



Philadelphia University
Language Center
English Placement Test
Form 1

Part One: Comprehension (20 points)

Read the following texts carefully and circle the most appropriate answers.

Text A (10 points)

The earliest artists to do drawings and paintings were the cavemen. Colored drawings of animals, dating from about 30,000 to 10,000 B.C., have been found on the walls of caves in southern France and Spain. Many of these drawings are amazingly well preserved, because the caves were sealed up for many centuries. Early man drew the wild animals that he saw all around him.

The cave artists filled the cave walls with drawings in rich, bright colors. Some of the most beautiful paintings are in the Cave of Lascaux in France. The pigments used by cave painters were earth ochers (iron oxides varying in color from light yellow to deep orange) and manganese (a metallic element).

These were crushed into a fine powder, mixed with grease (perhaps animal fat), and put on with some sort of brush. Sometimes the pigments were used in sticks, like crayons. The grease mixed with the powdered pigments made the paint fluid and pigments' particles stick together. The cavemen must have made brushes out of animal hairs or plants.

One of the first civilizations was developed in Egypt, about 5,000 years ago. The Egyptians developed their own techniques of painting. In one method watercolor paint was put on mud-plaster or limestone walls. The dry climate of the region has developed preserve some of the watercolor paintings from being destroyed.

1. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
 - a. The Caveman's Life
 - b. What Is the First Civilization in the World?
 - c. The Basic Tools for Paintings
 - d. When Was the first Painting Made?
2. Many of the animals' drawings were kept safely, since the caves were _____ for many centuries.
 - a. opened
 - b. protected
 - c. closed
 - d. stolen

3. The caveman had used _____ to make brushes.
 - a. rocks
 - b. stones
 - c. plants
 - d. wood

4. The drawings of the caveman were about _____.
 - a. portraits
 - b. imaginations
 - c. polar bears
 - d. wild animals

5. One of the following has helped to maintain watercolor paintings in Egypt
 - a. using grease
 - b. mixing specific powder
 - c. the dry climate
 - d. the windy seasons

Text B (10 points)

All living members of the dog family are descended from a wolf like creature called “Tomarctus”. This ancient canine, called “the father of dogs,” roamed the earth’s forests about 15,000,000 years ago.

Tomarctus itself was descended from a small, weasel-like creature called “Miacis”; it lived some 40,000,000 years ago. This creature was also the distant ancestor of the bears and raccoons. They are the dog’s closest living relatives today.

While man admires and lives with the domestic dog, he usually hates and fears such animals as wolves, coyotes, jackals, and foxes. But these are called “wild dogs.” Domestic dogs are brothers under the skin to wolves, coyotes, and jackals-the typical wild dogs. All belong to the foremost branch of the dog family, the genus *anis*. At some time long ago early man tamed a few wild dogs. These dogs may have been wolf cubs. Or they may have been jackals or some other member of the wild dog family. Man found that these animals could be useful.

As man became more civilized he found that the dog was a good friend and a helpful guard for his home and cattle. In time, different breeds of dogs were developed for special purposes. Dogs with long noses were bred to scent game. Keen-sighted, fast dogs were bred to chase animals. Strong, heavy dogs pulled carts. Others dogs were bred for guard work.

1. _____ is the origin of the dog.
 - a. Bears
 - b. Miacis
 - c. Jackals
 - d. Tomarctus

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2. _____ can be used to pull carts.
- Dogs with long noses
 - Fast dogs
 - Strong dogs
 - Keen-sighted dos
3. After the early man had tamed a few wild dogs, he found that the dog could be _____
- aggressive
 - fruitless
 - beneficial
 - weird
4. The underlined word 'tamed' means
- Killed
 - Protected
 - Domesticated
 - Fed
5. What does the underlined pronoun "they" refer to?
- Dogs
 - Bears and raccoons
 - Men
 - Foxes

Part Two: Structure (40 points)

Circle the most appropriate answer

1. Omar is a very hard working student. He always _____ his homework without hesitation.
- has
 - does
 - is
 - do
2. I don't fix the computer myself. I always have it _____ by my brother.
- fix
 - fixing
 - fixed
 - fixes
3. Eman's son is very intelligent; _____ scores are very high.
- her
 - he
 - his
 - their

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4. **Jordanians _____ well-known for their hospitality.**
a. have
b. do
c. are
d. will
5. **Is there _____ juice to drink? No, I don't think so.**
a. any
b. a few
c. many
d. loads of
6. **January is the _____ month of the year.**
a. cold
b. colder than
c. as cold as
d. coldest
7. **I _____ eat Chinese food because I can't stand spices.**
a. always
b. sometimes
c. never
d. usually
8. **My twin sister and I usually _____ our birthday with our closest friends.**
a. celebrates
b. celebrate
c. celebrating
d. will celebrate
9. **I am a certified lawyer but I _____ in a fitness center these days.**
a. work
b. am working
c. have work
d. worked
10. **English is _____ studied subject of all at this university.**
a. the more
b. the most
c. most
d. less
11. **I wish the questions _____ that complicated. I didn't answer them all.**
a. were
b. hadn't been
c. are
d. will be

12. _____ the business deal failed, the company suffered from a financial crisis.
- Due to
 - Therefore
 - Because
 - So
13. _____ you focus well, you won't answer all the questions.
- Unless
 - Because
 - When
 - As if
14. Lots of business agreements _____ between China and Jordan in 2009.
- are signed
 - were signed
 - signed
 - will be signed
15. There aren't _____ people watching the play. It will be closed down.
- many
 - much
 - more
 - little
16. If you had studied well, you _____ the exam.
- couldn't have passed
 - would pass
 - would have passed
 - will pass
17. The English alphabet doesn't have 40 letters, _____?
- does it
 - did it
 - doesn't it
 - didn't it
18. Do you know where the bank _____?
- be
 - were
 - is
 - have been
19. I intend _____ a new car this year.
- to buy
 - buying
 - to buying
 - bought
20. I really think you _____ quit smoking. It's really dangerous.
- has to
 - mustn't
 - shouldn't
 - should

Part Three: Vocabulary (40 marks)

Circle the most appropriate answer

Don't forget your umbrella. It is _____ outside.

- a. cold
- b. rainy
- c. dry
- d. warm

2. Mountains are _____ structures on the Earth's surface.

- a. man-made
- b. natural
- c. manufactured
- d. human

3. Time _____ is an important factor for success.

- a. monument
- b. management
- c. modernity
- d. manifestation

4. Dana was very sick, but eventually her _____ went down.

- a. qualifications
- b. temperature
- c. departure
- d. furniture

5. My brother is studying biology at the university. The underlined word means:

- a. The scientific study of living things.
- b. The study of trade and industry
- c. The study of physical subjects
- d. The study of past events.

6. When buying something, never forget to ask for the _____.

- a. bill
- b. debt
- c. receipt
- d. tip

7. The questions were _____ That's why, many students couldn't answer them all.

- a. easy
- b. difficult
- c. direct
- d. obvious

8. Mansaf is a _____ meal in Jordan.
- treacherous
 - traditional
 - transparent
 - traumatic
9. My brother has always been interested in novels and plays. He is going to study _____ at university.
- science
 - literature
 - biology
 - geography
10. We walked along a difficult _____ on our way to the castle.
- house
 - ocean
 - company
 - path
11. There is usually heavy _____ on the University of Jordan Street.
- trouble
 - burden
 - traffic
 - magic
12. If you want to lose weight, you should _____ on fatty foods.
- fall behind
 - cut off
 - cut down
 - get away
13. Pour the sauce over the pasta and _____ immediately.
- serve
 - surge
 - sulk
 - surf
14. I enjoy socializing with the other students.
- Asking people to do things
 - Meeting and spending time with people in a friendly way, in order to enjoy your time
 - Trying to stop something because you do not like it
 - Persuading people to change their mind
15. His services to the state were _____ with the award of a knighthood.
- permitted
 - rejoiced
 - recognized
 - pleased
16. Are you afraid _____ the dark?
- with
 - of
 - at
 - by

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17. He was famous, both at home and _____.

- a. alone
- b. approach
- c. abroad
- d. appoint

18. Petra is a/ an _____ city which is located in the South of Jordan.

- a. patient
- b. ancient
- c. racial
- d. crucial

19. I used to eat much junk food, but now I have a much healthier _____.

- a. diet
- b. benefit
- c. concentration
- d. dehydration

20. What time do you _____ the guests to arrive?

- a. expect
- b. boast
- c. praise
- d. deny

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Answer key: Form 1

Number	The answer
Text A	
1	D
2	C
3	C
4	D
5	C
Text B	
1	D
2	C
3	C
4	C
5	B
Structure	
1	B
2	C
3	C
4	C
5	A
6	D
7	C
8	B
9	B
10	B
11	B
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	A
16	C
17	A
18	C
19	A
20	D
vocabulary	
1	B
2	B
3	B
4	B
5	A
6	C
7	B
8	C
9	B
10	D
11	C
12	C

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13	A
14	B
15	C
16	B
17	C
18	B
19	A
20	A