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REQUISITE B2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST 01/19

Marking system: Grammar Multiple Choice: 20 marks; Reading: 10 marks (45 minutes)
Writing: 30 marks (45 minutes)
Speaking: 40 marks

PASS MARK: 50 marks

Version A

FILL IN YOUR DETAILS BELOW IN BLOCK CAPITALS

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE DOING THE EXAM

- The exam has several parts. Please note that there is no penalisation in this exam (except for Part 4: Writing).
- The answers to the **Multiple Choice** and the **Reading Comprehension** MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET. Use a **SOFT PENCIL** to complete the answer sheet.
- The writing must be written **IN PEN**.
- The answer sheet will be collected **60 MINUTES** after the exam has begun. Therefore, you should do this section before the Writing.

Part 1: Multiple Choice

Decide which word or phrase, A, B, C or D best fits each space in the sentences below. Please write your answers on the answer sheet. There is no penalization in this part of the exam.

(0,5 mark, each one)

1. The doctor _____ that I should do more exercise.
a. suggested me b. suggested c. recommended me d. told
2. If only Jack _____ a bit more interested in his studies!
a. had been b. is c. would have been d. could have been
3. If I hadn't studied hard at university, I _____ the job I have now.
a. will have b. didn't have c. wouldn't have had d. might not have
4. Jim reminded me _____ some warm clothes and food for the mountain walk.
a. to bring b. bringing c. to have brought d. bring
5. Ann said that she hadn't heard the doorbell because she _____ .
a. had on her headphones b. had her headphones on c. had headphones d. has headphones.
6. The tour bus often stopped _____ people could admire the view.
a. for b. in order to c. so as to d. so that
7. Susan is not _____ a good skier as her mother.-
a. such b. so c. really d. very
8. The hotel didn't turn _____ to be as good as we expected
a. in b. out c. off d. at
9. I wish we _____ to go to New York for our next holiday.
a. could pay for b. can spend c. can pay for d. could afford
10. My boss mentioned that we _____ to have meeting soon regarding the new product line update.
a. really are having b. really were having c. really ought d. really must

11. I couldn't _____ the toothache any longer, so I went to the dentist .
 a. stand with b. put up with c. put up d. take
12. The twins look exactly _____; hardly anyone can tell them apart.
 a. alike b. similar c. comparable d. like
13. Tom hasn't gone jogging _____ at least two months now.
 a. over b. since c. for d. during
14. I am not used to _____ a tie for work and it feels strange somehow.
 a. wearing b. wear c. putting d. put
15. The recent violence has _____ to a collapse in peace negotiations.
 a. resulted b. meant c. caused d. led
16. The hotel, _____ we stayed in when we were in London, was remarkably cheap.
 a. that b. when c. which d. where
17. I'm very happy _____ in India. I really miss being there .
 a. to have lived b. to live c. to be lived d. to be living
18. They didn't reach an agreement _____ to their differences.
 a. because of b. because c. on account of d. owing
19. It isn't worth _____ on those clothes, they're not dry yet!
 a. get b. put c. to put d. putting
20. She was working on her computer with her baby _____ .
 a. next b. next to c. near d. nearby
21. The elderly woman _____ purse I found has offered to cook me dinner.
 a. whose b. who's c. who d. to whom
22. _____ to offend anyone, she said both cakes were equally good
 a. Not wanting b. So not wanting c. She didn't want d. Because not wanting
23. The _____ for this post starts at €50,000 per year.
 a. wage b. payment c. salary d. money
24. The majority of governments tax people on the amount they _____ each year.
 a. win b. gain c. earn d. benefit

25. When the local factory closed, over hundred workers were _____ redundant.
 a. done b. taken c. given d. made
26. Who is _____ dealing with complaints?
 a. responsible b. in charge of c. responsible of d. in charge for
27. Success in this business depends a lot ___ luck!.
 a. with b. of c. at d. on
28. She became a full-time member of _____ last year.
 a. staff b. employers c. employees d. workforce
29. It's _____ policy not to allow the use of personal email during working hours.
 a. office b. business c. company d. firm
30. The _____ I'm a member of is calling for a one-day strike next week.
 a. union b. syndicate c. charity d. group
31. I'll let you borrow my notes _____ you return them after the weekend.
 a. as long b. unless c. when d. provided
32. The fire brigade are investigating _____ caused the fire.
 a. that b. what c. which d. in which
33. The president denied _____ anything wrong.
 a. to do b. having done c. to have done d. to be doing
34. I can see Alice's _____ but I don't agree with her.
 a. argument b. reason c. point d. idea
35. 'Shall I come by eleven?'- 'I'd rather _____ at twelve instead.'
 a. you come b. you will come c. you had come d. you came
36. The lecturer _____ the students' attention to the figures on the screen.
 a. paid b. got c. drew d. made
37. If an economic disaster _____ we need to budget for every possible scenario.
 a. is averted b. is to be averted c. will be averted d. can avert
38. The new law is _____ the old one.
 a. more stricter than b. so much stricter than c. much strictest than d. stricter that

39. It was _____ bad weather that we won't be going to that resort again!

- a. so b. very c. too d. such

40. After finishing her degree, Theresa went on _____ a successful business woman.

- a. to become b. becoming c. to becoming d. become

Part 2: Reading (OPTION A)

You are going to read an article about country walking. For questions 41-50, choose from the sections (A, B, C D). The sections may be chosen more than once.

*Remember to write **your answers on the answer sheet**. There is no penalization. **(10 marks)***

In which section is the following mentioned?

41. a reason for the writer not going on a country walk
42. the need to achieve something on one particular walk
43. one reason why walkers spend a lot of time looking at paths
44. not enjoying a meal whilst out on a walk
45. walking routes that become hard to follow in places
46. how interesting it might be getting to know strangers on walk
47. the fact that group walking activities are growing in popularity
48. the amount of work needed to maintain paths for walkers
49. walkers feeling a need to compete with each other
50. paths maybe having been originally made by animals

A good walk

When songwriter and singer Roddy Woomble isn't playing with his band, he loves nothing more than going on long country walks. He tells us about his hobby.

A I'm sure I'm not the only one who occasionally stops to think about the footpaths that carry us over the hills. Who made them? Who was the first to walk that way – the sheep or the shepherd? The dictionary definition of a path is 'a track laid down for walking or made by continual treading' and also 'the direction in which a person or thing moves'. Somewhere in between I think you'll find the mountain path. I am particularly fond of watercolours or photos with paths in them. I also like it when old paths suddenly vanish only to reappear a bit further on, to the frustration of many other walkers. I appreciate also all the effort that has gone into the upkeep of mountain paths, so that they are still available for recreational use.

B Walking in upland areas, you get to know the paths pretty well since a good proportion of your time is likely to be spent head down, gazing at them as you walk. This is never truer than when you're walking into wind and driving rain. That's when your boots have to pick your way over the slippery rocks and muddy puddles that constitute many mountain paths and trails in the winter. But I'm no great fan of walking on my own. Occasionally I'll do it – I'll read a few lines of Rousseau's *Reveries of a Solitary Walker* to get myself mentally prepared, then head out for a day of solitude. The problem is, halfway through I usually get the urge to share my thoughts about things I've noticed along the way. Even if you do bump into other walkers, this is not always something you want to do with strangers. Time on your own is worthwhile, of course, but I think it's better to mix it up with some company.

C On previous solitary rambles I've often reached the summit only to enviously watch a group having a mid-walk picnic, happily chattering away, snapping pictures of the view, while I sat, just out of sight, alone, brooding over a sandwich. I've forgone many days out on the hills in order to avoid this feeling. Sometimes I wonder what it's like to join a group and take to the hills with people you've only just met. It's fascinating to imagine the group dynamics on such initial outings. For example, would there be long awkward pauses in the conversation? Would you feel the need to keep a conversation going from leaving the car to returning to it, or would it become an ego thing about how many hills you've each climbed and how steep the path was?

D On the other hand, is an established walking group a collective of like-minded, interesting, articulate individuals, all enthusiastic for the outdoors? A place where conversation is free-flowing, with long gaps left for each other's thoughts, followed by a shared meal afterwards? I'm assuming it's both since walking clubs seem to be attracting more members than ever. I must think about joining one. Another ambition of mine is to climb the hill in front of me as I write this. I'm sitting at a picnic table outside the club where my band is giving a concert later and, as I eat my lunch, I have an uninterrupted view of the highest mountain in the British Isles, Ben Nevis in Scotland. As I say, I've never been up it, but I have a brilliant photo which a friend took from the summit. It's said to be a vantage point like no other. There may be technically harder mountains in the country, but there are none higher; which means lots of people feel an urge to go to the top of it.

Part 2: Reading (OPTION B)

You are going to read a novel. For questions 51-55, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Remember to write your answers on the answer sheet. (10 marks)

Trip to Scotland

The four of us, my best friend Ruth, my parents and me, were walking over a piece of damp moorland in Scotland. It was cold, in spite of the spring sunshine, and rather bleak. I have to say, I'd been quite anxious about Ruth when we set out. I wasn't sure how a New Yorker would react to all this empty scenery. Although she's lived in London for years, this was the first time she'd ever been to Scotland, which was surprising. It was also the first time she'd been on a trip with my family, which was not so surprising. My parents almost never go away.

My family runs a travel agency, so a holiday's just like work for them – or so they say. Just occasionally, though, something gets them moving. This time it was a small advert in the newspaper. My father saw it in the travel section, which normally he only reads for research purposes. It was a special offer – a long weekend in a farmhouse at a really good price. What was crucial, though, was that it ended with the magic words 'excellent bird-watching country'. Suddenly, we were in the car heading north for Scotland.

'I think I've just seen a sparrow-harrier,' said Ruth, 'but now all I'm getting is sky.'

'Binoculars can be very tricky if you're not used to them,' said my mother.

'So can bird names,' I said. 'You've just invented the sparrow-harrier. It must've been either a sparrowhawk or a hen harrier.'

line 18 My father was struggling with one foot deep in a wet patch of mud. He heaved it free; it gave out a loud squelch. 'In actual fact,' he said, 'it was a buzzard.'

I think Dad likes bird-watching the way some people like fishing. It gives him an excuse to go somewhere lonely and stare into space. To be fair, though, he can get quite animated; when he thought he'd spotted a firecrest up an oak tree, he brought the binoculars up so fast he blacked both his eyes. I remember trying not to laugh. Somehow, though, I hadn't expected Ruth to find it appealing. Here she was staring at a disappearing dot in the sky and saying, 'Okay. So can I claim to have seen a buzzard? Even though I didn't know what it was?' My father bent down and pointed to a small, boring plant, half-hidden in the grass. 'What's that?' he said.

Ruth examined it carefully. 'I have absolutely no idea,' she said.

'Neither have I,' said my father, 'but whatever it is, we've definitely both seen it.'

'I think that was a "yes" to your buzzard question,' said my mother.

We only had one more day away. Then it was back to reality for all of us. Ruth and I are both taking a 'year out' between school and college. I have to admit things weren't turning out exactly as we expected – though bits have been really good. The idea was to work and save, then travel and party. I got a job at once, as an assistant at the agency. I would like to point out, here, that this only sounds like an easy option to people who have never worked for my parents. It's been hard for Ruth to find jobs though, so she never has much money. It's a pity because, wherever you want to travel, you have to pay – unless you're my parents, of course. It was on the walk back to the farm that they began to discuss all the free holidays they'd had over the years. Which I have to say I thought was very tactless of them.

- 51 What worried the narrator about the trip before they left?
- A whether Ruth would get on with her parents
 - B whether her parents would enjoy themselves
 - C whether Ruth would appreciate the landscape
 - D whether low temperatures would spoil their fun
- 52 According to the narrator, what had attracted her father to the trip?
- A the place where he saw it advertised
 - B the relatively low cost it involved
 - C the chance to practice his hobby
 - D the opportunities for research
- 53 The word ‘squelch’ in line 18 describes
- A the noise something made.
 - B the way something looked.
 - C a way of moving something.
 - D a way of talking about something.
- 54 The narrator mentions the incident with the firecrest to show
- A how unlucky her father tended to be.
 - B how keen her father was on bird-watching.
 - C how amusing her father could be at times.
 - D how knowledgeable about birds her father was.
- 55 What does the narrator suggest about her job?
- A It isn't very well paid.
 - B It doesn't really matter.
 - C It's fun working with her parents
 - D It's much harder than people imagine

Part 3: Writing. Essay (30 marks)

Write an answer to **one** of the questions below. Please note that the information included should be relevant to the task chosen. It should also be coherently organized into paragraphs.

1

In your English class you have been talking about what people are paid for doing different jobs. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an **essay** using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Should professional sports people be paid the same as nurses?

Notes

Write about:

1. their importance in society
2. length of career
3. (your own idea)

OR

2

In your English class you have been talking about the environment. Now your English Teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an **essay** using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

All countries around the world have problems with pollution and damage to the environment. Do you think these problems can be resolved?

Notes

Write about:

1. Agriculture
2. Travel
3. (your own idea)

