap choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes each space, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

One of the inconveniences of real life is that it (31) \_\_\_\_\_ gives you a complete story. Some incident has (32) \_\_\_\_\_ your interest and you (33) \_\_\_\_\_ what on earth will happen (34) \_\_\_\_\_. Well, generally nothing happens. The inevitable catastrophe you foresaw wasn't inevitable at all. Growing old has many disadvantages, but it has this compensation (let us (35) \_\_\_\_\_), that (36) \_\_\_\_\_ it gives you the opportunity of seeing what was the outcome of certain events you had witnessed long before. You had (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the hope of ever knowing what was the end of the story, and then, when you last (38) \_\_\_\_\_ it, it is handed to you on a platter.

These reflections (39) \_\_\_\_\_ to me when, having (40) \_\_\_\_\_ the Marquesa de San Esteban to her car, I went back into the hotel and sat down again in the lounge.

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|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 31. A) seldom    | B) rare       | C) sparse    | D) scarce            |
| 32. A) urged     | B) stirred    | C) grown     | D) risen             |
| 33. A) wander    | B) question   | C) marvel    | D) wonder            |
| 34. A) next      | B) following  | C) the next  | D) subsequent        |
| 35. A) admit     | B) accept     | C) approve   | D) acknowledge       |
| 36. A) sometimes | B) some time  | C) sometime  | D) some of the times |
| 37. A) given off | B) given in   | C) given up  | D) given out         |
| 38. A) assumed   | B) waited     | C) predicted | D) expected          |
| 39. A) occurred  | B) struck     | C) stroke    | D) dawned            |
| 40. A) sent      | B) dispatched | C) delivered | D) escorted          |

41. David was in a coma for days, but now he's fully \_\_\_\_\_ again.  
A) conscious                      B) conscientious                      C) concise                      D) conscience

42. These shoes are very \_\_\_\_\_ for hiking.  
A) convenient                      B) fitting                      C) comfortable                      D) pragmatic

43. There is \_\_\_\_\_ support for the government's policies.  
A) exhausting                      B) extended                      C) capacious                      D) broad

44. She drove \_\_\_\_\_ to Lagos, without stopping in Nairobi.  
A) straight                      B) direct                      C) right                      D) just

45. She seems to \_\_\_\_\_ too much pride in her daughter.  
A) take                      B) make                      C) give                      D) set

## Section Two: Sentence Completion

**Directions:** Read the sentences and for each numbered gap, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes its meaning, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

46. You have heard that Sheila got married last month, \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A) did she                      B) didn't she                      C) had you                      D) haven't you
47. Your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ very beautiful when she was young.  
A) must be                      B) should be                      C) must have been                      D) should have been
48. She \_\_\_\_\_ gave me an autograph but invited me to sit at her table.  
A) not only                      B) both                      C) in addition                      D) as well
49. Sarah is \_\_\_\_\_ that even the dog can't take his eyes off her.  
A) such a beautiful                      B) such beautiful                      C) so beautiful                      D) as beautiful
50. My best friend, \_\_\_\_\_ on the excursion, will certainly fall in love with you.  
A) that I will bring                      C) which I will bring  
B) whom I will bring                      D) I will bring

## Section Three: Sentence Transformations

**Directions:** On your sheet for open-ended answers complete the second sentence so that it is as close as possible in meaning to the first one.

51. **My uncle went to the USA many years ago but came back home when he retired.**  
My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ for many years but came back home when he retired.
52. **Young people prefer living in the city centre to living on the outskirts.**  
Young people would rather \_\_\_\_\_.
53. **Ann made a lot of mistakes because she didn't concentrate hard enough.**  
If Ann \_\_\_\_\_.
54. **The Marlows came to live here two years ago.**  
The Marlows \_\_\_\_\_ for two years.
55. **You should always look up phrasal verbs in a dictionary.**  
Phrasal verbs \_\_\_\_\_.
56. **I won't tell my parents about the accident. I won't tell my wife, either.**  
I will \_\_\_\_\_.
57. **Though it was freezing cold, she had to walk the dog.**  
In spite \_\_\_\_\_.

**58. You will never again see a ceremony as impressive as this.**

This \_\_\_\_\_.

**59. “Last Wednesday I was having lunch with a friend of mine when the gunman burst into the restaurant,” the man told the policeman.**

The man told the policeman that \_\_\_\_\_.

**60. I’m sure that there isn’t anything wrong with the computer.**

There \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **PART FOUR WRITING**

**Directions:** *On your sheet for open-ended answers write a composition of about 140-170 words on ONE of the following topics:*

1. When did you last surprise anyone? Who was he/she/were they? What was the surprise? On what occasion? How did he/she/they react?
2. Describe the place in your neighbourhood which most needs change. What is the place? How does it look like? How important is it for the local people? What change does it need? How could that change be made? How would it affect people’s lives?