**English Placement Test – B1 (Intermediate)**

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**‎Part 1 – Grammar & Vocabulary**

‎1. I have lived here \_\_\_\_\_ five years.

‎a) since b) for c) from d) during

‎2. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more time, I would learn Spanish.

‎a) have b) had c) will have d) having

‎3. He asked me where I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from.

‎a) am b) was c) were d) be

‎4. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema when I saw them.

‎a) go b) going c) were going d) goes

‎5. This is the house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I grew up.

‎a) who b) which c) where d) when‎

‎6. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her homework before dinner.

a) finishes b) finished c) finishing d) finish

7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo last weekend.

a) go b) went c) going d) goes

8. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coffee every morning.

a) drink b) drank c) drinking d) drinks

9. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV when I arrived.

a) watch b) watched c) were watching d) watching

10. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in London for two years.

a) live b) lives c) lived d) has lived

11. If she studies hard, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pass the exam.

a) will b) would c) can d) could

12. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my keys yesterday.

a) lose b) lost c) losing d) loses

13. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner when the lights went out.

a) have b) had c) were having d) having

14. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to music every evening.

a) listen b) listens c) listening d) listened

15. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the park right now.

a) are playing b) play c) played d) playing

16. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the store before lunch.

a) go b) went c) going d) goes

17. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new car last month.

a) buys b) buy c) bought d) buying

18. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to visit our grandparents tomorrow.

a) go b) going c) are going d) went

19. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful dress yesterday.

a) wear b) wears c) wore d) wearing

20. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breakfast before leaving home.

a) have b) had c) having d) has

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**‎Part 2 – Reading**

‎Text:

‎In recent years, more and more people have started choosing bicycles over cars for their daily transportation. This shift is happening for several reasons. First, bicycles are much cheaper to buy and maintain than cars. You don’t need to pay for fuel, insurance, or expensive repairs. Second, cycling is healthier. It helps people stay fit, reduces stress, and improves heart health. Third, riding a bike is better for the environment. It produces no pollution and helps reduce traffic congestion in busy cities.

Despite these benefits, cycling is not always easy or safe. In many cities, there are no dedicated bike lanes, and cyclists must share the road with fast-moving cars and buses. This can be dangerous, especially during rush hour. Some drivers are not careful or respectful toward cyclists, which increases the risk of accidents.

To make cycling safer, some cities are building more bike paths and encouraging people to use bicycles through public bike-sharing programs. These programs allow people to rent bikes for short trips, making it easier to travel without a car. Governments are also promoting cycling by organizing events and campaigns to raise awareness about road safety.

Maria, a university student, recently switched to cycling. She says it saves her money and gives her more freedom to move around the city. Although she sometimes feels nervous in traffic, she believes that with better infrastructure, more people will feel confident enough to ride bikes regularly.

**Comprehension Questions :**

1. What are three reasons people prefer bicycles over cars?

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2. Why is cycling considered healthier than driving?

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3. What environmental benefit does cycling offer?

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4. What makes cycling dangerous in some cities?

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5. How are cities trying to make cycling safer?

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6. What is a bike-sharing program?

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7. Why does Maria prefer cycling to other forms of transport?

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8. What does Maria say about traffic and her feelings?

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9. How can better infrastructure help cyclists?

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10. What is the main idea of this passage? ‎

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‎**Part 3 – Listening ‎**

**‎Transcript:**

**‎"Welcome to today’s travel program. Our guest is talking about her trip to Japan. She visited Tokyo and Kyoto, tried sushi, and went to several temples. She says Japan is both modern and traditional at the same time.”**

‎Questions:

‎1. Which country did the guest visit?

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‎2. Which cities did she go to?

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‎3. What food did she try?

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‎4. What kind of places did she visit?

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**‎Part 4 – Writing**

‎Write an email (80–100 words) to a friend describing your last holiday.

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**‎Part 5 – Speaking**

‎1. Describe your daily routine.

‎2. Talk about a memorable holiday.

‎3. Discuss whether you prefer city life or countryside life.

**CORRECTION**

**Part 1 – Grammar & Vocabulary**

1. b) for

2. b) had

3. b) was

4. c) were going

5. c) where

6. b) finished

7. b) went

8. a) drink

9. c) were watching

10. d) has lived

11. a) will

12. b) lost

13. c) were having

14. b) listens

15. a) are playing

16. b) went

17. c) bought

18. c) are going

19. c) wore

20. b) had

**Part 2 – Reading**

1. Cheaper than cars, healthier, better for the environment

2. It helps people stay fit, reduces stress, and improves heart health

3. It produces no pollution and reduces traffic congestion

4. Lack of bike lanes and sharing roads with fast cars and buses

5. Building bike paths and promoting bike-sharing programs

6. A system where people rent bikes for short trips

7. It saves her money and gives her more freedom

8. She feels nervous in traffic but hopes better infrastructure will help

9. It makes people feel safer and more confident to cycle

10. The benefits and challenges of cycling as daily transportation

**Part 3 – Listening**

1. Japan

2. Tokyo and Kyoto

3. Sushi

4. Temples

**Part 4 – Writing (Sample Email)**

Subject: My Last Holiday

Hi Emma,

I just got back from my holiday in Spain. I visited Barcelona and enjoyed the beach, delicious food, and beautiful architecture. I also went hiking in the mountains nearby. The weather was perfect, and I took lots of photos. It was relaxing and fun. I hope we can travel together soon!

Best,

Alex

**Part 5 – Speaking (Sample Answers)**

**1. Describe your daily routine:**

I wake up at 7 a.m., have breakfast, and go to work. I finish at 5 p.m., then I cook dinner and relax by reading or watching TV. I usually go to bed around 10 p.m.

**2. Talk about a memorable holiday:**

One of my favorite holidays was in Italy. I visited Rome and Venice, saw amazing historical sites, and ate delicious pasta and gelato. It was unforgettable.

**3. Discuss whether you prefer city life or countryside life:**

I prefer city life because everything is close—shops, restaurants, and entertainment. But sometimes I enjoy the peace and nature of the countryside for a short break.