

# English proficiency Test 1

Question 1. ----- he always has difficulty in making ends meet.

- A) How much work he takes on
- B) How he takes on a lot of work
- C) How much work does he take on
- D) However much work he takes on

Answer: D

Question 2. Since the law works so slowly, there is a considerable ----- of cases waiting for trial.

- A) remainder
- B) hangover
- C) backlog
- D) reserve

Answer: C

Question 3. Hardly ----- under the shower when the phone rang.

- A) had he got
- B) he has got
- C) he got
- D) he was getting

Answer: A

Question 4. They don't work the same shift any longer, but they still meet ----- in the canteen.

- A) in time
- B) at the same time
- C) from time to time
- D) on time

Answer: C

Question 5. The more he does for her, -----.

- A) she seems dissatisfied
- B) the more dissatisfied she seems
- C) she's seeming dissatisfied
- D) she seems more dissatisfied

Answer: B

Question 6. You had nothing better to do. You ----- a hand with moving the furniture!

- A) would have given
- B) had to give
- C) should give
- D) might have given

Answer: D

Question 7. By the time she realizes what's going on, the little money they've managed to save over the years ----- on another woman.

- A) will have spent
- B) will have been spent
- C) is spending
- D) has been spent

Answer: B

Question 8. If his boss ----- him telling a competitor about their new products, he would still have a job.

- A) hadn't caught
- B) wouldn't have caught
- C) didn't catch
- D) wouldn't catch

Answer: A

Question 9. ----- my colleagues, I would like to thank you for everything you have done for us.

- A) On behalf of
- B) Instead of
- C) In spite of
- D) On account of

Answer: A

Question 10. Can you give me a rough ----- of what the job might cost me?

- A) calculating
- B) value
- C) estimate
- D) esteem

Answer: C

Question 11. He'd hate to work in an office. He'd prefer a job that allowed him to spend most of his time -----.

- A) in air
- B) off limits
- C) in open
- D) out of doors

Answer: D

Question 12. ----- for her support and help, he would have given up years ago.

- A) Unless it was
- B) Had it not been
- C) If she hadn't been
- D) If it were

Answer: B

Question 13. Don't you like it? I was ----- you liked Indian food.

- A) off the idea
- B) thinking
- C) in response to
- D) under the impression

Answer: D

Question 14. The article you want is ----- . It should take about twenty working days to arrive. Shall I order it for you?

- A) out of sale
- B) out of stock
- C) on order
- D) in stock

Answer: B

Question 15. He is well ----- of the problems involved in setting up a business.

- A) acquainted
- B) knowledgeable
- C) learned
- D) aware

Answer: D

Question 16. She seems a lively, fun-loving person, but it would be a great mistake to ----- her intelligence.

- A) underrate
- B) despise
- C) depreciate
- D) devalue

Answer: A

Question 17. Your name ----- up in the course of our conversation.

- A) brought
- B) came
- C) got
- D) took

Answer: B

Question 18. Those trainers have ----- . Why don't you get a new pair?

- A) gone off
- B) expired
- C) dropped off
- D) seen better days

Answer: D

Question 19. She wasn't helped. She did it -----.

- A) off-hand
- B) with slight of hand
- C) single-handed
- D) with one hand

Answer: C

Question 20. You're living in a world of make-believe! You'll have to ----- up to facts sooner or later.

- A) come
- B) bring
- C) look
- D) face

Answer: D

Question 21. They treated you very badly. Aren't you tempted to ----- in some way?

- A) win them again
- B) go round the bend
- C) get your own back
- D) give them back

Answer: C

Question 22. It's a formal wedding, so my husband and I will have to -----.

- A) get dressed
- B) dress up
- C) wear our birthday suits
- D) wear dresses

Answer: B

Question 23. She ----- a rage when she saw the mess they'd made.

- A) flew into
- B) went off
- C) blew up
- D) came into

Answer: A

Question 24. She never comes here now. We only see her -----.

- A) when the cows come home
- B) once in a blue moon
- C) time and time again
- D) once upon a time

Answer: B

Question 25. The news of the robbery soon -----.

- A) broke out
- B) came over
- C) spread out
- D) got round

Answer: D

Question 26. John's doctor says he is ----- a nervous breakdown.

- A) closed to
- B) on edge
- C) nearby
- D) on the verge of

Answer: D

Question 27. One little mistake shouldn't ----- again.

- A) stop you to try
- B) put you off trying
- C) prevent you to try
- D) get you off

Answer: B

Question 28. I thought her behaviour was very out of -----.

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

Answer: C