ENGLISH TEST No. 1

The test is made up of **two parts**: **Reading Comprehension** and **English in use (vocabulary and grammar)**. Time allowed: **40 minutes**. Students **cannot navigate back to specific questions during the test**. **Score**: **Part I**, questions 1-3: 15 points (5 points each); **Part II**, questions: 1-25: 25 points (1 point each); Total: **40 points**.

I. Reading comprehension

Choose the correct answer using the information given in the text.

School in Britain

Public schools are the most famous of Britain's private secondary schools. They were founded to give free education to clever boys whose parents could not afford to educate them privately. The oldest public school is Eton College, dating from 1440. Today, the public schools are the most expensive of the independent schools in Britain. They are mostly boarding schools, though many of them also take day-pupils. Most of them have a few places for pupils whose fees are paid by a local authority, but normally entrance is by examination, so parents who wish to send their children to a public school often send them first to a preparatory (prep) school. Preparatory schools are small, private schools at upper primary level, which prepare children for the public-school examination. It is still true today that many famous names in public life are the products of public schools. A high proportion of the students accepted by Oxford and Cambridge Universities come from public schools.

- 1. Public schools in Britain were founded
 - **a.** to educate all pupils
 - b. to give free education to intelligent boys who could not afford private schooling
 - c. to educate rich boys
 - **d.** to educate rich girls and boys
- 2. In British public schools entrance examination is normally
 - a. inexistentb. based on the grades obtained in preparatory schoolc. based on extracurricular activities
 - d. by examination
- 3. What are preparatory schools?
 - a. private schools that prepare children for the public-school examination
 - **b.** universities
 - c. boarding schools
 - **d.** the same thing as public schools

II. English in use (vocabulary and grammar)

| Ch | oose the correct answer. There is only ONE correct variant. |
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| 1. | Of the two neighbours of mine, one is very kind and |
| | a. the others are not b. another is not c. the other is not d. other is not |
| 2. | In the north of Romania many monasteries that are worth visiting. |
| | a. exists b. there are c. there is d. there have |
| 3. | He wants to get a better and earn more money. |
| | a. job b. employment c. work d. trade |
| 4. | Every year, half a million visitors make their to Loch Ness in Scotland. |
| | a. path b. way c. road d. route |
| 5. | Will you the baby while I'm away? |
| | a. care b. keep an eye c. look after d. take care |
| 6. | I an essay on the computer when it suddenly crashed. |
| | a. write b. am writing c. was writing d. wrote |
| 7. | When we were on holiday, we down on smoking every day. |
| | a. cut b. are cutting c. am cutting d. were cutting |
| 8. | If you need more call me. |
| | a. informationsb. informationc. informationes |

d. informations

9. There are _____ dangerous drivers. **a.** a very lot **b.** very much **c.** a lot of **d.** any **10.** I don't have _____ money but I can lend you some. a. many **b.** a few c. much **d.** lots **11.** All students ______ the course at 8 a.m. a. participated **b.** attended c. included **d.** involved **12.** The food was ______ amazing. a. vague **b.** vaguely **c.** trully **d.** truly **13.** The idea was appealing ______ a large number of people. a. on **b.** to c. with **d.** in 14. The Best ______ Award is an annual culinary competition. a. Chef **b.** Chief c. Cooker **d.** Chiefly 15. Which sentence is NOT correct? **a.** We would go hiking every weekend. **b.** He would play in the national team, but he's too old now. c. My mother used to tell us bedtime stories when we were children. **d.** I used to have long hair. 16. He likes to _____ to work. **a.** travel **b.** cycle c. eat **d.** breathe 17. A light rain was _____ over the city of Salzburg. **a.** Pouring **b.** Falling **c.** Shower **d.** Wet

18. What ______ in has to come out.

a. went

- **b.** out
- **c.** goes
- **d.** runs

19. I was looking _____ someone.

- **a.** for
- **b.** four
- **c.** fur
- **d.** further

20. He ______ in London since 2010.

a. lives

b. has been living

- **c.** has live
- **d.** living

21. _____ heavy traffic on the motorway, we couldn't make it on time.

- a. Because of
- **b.** Due to
- c. In spite of
- d. In case

22. ______ the low temperatures during the winter, Moscow is always worth visiting.

- **a.** Even though
- **b.** Therefore
- c. In spite of
- **d.** Because

23. You ______ go shopping this weekend. We've got everything at home.

- **a.** don't have to
- **b.** need to
- **c.** don't need to
- **d.** shouldn't

24. In the US, young men ______ join the army. It's voluntary.

- **a.** needn't
- **b.** don't
- **c.** ought to
- **d.** shouldn't

25. The manager is always in ______ contact with his players.

- **a.** immediately
- **b.** straight
- **c.** direct
- **d.** immediate

Answers:

| II. 1/C 2/B 3/A 4/B 5/C 6/C 7/A 8/B 9/C 10/C 11/B 12/D 13/B 14/A 15/B 16/B 17/B 18/C 19/A 20/B 21/B 22/C 23/C 24/A 25/C |
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