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| **İSTANBUL MEDENİYET UNIVERSITY**  **ERASMUS+ PROFICIENCY EXAM**  **There are 50 questions in this test.**  **You have 80 minutes to complete the test.** |

**SECTION I. GRAMMAR Questions 1-15 (15 x 2 = 30 points)**

*Choose the* ***BEST*** *option that completes each blank in the following questions.*

**1. Ann \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her driving test three times because she's so bad at reversing. But she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reversing since last week and I think she has got a bit better at it.**

**a)** has failed / has been practising

**b)** failed / practised

**c)** has failed / was practising

**d)** had failed / practised

**2. My uncle George \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sea in his life before. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him making plans to go sailing last week, though.**

**a)** never saw / heard

**b)** has never seen / heard

**c)** never sees / hear

**d)** will never see / am hearing

**3. Don't forget to take your snow pants! It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heavily at this time tomorrow and you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really cold at that time because there will be a severe blizzard.**

**a)** will snow / will feel

**b)** will have snowed / will be feeling

**c)** will snow / will have been feeling

**d)** will be snowing / will be feeling

**4. Martin: This is the second time I have called you about the TV which doesn't work properly.**

**Receptionist: Sorry, sir! We've already informed the technicians of the problem. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upstairs to fix it soon.**

**a)** have come **b)** are going to come

**c)** come  **d)** were coming

**5. The electric light bulb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Thomas Edison many years ago. Today, millions of people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it for different needs and purposes in their daily life.**

**a)** is invented / are used

**b)** was invented / use

**c)** has been invented / are using

**d)** had been invented / were using

**6. When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a big house in the countryside with my family. There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4 rooms including two bathrooms in our house. How I still fondly remember those days!**

**a)** lived / are

**b)** would live / used to be

**c)** used to live / were

**d)** had lived / would be

**7. Andy: How do you feel about your new job? Do you have as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities as you used to?**

**Jane: The job is great. I have about the same amount of work to do as before but I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stress and few problems.**

**a)** much / few **b)** a few / many

**c)** a lot of / some **d)** many / little

**8. Leyla was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the rest of the class until two years ago but she has gained so much weight since then that she is now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student in the whole class.**

**a)** thinner / the fattest **b)** the thinnest / the fattest

**c)** thinner / the fatter **d)** the thinner / fattest

**9. We have bought everything that we should for tomorrow’s party, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? If not, I can go to the market.**

**a)** haven’t we  **b)** should we

**c)** shouldn’t we **d)** have we

**10. A: Which cities did you see in Germany ?**

**B: We could only see Berlin and Dresden. If we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the holiday better, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the major cities of Germany.**

**a)** have planned / visited

**b)** plan / are visiting

**c)** had planned / could have visited

**d)** planned / visited

**11. I asked my brother whether he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anywhere over the next summer holiday, but**

**he said that he had books to read for his literature course and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time.**

**a)** was going to work / wouldn’t have

**b)** had worked / didn’t have

**c)** will be working / hasn’t had

**d)** has been working / doesn’t have

**12. It is difficult \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why most people don’t mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_violent films on television with their children.**

**a)** understanding / watch

**b)** to understand / to watch

**c)** to understand / watching

**d)** understanding / to watch

**13. A: He drives an expensive car. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a good job. I am sure about this.**

**B: How can you be so sure ? He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a rich family. It is possible, too.**

**a)** should have / has to come

**b)** must have / may come

**c)** must have / should come

**d)** may have / has to come

**14. A: Have you found the lost ring ?**

**B: No, I haven’t. I searched \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for it, but it seems to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the house.**

**a)** wherever / anywhere

**b)** somewhere / elsewhere

**c)** everywhere / nowhere

**d)** anywhere / somewhere

**15. I studied Spanish for four years at high school. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I had trouble talking to people when I was travelling in Spain.**

**a)** Although

**b)** Besides

**c)** Moreover

**d)** However

**SECTION II – CLOZE TESTS** **Questions 16-25 (10 x 2 = 20 points)**

*Choose the* ***BEST*** *option that completes each blank in the following questions.*

Although it has been said that elephants can live as long as 150 years, there is no actual record of any suchage. 70 years is believed to be the maximum **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life that they spend in an unfree environment. Stories have long been told of elephant graveyards to which all the elephants from the surrounding country go **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the same time when they feel death is approaching. Ivory hunters have searched for these graveyards but they couldn’t find any clue. Perhaps the legend comes from the fact that Africans sometimes burn the grasslands to clear the ground for agriculture and **(18)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they may occasionally cause the death of a whole elephant herd by **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accident.It may also be that such graveyards are places where groups of elephants have drowned at one time, perhaps while they **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a river or a muddy area.

**16. a)** product **b)** collection

**c)** length **d)** act

**17. a)** at **b)** on

**c)** in **d)** of

**18. a)** as if **b)** due to

**c)** whereas **d)** thus

**19. a)** a **b)** an

**c)** the **d)** –

**20. a)** have crossed

**b)** were crossing

**c)** would be crossing

**d)** had crossed

With the advances in science and technology, several methods **21)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ recently to detect forgery in documents, which is making illegal copies of them. In one method, the age of the paper **22)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the supposed date of the writing. In another, it is possible to be determined with the writing **23)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the creases of the paper which precedes or follows the creasing. Also, chemical analysis of paper and ink are used to determine the date of the manufacture of each. It is difficult, for instance, to create a **24)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgery of a pre-20th century document because the chemical composition of paper and ink have changed markedly **25)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1900.

**21.** **a)** were designed

**b)** had been designed

**c)** will have designed

**d)** have been designed

**22. a)** can be compared

**b)** should be compared

**c)** ought to be compared

**d)** had to be compared

**23.** **a)** back **b)** on

**c)** in **d)** through

**24.** **a)** preventing

**b)** responsible

**c)** confused

**d)** convincing

**25. a)** before **b)** by

**c)** since **d)** when

**SECTION III – VOCABULARY** **Questions 26-35 (10 x 2 = 20 points)**

*Choose the* ***BEST*** *option that completes each blank in the following questions.*

**26. Yesterday, my car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the road to Madrid, but luckily, it was an easy problem**

**and I fixed it.**

**a)** broke up **b)** broke down

**c)** looked up **d)** cut down

**27. His family and friends supported him a lot throughout the tournament, but yesterday Tom finished third in the game. It was a big \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all his supporters.**

**a)** disappoint **b)** disappointing

**c)** disappointed **d)** disappointment

**28. Two months ago, I received a / an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding of my friends, Mark and Laura in London.**

**a)** invention **b)** invitation

**c)** confusion **d)** celebration

**29. I went to the library with my best friend Lisa. She was speaking so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I had to warn her. She felt really embarrassed.**

**a)** carefully **b)** slowly

**c)** kindly **d)** loudly

**30. A: What's wrong with Jack? He seems so sad and he does not eat anything or talk to us.**

**B: I think he is suffering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depression because he and his girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and she is with somebody else now.**

**a)** from / retired **b)** of / left

**c)** from / separated **d)** of / argued

**31. My son’s teacher says he doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attention to his lessons.**

**a)** take **b)** pay

**c)** have **d)** get

**32. I am really excited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my new house because it is fantastic. It is very different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my previous house. This new house has a sea view, two bedrooms and a big garden.**

**a)** to / from **b)** to / to

**c)** about / from **d)** about / to

**33. Today, we have started raising money for the poor people in our neighborhood, and 50 % of the money we earn from the sales will go to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organization.**

**a)** change **b)** charity

**c)** company **d)** challenge

**34. Jane is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about her future. She feels that everything will be worse. She will lose her job, her husband and her happiness forever. She is very unhappy.**

**a)** homeless **b)** useless

**c)** careless **d)** hopeless

**35. I want to go away to college, but it’s impossible for me to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it on my own. I definitely need to get a loan from somewhere.**

**a)** borrow **b)** lend

**c)** buy **d)** afford

**SECTION IV – READING** **Questions 36-50 (15 x 2 = 30 points)**

*Read the articles and choose the* ***BEST*** *option.*

**READING 1: WHO BUILT GIZA’S PYRAMIDS?**

1 For centuries, the pyramids of Giza have been timeless symbols of Egyptian culture. But who actually built them? For years, we did not know for sure. But archeologists recently discovered an ancient village near the pyramids. Close by, there was also a cemetery where builders were buried. From studying these places, archeologists can now confirm that the pyramids were not built by slaves or foreigners (or space aliens!). Ordinary Egyptians built them.

6 It took about eighty years to build the pyramids. According to archeologists, about 20,000 -30,000 people were involved in completing the task. The workers had different roles. Some dug up the rock, some moved it, and some shaped it into blocks. People also worked on different teams, each with its own name. On a wall in Khufu’s Great Pyramid, for example, a group of workers wrote “Friends of Khufu.” Teams often competed to do a job faster.

11 Life for these workers was hard. “We can see that in their skeletons,” says Azza Mohamed Sarry El-Din, a scientist studying bodies found in the cemetery. The bones show signs of arthritis\*, which developed from carrying heavy things for a long time. Archeologists have also found many female skeletons in the village and cemetery. The damage to **their** bones is similar to the men’s. Their lives may have been even tougher: male workers lived to age 40-45, but women to only 30-35. However, workers usually had enough food, and they also had medical care if they got sick or hurt.

17 The work was challenging, but **laborers** were proud of their work. “It is because they were not just building the tomb of their king,” says Egyptian archeologist Zahi Hawass. “They were building Egypt. It was a national project, and everyone was a participant.”

**Glossary: arthritis:** an illness that causes the hands, knees, or other joints to hurt

**A. Read the article and circle the best answer for the questions 36-40.**

**36. The main purpose of this reading is to describe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**a)** who the pyramid builders were and what they did

**b)** how Khufu’s Great Pyramid was constructed

**c)** what life was like for Egyptian kings

**d)** why Egyptian kings wanted to build pyramids

**37. Which statement about the pyramid builders is true?**

**a)** They lived fairly long lives.

**b)** Both men and women built the pyramids.

**c)** Most came from other countries.

**d)** They rarely had enough to eat or drink.

**38. Which statement about building the pyramids is true?**

**a)** It took over a century to complete.

**b)** Builders all did the same work.

**c)** More than 30,000 workers were involved.

**d)** Builders worked in teams.

**39. In line 14, what does *their* refer to?**

**a)** archeologists **b)** male workers

**c)** female workers **d)** medical workers

**40. In line 17, what does the word *laborers* mean?**

**a)** kings **b)** archeologists

**c)** workers **d)** women

**READING 2: GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL**

1 Everything about Grand Central Terminal (GCT), conveniently located in the heart of Manhattan, is remarkable. On an average day, 700,000 people pass in and out of it. The information booth in the Main Concourse (the huge room that is the focal point of the building) gets as many as a thousand visitors an hour. Standing beside it, you feel that if you stood there long enough, you would eventually see every person you have ever known in your life. “It is the town square for eight million people,” says GCT spokesperson Dan Brucker. “If people get separated in the city, they will meet at the information booth.”

7 GCT’s art and style reflect the great economic success of railroad companies before the growth of car and air travel. You could spend years in Grand Central before you discovered all its secrets: its tennis courts, its hidden railroad cars, its private ground-floor apartment (now a bar). Nine stories below the lowest floor that the public gets to see is a basement known as M-42. Brucker explains, “This is not just the deepest and the biggest but the most secret basement in the city. During World War II, there were shoot-to-kill orders if you **showed up** here.” It was where the power came from to move the trains carrying soldiers. Today, one box in the basement holds a small red button, about the size of a coin. Above it is written “Emergency Stop.” If you pressed this button, says Brucker, you could “make 125,000 people late for dinner.”

15 Above the ground, the Main Concourse features a ceiling painted to look like the night sky, with stars shining down. Over the years, smoke blackened this beautiful ceiling. Although people thought smoke from trains was the cause, it was actually tobacco smoke! However, it has since been cleaned and now shows its original beauty.

19 In the name of modernization, plans were made to destroy GCT in the 1960s. However, many people objected, and finally New Yorkers decided GCT was worth saving. In 1976, the U.S government agreed. It made GCT a National Historic Landmark\*, recognizing its importance for all Americans and ensuring its continued protection. Once threatened with destruction, Grand Central Terminal continues to give pleasure to passengers and sightseers in Manhattan.

24 **Grand Central Terminal by the numbers:**

**Size:** Covers 20 hectares of land (almost 30 soccer fields), 53 kilometers of track, and 44 platforms- more than any other station in the world

**Commuters:** About 125,000 a day

**Visitors:** Some 575,000 people a day come just to eat, shop, and sightsee

**Oldest business:** The Oyster Bar, opened in 1913, the same year as GCT

**Meals served in terminal restaurants:** 10,000 a day

**Newspaper recycled:** Over 4,500 kilograms a day

**Percentage of trains on time:** 98

**Items in Lost and Found:** 19,000 a year

**Glossary: National Historic Landmark:** a building, place, or structure that the U.S government has officially decided to be of historic importance

**Read the article and circle the best answer for the questions 41-45.**

**41. What is the main purpose of this article?**

**a)** To discuss the importance of rail travel

**b)** To introduce an important New York landmark

**c)** To interview Dan Brucker

**d)** To argue for the importance of National Historic Landmarks

**42. Which statement is NOT true about Grand Central Terminal?**

**a)** It is one of the world’s largest train stations.

**b)** It has more commuters than visitors each day.

**c)** It was built before the growth of car and air travel.

**d)** It is in the heart of Manhattan.

**43.** **What was blackened by smoke?**

**a)** the hidden railroad cars

**b)** the ceiling of the main concourse

**c)** the information booth

**d)** basement M-42

**44.** **Which of the following statements would Dan Brucker most likely agree with?**

**a)** Grand Central Terminal needs more information booths.

**b)** People who go to Basement M-42 today might be shot.

**c)** Grand Central Terminal is a focal point of New York City.

**d)** The “Emergency Stop” button should be removed.

**45.** **The phrase *showed up* in line 12 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**a)** appeared

**b)** displayed something

**c)** spoke

**d)** demonstrated

**46.** **Choose the best sentence that completes the paragraph below.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many species are extremely fast and can outrun a person for short distances. Others are good climbers and can easily escape. Some are difficult to find because they live underground, blend in with their surroundings, or simply because they are rare. Thus, scientists have had to develop numerous techniques for collecting lizards.

**a)** Among the reptiles, lizards and snakes are most closely related in a scientific sense

**b)** The primary goal of zoologists is to understand the origins of different species of animals

**c)** For lizards that are kept as pets, hiding places made of rocks, wood, or live plants should be

provided

**d)** One of the major challenges for zoologists who work with lizards is capturing them

**47.** **Circle the irrelevant sentence in the paragraph.**

**(I)** Born in Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1945, Win Wenders is widely recognized as one of the late-20th century’s most innovative and thoughtful film directors. **(II)** Apart from Wenders, two other notable German filmmakers in the 1970s were Rainer Werner Fassbinder and Werner Herzog. **(III)** His genius has been acknowledged internationally, considering all the awards he has won. **(IV)** In 1976, he won several awards at Cannes Film Festival for ‘Kings of the Road’. **(V)** He was also the winner of the Golden Lion in Venice in 1982 for his film “The State of Things”.

**a)** I **b)** II **c)** III **d)** V

**48.** **Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the sentence below.**

***The weather was so good during the solar eclipse that even the optimists were surprised.***

**a)** Even the optimists were not expecting such good weather during the solar eclipse as there really turned out to be.

**b)** Only a few people had expected particularly good weather during the solar eclipse, and they were overly optimistic.

**c)** The excellent weather during the solar eclipse surprised those who were ecpecting bad weather.

**d)** The pessimists who thought no one would enjoy the solar eclipse because of the bad weather were not completely wrong.

**49. Choose the sentence that completes the conversation best.**

**Daphne:** How was your trip to Sri Lanka?

**Cliff:** It was great. I’ve never seen such a beautiful country.

**Daphne:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cliff:** It was until about a year ago, but the situation has improved since the peace talks began.

**a)** Was there much to do?

**b)** I don’t know anything about it. Was it similar to South India?

**c)** I thought it was dangerous there because of the civil war.

**d)** Is it true that a lot of people can speak English there?

**50.** **Choose the sentence that is appropriate for the situation below.**

***Doing some research at the library, you run into a long-lost friend. Excited and pleased with the meeting, you quickly become involved in conversation. When someone nearby finally asks the two of you to be quiet, you apologise, saying:***

**a)** Why don’t you mind your own business?

**b)** I’m sorry, it’s just that I haven’t seen you for such a long while.

**c)** Sorry, but I need to help my friend find himself.

**d)** Forgive us, we haven’t seen each other for such a long time.