

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА
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PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Directions: *You will hear a text about **Harrison Ford** 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 **4 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.*

1. Young Harrison Ford

- A) took up a drama class at college to develop his acting talent.
- B) went to Los Angeles, California to become a movie actor.
- C) did not become immediately successful at the start of his career.
- D) started a radio voice-over job for a hundred and fifty dollars a week.

2. Harrison Ford taught himself carpentry in order to

- A) pay his way through college.
- B) prepare for a movie role.
- C) gain some self-confidence.
- D) support his family.

3. Which of the following events in Harrison Ford's life is NOT related to carpentry at all?

- A) He signed a job contract with Columbia Pictures.
- B) He worked as a stage-hand for the rock band *The Doors*.
- C) He got to know film-director George Lucas in person.
- D) Francis Ford Coppola cast him in two of his movies.

4. Harrison Ford got the role of Han Solo in *Star Wars* because

- A) George Lucas wanted to repay him for his carpentry work on the set.
- B) the actor who was originally cast in it didn't play it convincingly.
- C) he happened to be available when a quick replacement was needed.
- D) the role of Han Solo involved some carpentry skills and knowledge.

5. The *Indiana Jones* film series

- A) began to be shot in the early 1970s.
- B) was co-directed by two film directors.
- C) was always meant with Ford in the lead role.
- D) starred Tom Selleck as the title character.

Directions: *You will hear a text about **poker** 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 **4 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.*

6. Poker is a card game

- A) that is always played by two persons.
- B) that requires no special skill.
- C) in which you win or lose cash.
- D) that originated in America in the 1800s.

7. A 'showdown' is an expression

- A) first used to refer to cowboy gunfights.
- B) no longer only related to the poker table.
- C) synonymous with any presidential political election.
- D) only employed by tabloid newspaper journalists.

8. Which of the following is NOT an example of "sweetening the pot"?

- A) Adding sugar to your pot of hot tea before you drink it.
- B) Raising the poker bets in the hope that you'll win it all.
- C) Making an offer more attractive by giving some bonuses.
- D) Adding something free to an item for sale to promote it.

9. Blue chips are

- A) the ones with the least value in a game of poker.
- B) used instead of money at the New York Stock exchange.
- C) companies or shares that make profit and are safe to invest in.
- D) the lucky investors at the New York Stock exchange.

10. The expression "to cash in one's chips"

- A) is often used at the beginning of a poker game.
- B) means to buy something with the money you have won.
- C) refers to the end of a person's life.
- D) None of the above.

Directions: *You will hear a text about the Statue of Liberty 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 3 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.*

11. The Statue of Liberty was designed and constructed by the same person.

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

12. Construction work on the Statue of Liberty began in France around the mid-1870s.

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

13. The Statue was transported from France to the US on board of a single ship.

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

14. A site for the Statue was chosen as soon as it arrived in America.

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

15. With its height of 151 feet, the Statue of Liberty is the tallest construction on the New York horizon.

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

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 your answers on your answer sheet.

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Over the years, the famed author of the Harry Potter series, J. K. Rowling, often spoke of writing a crime novel for a change. In a TV interview with Stephen Fry in 2005, she also claimed that she would much prefer to write any subsequent books under a pseudonym, but she published her first adult book, *The Casual Vacancy*, under her own name in 2012.

In April 2013, Little Brown published *The Cuckoo's Calling*, presenting it as the debut novel of author Robert Galbraith. The publisher described the author of the crime novel as "a former Royal Military Police investigator who had left in 2003 to work in the civilian security industry". The novel, a detective story about the suicide of a supermodel, sold 1500 copies in hardback and was praised by both other crime writers and literary critics.

Rowling's concealed identity as the author of *Cuckoo* was revealed on Twitter in July last year, after a partner at her solicitors' told his wife's best friend of her identity. Rowling sued the people who leaked the information, won her case, and donated the money she was awarded as damages to charity.

The Cuckoo's Calling shot straight to the top of the bestseller lists after Rowling's identity as its author became known. Rowling said: "It has been wonderful to publish without hype or expectation, and pure pleasure to get feedback under a different name", and confirmed on her website that she "intends to keep writing the crime series" and will do so under the pseudonym. Rowling also explained that she took the name from one of her personal heroes, Robert Kennedy, and a childhood fantasy name she had invented for herself, Ella Galbraith. Soon after the revelation, there has been some speculation that the entire affair with the pen-name could have been a publicity stunt.

The Cuckoo's Calling centres on a supermodel's death – a tragedy which has been ruled a suicide by the police, a decision her brother refuses to accept. He calls on the help of Cormoran Strike, a private investigator who has lost his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, who, on taking on the case, is plunged into the world of the super-rich.

On the 17th February 2014, Rowling announced that the second Cormoran Strike novel, named *The Silkworm*, would be released in June 2014. It sees Strike and his "determined young assistant" Robin Ellacott investigating the disappearance of a writer hated by many of his old friends for insulting them in his latest novel.

16. *The Casual Vacancy*

- A) was published in 2005.
- B) was Rowling's first book for adults.
- C) was published under a pen-name.
- D) introduced the character of the private detective.

17. Robert Galbraith is

- A) the nick-name of the supermodel who gets killed in *The Cuckoo's Calling*.
- B) the leading male character in Rowling's new crime series.
- C) a real person who's a former Royal Military Police investigator.
- D) Rowling's fancy combination of two other names.

18. *The Cuckoo's Calling*

- A) is the first novel Rowling wrote under a pseudonym.
- B) initially received poor reviews from the critics.
- C) became a bestseller immediately after it was published.
- D) is about an ex-police officer working in the civilian security industry.

19. Rowling's concealed identity as the author of *The Cuckoo's Calling*

- A) was revealed by the author herself during an interview.
- B) was accidentally leaked on Twitter by her publisher.
- C) allowed her to get some objective feedback on her novel.
- D) was part of marketing her novel, for which she was punished in court.

20. *The Silkworm*

- A) hit the bookshop shelves in February 2014.
- B) features Cormoran Strike investigating a new case.
- C) is expected to appear under Rowling's own name.
- D) is about Ella Galbraith, a determined young writer.

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

Jorge's passion on Instagram is sharing photos of the sky. He started using the *hashtag* #sky on his pictures, and while browsing through others on the hashtag one day, he came across a stunning photo taken by Corinth. He clicked over to her profile and was intrigued by her unique name and beautiful photos, so he decided to send her a message. Because of their age and geographical differences, he just intended to strike up a friendship. But Corinth's first thought was, "Wow, what a cute guy!"

They soon began talking every day. After months of this routine, they both realized they were falling in love. One day, Corinth said "I love you," and Jorge quickly responded the same. After they officially started dating in March, they started their own hashtag #chasingmiamor to document their relationship. Six months later, they met in person for the first time.

They're still going strong a year later, even though they've only spent a total of 25 days together in person. "We don't always see each other because we are 3,590 miles from each other, so during those days we were actually together, we made lots of memories by capturing them through photos and videos," said Corinth. "And we'll always be sharing our stories on Instagram, the app that brought us together."

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After joining Instagram in 2011, Robin began browsing around to find interesting people to follow. One of Matt's cycling photos caught her eye, and she left a comment. He then commented on one of her photos of the snow, mentioning how much he missed the snowy Christmas weather he'd grown up with in Wisconsin before moving to California. After some more exchanges, he asked her to email him. She sent him a one-line note: "What's up?" He responded with an eight-paragraph email all about himself, his childhood, and his trouble adjusting to life in California.

After a year of being email pen pals, Matt gave Robin his number. They immediately hit it off; one of their Skype chats lasted over 13 hours! A few months later, they met in person for the first time.

"I couldn't even make eye contact with him. I'm not exaggerating," Robin said. Luckily, she got over her nerves, and a year later, the couple was married.

21. When Jorge first saw Corinth's photo on Instagram, he

- A) fell in love with her good looks.
- B) wanted to know more about her.
- C) was envious of her mastery.
- D) decided to download all her photos.

22. Jorge and Corinth fell in love

- A) instantly.
- B) after a few weeks.
- C) when they met face to face.
- D) gradually.

23. After striking a love relationship, Jorge and Corinth

- A) created a new dating website.
- B) continued to develop their relationship with their own hashtag.
- C) posted on Instagram about their relationship.
- D) created a video documenting their first meeting.

24. When Matt contacted Robin for the first time, he

- A) asked her to email him.
- B) sent her a long email.
- C) made a comment on a photo of hers.
- D) complained about his life at length.

25. The two couples are similar in as much as they both

- A) shared common interests .
- B) first emailed one another before meeting face to face.
- C) had long chats on Skype.
- D) eventually married.

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 your answers on your answer sheet.

Japanese man steals \$185,000 so that he can feed his cats gourmet meals

An unemployed 48-year-old man from Osaka was arrested in September last year for stealing cash and valuables worth 19 million yen (about \$185,000) from 32 different homes. His motive? To be able to afford premium cat food for his feline friends – more than 120, mostly stray cats but also about 20 of his own, living in a nearby warehouse.

“It’s like the story of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*, only you have to replace Jean Valjean’s sister’s starving children with street cats and a loaf of bread with precious stones,” a Japanese police officer told the press.

Unemployed Demizu gave his 120 feline friends fresh fish and chicken, not cheap canned food. “He said he felt happiest when he rubbed his cheek against the cats,” the officer added. It cost \$250 a day to keep this kitty buffet open and running. So after he lost his job in 2011 and his own savings came to an end, Demizu had to embrace a life of crime in order to provide for the cats. He broke into houses in his neighborhood during the daytime when families were most likely to be at work or school. He entered through unlocked windows or by finding hidden keys outside of the homes. When he was caught by the police, Demizu pled guilty as charged, so that he could ask for mercy for his feline friends.

26. Demizu had been unemployed for only a year when he got arrested.

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

27. He did not steal the money and the jewels for himself.

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

28. He never broke into the houses of people he knew closely and was friends with.

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

29. Demizu committed the burglaries to help feed his sister’s children.

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

30. Not all of the cats at Demizu’s kitty buffet were homeless.

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

PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

Section One: Cloze

Directions: Read the text below and for each numbered gap choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best suits the gap, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

Speaking two languages rather than just one has obvious practical (31) in an increasingly globalized world. But in recent years, scientists have begun to show that the advantages of bilingualism are even more fundamental than being able to converse with a wider range of people. Being bilingual, it (32) , makes you smarter. It can have a(n)

(33) effect on your brain, improving cognitive skills not related to language and even preventing dementia in old age.

This (34) of bilingualism is remarkably different from the understanding of bilingualism through much of the 20th century. Researchers, educators and policy (35) long considered a second language to be an interference, an unfavourable effect, cognitively speaking, that (36) a child's academic and intellectual development.

They were not wrong about the interference: there is (37) evidence that in a bilingual's brain both language systems are active (38) when the person is using only one language, thus creating situations in which one system obstructs the other. But this interference, researchers are finding out, isn't so much a handicap as a blessing in (39) It forces the brain to (40) internal conflict, giving the mind a workout that strengthens its cognitive muscles.

Bilinguals, for instance, seem to be more (41) than monolinguals at solving certain kinds of mental puzzles. The collected evidence from a number of such studies suggests that the bilingual experience improves the brain's so-called executive function — a command system that directs the attention processes that we use for planning, solving problems and performing various other mentally demanding tasks. The key difference between bilinguals and monolinguals may be more basic: a heightened ability to monitor the environment.

31.	A) assets	B) earnings	C) benefits	D) interests
32.	A) turns out	B) turns up	C) comes up	D) comes out
33.	A) complete	B) thorough	C) influential	D) profound
34.	A) view	B) sight	C) look	D) site
35.	A) doers	B) makers	C) producers	D) introducers
36.	A) hindered	B) intervened	C) broke	D) invaded
37.	A) spacious	B) wide	C) broad	D) ample
38.	A) right	B) even	C) just	D) and
39.	A) secret	B) concealment	C) disguise	D) hiding
40.	A) resolve	B) conclude	C) determine	D) decide
41.	A) learned	B) capable	C) able	D) adept

42. through an experiment with bacteria, Alexander Fleming went on vacation, which led to the discovery of penicillin.

- A) Half B) In the middle C) Half-way D) On the way

43. Medical practices and health beliefs are often quite diverse in different cultures, and miscommunication from various practices could have a range of consequences for the patient.

- A) rousing B) arising C) arousing D) rising

44. The first generation of computer games were often text adventure or fiction, in which the player communicated with the computer by entering commands through a keyboard.

- A) exchanging B) interchangeable C) joint D) interactive

45. From time to time publishing houses decide to long-forgotten authors and reprint one or two of their more commercially successful novels.

- A) evoke B) revive C) enliven D) Recover

Section Two: Sentence Completion

Directions: For each of the sentences below, choose the letter A, B, C or D of the word or phrase that best completes its meaning, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

46. The latest accusation against the mayor _____ to have been unfair.

- A) believes B) has believed C) is believed D) are believed

47. I asked _____ the door behind her but she slammed it instead.

- A) her closing B) that she should close C) if she closed D) her to close

48. Mark is _____ intelligent than his sister.

- A) not as B) much less C) much fewer D) not so

49. There are trees and buildings _____ of the street.

- A) on either sides B) on either side C) on either the sides D) on either the side

50. Only when my wife Madge went out of the room did I realize she _____ her wedding ring on the coffee-table.

- A) left B) was left C) had left D) has left

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. I am still copying the grammar exercises in my notebook.

I _____ yet.

52. Seldom does my little brother walk our dog in the local park.

My little brother _____ in the local park.

53. Sally prefers drinking pots of herbal tea with honey to taking antibiotics for her throat.

Sally would _____ antibiotics for her throat.

54. A new purple cardigan is being knitted for Laura.

Laura _____.

55. It would be wise for the young couple to save up.

The young couple had _____.

56. Although father was exhausted, he found time to listen to my ridiculous story.

Despite _____, father found time to listen to my ridiculous story.

57. As they went further in the country, the road became more and more rough.

The _____, the _____.

58. What a pity I didn't lay the table earlier.

I wish _____ earlier.

59. My sister hasn't had a proper relationship for a long time.

It's about time _____ a proper relationship.

60. No sooner had Jane entered the building than a downpour began.

Jane _____ just _____ a downpour began.

PART FOUR: WRITING

Directions: *On your sheet for open-ended answers write a composition in standard English of about 160-170 words on **ONE** of the following topics, marking the topic you have chosen on the sheet:*

1. You are invisible. Where would you go and what would you do? Why? How does it feel to be invisible?
2. Which is the greatest achievement or failure of modern civilization? Why?

Mind that if you submit two texts as well as in case of indecent language, plagiarism, identical texts or if your composition is under 80 words or totally irrelevant to the chosen topic it will get 0 points.