

English proficiency Test 2

Question 1. -----, don't tell anybody about our plans for a merger.

- A) However you do
- B) What thing you do
- C) Whatever you do
- D) Whichever to do

Answer: C

Question 2. The thought of spending a night in the so-called 'haunted' house alone made him ----- with fear.

- A) burp
- B) shudder
- C) blink
- D) swallow

Answer: B

Question 3. ----- that they booed her off the stage.

- A) She sang such badly
- B) So badly she sang
- C) So she sang badly
- D) So badly did she sing

Answer: D

Question 4. Well, you finally managed to get here; it's ----- time!

- A) excessive
- B) about
- C) over
- D) more than

Answer: B

Question 5. ----- at home, she left a note on the front door.

- A) Realising there was nobody
- B) By realising nobody was
- C) Realised nobody was
- D) On realised there wasn't anybody

Answer: A

Question 6. I don't know where he is; he ----- over an hour ago.

- A) could arrive
- B) might be arrived
- C) should have arrived
- D) must have arrived

Answer: C

Question 7. What are the chances they ----- the job by Friday?

- A) will have been finishing
- B) are finishing
- C) are going to be finished
- D) will have finished

Answer: D

Question 8. If you -----, drop in for a chat.

- A) will be passing
- B) should happen to be passing
- C) happened to pass
- D) have passed

Answer: B

Question 9. There have been a few complaints but ----- our customers are satisfied.

- A) above all
- B) no matter how
- C) by and large
- D) within reason

Answer: C

Question 10. As this is only a reproduction of the original painting, it is practically -----.

- A) priceless
- B) worthless
- C) invaluable
- D) unworthy

Answer: B

Question 11. He promised to stick by her through -----.

- A) spick and span
- B) odds and ends
- C) thick and thin
- D) bad and good

Answer: C

Question 12. ----- for him, we surely would have missed our flight.

- A) Unless we waited
- B) Had we waited any longer
- C) If we were to wait
- D) Should we wait

Answer: B

Question 13. Matters finally ----- at the office and they fired him.

- A) hit the roof
- B) tore off a strip
- C) brought to a boil
- D) came to a head

Answer: D

Question 14. When they speak about physics, I'm afraid it's all over -----.

- A) my brain
- B) my schooling
- C) my head
- D) my knowledge

Answer: C

Question 15. The shirt looks small but the material ----- to fit the individual.

- A) swells
- B) stretches
- C) spreads
- D) extends

Answer: B

Question 16. When he turned on the tap, the water ----- out and soaked the front of his trousers.

- A) dripped
- B) spurted
- C) trickled
- D) oozed

Answer: B

Question 17. They hadn't ----- there being so much traffic and missed their plane.

- A) caught on
- B) dreamed up
- C) bargained on
- D) set out

Answer: C

Question 18. The conference was going well until a new manager gave a speech that was ----- and boring.

- A) loose-lipped
- B) off the order
- C) overtime
- D) long-winded

Answer: D

Question 19. The holiday didn't _____ to their expectations.

- A) come up
- B) get down
- C) bring up
- D) come down

Answer: A

Question 20. I'm afraid Joe is _____ of a nervous breakdown.

- A) on the blink
- B) under jeopardy
- C) on the verge
- D) from scratch

Answer: C

Question 21. We'll have to _____ the many candidates and see who is the most suited for the job.

- A) strip down
- B) see through
- C) sift through
- D) take away

Answer: C

Question 22. After losing the contract, the company decided to _____ on inefficiency.

- A) make up
- B) get rid
- C) come down
- D) crack down

Answer: D

Question 23. At the moment, there is little _____ of the manager resigning.

- A) means
- B) trace
- C) probably
- D) likelihood

Answer: D

Question 24. Their state-of-the-art website _____ thinking it was a reputable company.

- A) fooled us into
- B) put us over
- C) caused us to
- D) brought us into

Answer: A

Question 25. Mark suddenly started insulting the customer. It was so out of ----- that everybody was shocked!

- A) role
- B) bounds
- C) character
- D) personality

Answer: C

Question 26. They decided to celebrate by going out and -----.

- A) getting on cloud nine
- B) seeing the light at the end of the tunnel
- C) painting the town red
- D) getting over the moon

Answer: C

Question 27. Oh no! It looks like the rain has ----- for the day.

- A) broken out
- B) brought on
- C) set in
- D) taken on

Answer: C

Question 28. Don't worry! I know the speech -----.

- A) on the tip of my tongue
- B) by heart
- C) on my mind
- D) off my head

Answer: B