

**BACHELOR STUDY PROGRAMME
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST, 2017**

1. The current Prime Minister of the United Kingdom is
 - a) Tony Blair
 - b) David Cameron
 - c) Theresa May
 - d) Gordon Brown

2. The United States of America has
 - a) 49 states
 - b) 50 states
 - c) 51 states
 - d) 52 states

3. The longest-reigning British monarch is
 - a) Henry VIII
 - b) Victoria
 - c) George III
 - d) Elizabeth II

4. Oscar Wilde is NOT the author of
 - a) Lady Windermere's Fan
 - b) Pygmalion
 - c) An Ideal Husband
 - d) The Importance of Being Earnest

5. George Orwell's *1984* is best described as
 - a) utopia
 - b) thriller
 - c) spy novel
 - d) dystopia

6. Which of the following authors is NOT associated with the Beat Generation?
 - a) Jack Kerouac
 - b) Ken Kesey
 - c) Ernest Hemingway
 - d) Allen Ginsberg

7. Which of the following words is the odd one out in terms of the pronunciation of the underlined part (in British English)?
 - a) futher
 - b) survivor
 - c) curly
 - d) fur

8. Which of these words does not include the sound /i:/ (in British English)?
 - a) bean
 - b) bear
 - c) eager
 - d) clean

9. Which of these words is the odd one out in terms of where the primary stress lies (in British English)?

- a) biology
- b) Japanese
- c) photography
- d) demonstrative

11. Which of the following words is the odd one out in terms of the pronunciation of the sound at the end (in British English)?

- a) pushes
- b) puts
- c) cries
- d) feels

12. Find the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others (in British English).

- a) comfortable
- b) today
- c) onion
- d) colour

13. Jane is going on holiday with a couple of friends of ____.

- a) hers
- b) her's
- c) she's
- d) she

14. The furniture in our cottage _____ old-fashioned.

- a) have been
- b) were
- c) is
- d) are

15. I don't know whether ____ tickets on the Internet.

- a) can you buy
- b) you could buy
- c) can be bought
- d) could you buy

16. I wish to make a ____! This radio I bought last week doesn't work properly.

- a) complaint
- b) lament
- c) claim
- d) protest

17. After I _____ all the work, I watched television.

- a) had finished
- b) had ended
- c) have ended
- d) have finished

18. I am not sure _____ the green coat _____.

- a) whose ... is

- b) who's ... is
- c) whose is ... -
- d) who's ... -

19. In order to ___ with his studies he worked through the summer.

- a) catch up
- b) take on
- c) take up
- d) catch on

20. We had to sort _____ the mess she left in our house.

- a) out
- b) of
- c) in
- d) by

21. He still loves her, _____ that she cheated on him.

- a) in spite
- b) despite the fact
- c) even though
- d) although

22. I don't think there is ___ on earth who can answer that question.

- a) no one
- b) somebody
- c) any body
- d) anyone

23. Who would like to _____ off the debate?

- a) start
- b) begin
- c) do
- d) grab

24. When her husband died, Mrs Black _____ manage on her own.

- a) could not
- b) cannot
- c) will not be able to
- d) isn't allowed to

25. Yesterday I _____ and broke my arm.

- a) felt
- b) fell
- c) feel
- d) fallen

26. So many people go through their lives _____ things they _____.

- a) to do ... enjoying
- b) doing ... do not enjoy
- c) doing ... have enjoy
- d) to have ... had enjoyed

27. They _____ the entrance fee was free.
- told to me
 - said me that
 - said me
 - told me
28. She ___ ever since she was born.
- is living in Canada
 - 's lived in Canada for
 - has lived in Canada
 - lives in Canada from
29. It would be a serious problem _____ in the office at the time of the explosion.
- the machine were
 - when the machine was
 - were the machine
 - while was the machine
30. The GP wrote me a ___ for a new type of antibiotics.
- recipe
 - receipt
 - prescription
 - prescript
31. As it was a sunny day, John suggested _____.
- they went for a swim
 - them to go swimming
 - whether to go for swimming
 - them to swim

Cloze test

For questions 32-43, read the text below and decide which of the answers **A, B, C, or D** best fits each space.

AN ITALIAN VILLAGE IN WALES

The scenery in North Wales is magnificent and so this area is very popular with tourists. Situated on a dramatic part of the rocky coastline is a village, (32) _____ in Britain, called Portmeirion. The dream of the architect Clough Williams-Ellis, its construction began in 1925 and he finally (33) _____ in finishing the (34) _____ in 1973. The result is a copy of a small, and very beautiful, Italian village.

As you wander down the (35) _____ path towards the village you can (36) _____ the sea through the trees, and there is a marvellous (37) _____ of the whole coastline from the top of the church tower. (38) _____ the houses, shops and restaurants, there is a luxury hotel, which seems, at (39) _____ tide, almost to float on the water.

Most of the houses are (40) _____ to visitors in the summer months, (41) _____ a few people do live in Portmeirion all the year round. It is possible for sightseers to visit the village for the day (42) _____ payment of a small entrance fee. Late spring and early autumn are the best times to visit, (43) _____ in the early morning when the only sound that can be heard is the splashing of the water in the fountains.

32	A single	B unique	C particular	D only
33	A succeeded	B managed	C resulted	D achieved
34	A task	B attempt	C effort	D labour
35	curling	B winding	C rolling	D waving
36	A glimpse	B glance	C look	D catch
37	A display	B view	C sight	D outlook
38	A As well	B More than	C In addition to	D Apart
39	A complete	B big	C maximum	D high
40	A charged	B paid	C let	D borrowed
41	A although	B otherwise	C even	D despite
42	A in	B over	C from	D on
43	A particularly	B exactly	C precisely	D distinctly

Reading comprehension

You are going to read a newspaper article about a triathlete. **For questions 44-50**, choose the answer **A, B, C** or **D** which you think fits best according to the text.

TEENAGER WITH A TASTE FOR ENDURANCE

WANTED:

Sports-mad training partner for triathlete, preferably female. Chance to work with potential Olympic champion. Should be extremely keen on distance running (regular 15km sessions), distance swimming (addiction to winter training in cold rivers useful) and distance cycling (love of 100km an advantage). Ability to do all three without a rest essential.

The triathlon promises to be one of the most popular Olympic sports. Recently it has drawn huge crowds fascinated (and horrified) by athletes swimming 1500m, cycling 40km, then running 10km without stopping. Great for those watching, maybe, but what makes the triathletes want to punish their bodies so much? And what makes an attractive 17-year-old, with excellent academic results, give up everything for the doubtful pleasure it offers?

Melanie Sears has not yet learnt those often-repeated phrases about personal satisfaction, mental challenge and higher targets that most athletes automatically use when asked similar questions. ‘You swim for 1500m, then run out of the water and jump on your bike, still wet. Of course, then you freeze. When the 40km cycle ride is over, you have to run 10km, which is a long way when you’re feeling exhausted. But it’s great fun, and all worth it in the end,’ she says.

Melanie entered her first triathlon at 14. ‘I won the junior section – but then I was the only junior taking part. It seemed so easy that I was waving at my team-mates as I went round.’ Full of confidence, she entered the National Championships, and although she had the second fastest swim and the fastest run, she came nowhere. ‘I was following this man and suddenly we came to the sea. We realised then that we had gone wrong. I ended up cycling 20km too far. I cried all the way through the running.’

But she did not give up and she is determined that she never will. ‘Sometimes I wish I could stop, because then the pain would be over, but I am afraid that if I let myself stop just once, I would be tempted to do it again.’ Such **doggedness** draws admiration from Steve Trew, the sport’s director of coaching. ‘I’ve just been testing her fitness,’ he says, ‘and she worked so hard on the running machine that it finally threw her off and into a wall. She had given it everything, but whereas most people step off when they realise they can’t go any further, she just kept on.’

Melanie was the top junior in this year's European Triathlon Championships, finishing 13th. 'I was almost as good as the top three in swimming and running, but much slower at cycling. That's why I'm working very hard at it.' She is trying to talk her long-suffering parents, who will carry the £1,300 cost of her trip to New Zealand for this year's World Championships, into buying a £2,000 bike ('It's a special deal, with £1,000 off') so she can try national 25 km and 100 km races later this year.

But there is another price to pay. Her punishing training sessions have made her a bit of a recluse. 'I don't have a social life,' she says, 'I'm not a party animal anyway. After two hours' hard swimming on Friday nights, I just want to go to sleep. But I phone and write to the other girls in the team.' What does she talk about? Boys? Clothes? 'No, what sort of times they are achieving.'

Where will all this single-mindedness end? Melanie has tried other events. She has had a go at the triathlon 'sprint', for example, where you only have to swim 750m, cycle 20km and run 5km. She wants to enter even tougher events than the triathlon. 'The big trouble is, I have no one of my age to train with,' she says. Funny, that.

44. What is the purpose of the advertisement in the first paragraph?

- A to encourage people to take up the triathlon
- B to explain why the triathlon is becoming more popular
- C to describe how difficult the triathlon is
- D to criticise people who do the triathlon

45. How does Melanie differ from other athletes, according to the writer?

- A Her personality is not like theirs.
- B Her aims are different from theirs.
- C She worries less than they do.
- D She expresses herself differently.

46. What upset Melanie during the National Championships?

- A She was tricked by another competitor.
- B She realised she couldn't cycle as fast as she thought.
- C She felt that she had let her team-mates down.
- D She made a mistake during a part of the race.

47. What is meant by Melanie's **doggedness**?

- A She continues despite all difficulties.
- B She feels less pain than most people.
- C She knows her own limits.
- D She likes to please her coach.

48. What is Melanie trying to persuade her parents to do?

- A let her compete in longer races
- B buy a special bike for her
- C pay for her to go to New Zealand
- D give her half the cost of the bike

49. What does Melanie say about her relationships with her team-mates?

- A She only discusses the triathlon with them.
- B She would like to see them more often.
- C She dislikes discussing boys or clothes with them.
- D She thinks they find her way of life strange.

50. What does the writer mean by the phrase 'Funny, that' at the end of the article?

- A It is strange that more young people do not take up the triathlon.
- B It is clear that Melanie enjoys training for tough events.
- C It is amusing to hear people's reactions to the triathlon.
- D It is understandable that Melanie does not have a training partner of her own age.