

Placement Exam
(Examples of Questions from Past Exams)

Grammar and Vocabulary Part Example

Choose the correct answer.

1. My mom always tells me that _____ I study, _____ successful I will be in the future.
 - a. most / most
 - b. most / the most
 - c. more / more
 - d. the more / the more

2. Martina: What did the doctor say about your stomach pains?
Pam: He asked me what I _____ for the last two days.
 - a. eat
 - b. had eaten
 - c. was eating
 - d. would eat

3. Alice: Did your town have a good market?
Katie: Yes, when I was young we _____ there every Saturday looking for bargains.
 - a. had gone
 - b. would go
 - c. were going
 - d. had been going

4. Liam: So, your Dad's got a new laptop!
Carl: Yes, I bought it for him last year – until then he _____ a typewriter!
 - a. will have been using
 - b. has used
 - c. has been using
 - d. had been using

5. Son: Are you OK, Mum? You don't seem very relaxed.
Mother: I just wish I _____ an aisle seat so that I could get up and walk around more easily.
 - a. had chosen
 - b. have chosen
 - c. would choose
 - d. should choose

6. Chris: I really missed our cousins.
Alison: Me too! This time tomorrow, they _____ on a Greek beach while we're revising for our history test.
 - a. sunbathe
 - b. will sunbathe
 - c. will be sunbathing
 - d. will have sunbathed

7. Student: Is it true that it took Bell and Watson ages to invent the telephone?

Teacher: Yes. When they finally succeeded, they _____ on it for about 30 years.

- a. must work
- b. had been working
- c. have worked
- d. would be working

8. Mark promised that he _____ the matter secret until the agreement _____.

- a. kept / is being made
- b. has kept / will be made
- c. will keep / made
- d. would keep / was made

9. Vincent: Did you see the weather forecast? It is going to be extremely hot this weekend.

Pauline: I know, I can't believe it! It _____ since Monday.

- a. rains
- b. has been raining
- c. Is raining
- d. was raining

10. The teacher wanted to know why _____ his homework last night.

- a. hadn't Tom done
- b. Tom hadn't done
- c. Tom hasn't done
- d. Tom isn't doing

11. If only I _____ a foreign language. I didn't have the choice at school.

- a. can speak
- b. could speak
- c. speak
- d. would speak

12. Laura didn't _____, and finally solved the puzzle.

- a. take off
- b. find out
- c. give up
- d. look for

13. To _____ pollution, many cities have introduced bike-sharing programs.

- a. decrease
- b. employ
- c. barter
- d. approve

14. Officials from several countries have described the discussions, investigated the documents and Iran appears to be _____ an agreement consequently.

- a. consenting to
- b. insisting on
- c. adhering to
- d. complaining about

15. Some grandparents keep their distance from their children because they don't want to _____ in how their grandchildren are brought up.

- a. execute
- b. interfere
- c. resolve
- d. deliver

Reading Part Example

Example I.

Read the text and choose the best answer.

THE FRESHMAN FIFTEEN

You probably don't know the words *freshman fifteen*, but they are very important for the university students. A freshman is a first-year university student. And the fifteen means the fifteen kilograms of weight many American students will gain in their first year at university. There are a few reasons why first-year university students often get fatter. The most popular reason is that many university students just don't eat right. But it's really easy for students not to get fatter.

Making The Wrong Choices

University kitchens serve many kinds of food. New students often get fatter because they choose to eat a lot of unhealthy food, especially when their parents don't advise them about meals. Some students may also buy junk food to eat when they study. A normal university student often sleeps late, so he or she eats a lot of fast food and drinks a lot of soda because these things are easy to find at night. University students often have less time for walking, running, and doing sports because they are busy with their schoolwork or other school activities.

How To Stay Healthy

But if you're careful, you don't get fatter. Here are some ideas for staying healthy at university. You should eat only when you are hungry, not when you're bored and fill half of your plate with vegetables. You shouldn't eat desserts; have some fruit after dinner. Don't eat when you study or keep healthy foods like carrots near you. You should always eat at the dinner table and never in front of the TV or the computer. Choose water, not sugary drinks. Try to get out of your room regularly for some fresh air and exercise.

Remember that the freshman fifteen is very common. Make a plan with your friends to eat healthy food together. Walking, running, and playing sports is always more fun with friends, too. Help each other eat right and stay fit, and you can have a happy and healthy freshman year.

1. The freshman fifteen means_____.

- a) weight that high school students gain
- b) fifteen kilograms of food first-year students eat
- c) weight that first year university students gain

2. The goal of this passage is _____.

- a) preparing students for getting fatter at university
- b) selling healthy food to new students at university
- c) helping first-year university students to stay healthy

3. Which of these ideas about eating healthy is not in the text?

- a) eating more vegetables
- b) choosing fruit for dessert
- c) eating less red meat

4. What advice does the text give about sports?

- a) Students should do sports with their friends
- b) Students should study before doing sports
- c) Students should exercise less, study more

5. Which of these answers does the writer agree with?

- a) Some students can eat everything they want
- b) Staying healthy is easier with friends' help
- c) It is impossible not to gain fifteen pounds.

Example II.

Read the text and choose the best answer.

The Amazing Race

The Amazing Race (TAR) is a popular reality TV show. Elise Doganieri and Bertram van Munster created the original American series in 2001 and then they won many awards. In the show, teams travel around the world to different places. They try to get there first, or at least not come last and they also try to win prizes on their journey.

Every year, 10 teams play on the show. There are four people on each team and they know each other before they come to the game. For example, they can be husband and wife, parents and children, friends, etc. They travel to different countries and work together on the journey. The teams get some money at the beginning of the race and they use it to buy food, tickets, etc. They can use planes, trains, bikes or even skis to travel.

The teams explore places they never visit before and have games or "challenges". These challenges have some connection to the country they are in and these activities are like riding a camel, solving puzzles or eating a lot of food, for example. The teams often face extreme weather conditions during their journey. Many times, they are outside in the rain or snow or in storms and get cold and wet, but it's all part of the experience. Each week, one team leaves the show, and in the end, there are

only four teams. The first team that gets to the last city on the journey wins the game. TAR is a very hard game and the teams become really stressed, but it's an amazing experience.

1.What do teams in TAR do?

- a) They do different sports.
- b) They give awards and prizes.
- c) **They travel to different places.**

2.How many players are there on the show?

- a) 12 players
- b) 24 players
- c) **40 players**

3.Which of the following difficulties does the writer mention?

- a) wild animals
- b) **bad weather**
- c) strange food

4. What does the writer think of TAR?

- a) **It isn't easy but it's a wonderful adventure.**
- b) It can be the best option for stressed people.
- c) It's very dangerous but it can make you rich.

Listening Part Example

Listen to Rob and Jenny talking about London. Choose the correct answer.

- 1. The **Millennium** / London Bridge is only for people
- 2. It was the first new bridge over the Thames in **100**/200 years.
- 3. Jenny doesn't like the *theatre*/**Shakespeare**.
- 4. Jenny *can*/**can't** meet Daniel for lunch.
- 5. There is a great *gift shop* / **restaurant** on the top floor of the Tate Modern.
- 6. The Tate Modern was a power / train station until **1981**/1881.