

LANGUAGE PROFFICIENCY TEST

Language proficiency test is a one answer questionnaire; test duration is 2 hours and contains 45 questions with 4 answers each.

Speaking proficiency is verified based on an “audio-file”, grammar-lexicon and comprehension of a written text.

I. Listening

You will hear a talk about the Airbus A380. Listen to it and choose one correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

1. What are the countries which collaborate in the manufacturing?
A. Wales and Spain B. France, Germany, Britain, Spain
C. Spain and Germany D. Spain, France, Wales
2. How long is the airbus?
A. 73 metres; B. 73 inches; C. 73 km D. 170 metres
3. Where are the wings made?
A. in Spain B. in Germany
C. in France and Germany D. in England and Wales
4. Where is the plane put together?
A in Germany. B. in Spain. C. in France D. in Hamburg.
5. Where are parts for the nose and tail assembled?
A. in Germany. B. in Spain. C. in the US. D. in Wales and France.
6. Is the plane made and designed only in the EU?
A. no B. yes C. probably D. it is not mentioned
7. Where were the wheels made?
A. in Europe. B. in France and Spain. C. in America.
D. in France and Germany.
8. How much of the aircraft was made in the US in terms of actual cost?
A. 80% of it.
B. almost half of it.
C. none of it.
D. all of it.

I. Grammar and Vocabulary

For each exercise from 9 to 37, choose one correct answer, A, B, C or D.

9. Please go away. I'm a letter. I need some quiet.
A. written B. wrote C. writing D. will write
10. If I you, I wouldn't risk it.
A. had been B. am C. would be D. were
11. Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help a few times.
A. sleeping B. dozing off C. waking up D. resting
12. I want to try and carry out an
- A. experience B. endeavour C. endurance D. experiment

13. So let's go to the beginning.
A. on B. back C. for D. over
14. I dare you're right.
A. tell B. told C. tells D. say
15. George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious about him.
A. accusations B. insinuations C. intimations D. allegations
16. Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has from his father — the king of all worriers.
A. received B. left C. earned D. inherited
17. The other in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather.
A. feature B. part C. character D. principal
18. The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.
A. begs B. requests C. asks D. offers
19. I always keep those two with me when I go out at night.
A. particles B. parts C. ingredients D. contents
20. Andrew doesn't any more now.
A. concern B. disturb C. regret D. worry
21. I come if I had had time.
A. have B. had C. would have D. did
22. It's time we
- A. go B. went C. are going D. going
23. Ah there you! I wondered where you were.
A. be B. were C. are D. have been
24. They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking together.
A. in B. out C. through D. off
25. You must decide and up your mind.
A. do B. get C. make D. take
26. In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be off.
A. shutting B. closing C. closed D. shut
27. Where tonight?
A. you go B. going C. are you going D. had you gone
28. People have against each other in bowling for thousands of years.
A. originated B. competed C. enjoyed D. gained
29. Please place the umbrella stand the door..
A. across B. beside C. through D. before
30. Look over there. is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen!
A. That B. Those C. These D. This

31. The candidate many voters when she ran for governor last year.

- A. impress B. impressed C. will impress
D. impresses

32. The couple of the hotel early this morning.

- A. checked out B. checked in C. checked about D. checked

33. I studying when my rude neighbors interrupted me with their loud music.

- A. be B. was C. been D. am

34. Sarah Spanish really well. She lived in Mexico for 5 years.

- A. speak B. speaks C. spoken D. speaking

35. If she had about his prior convictions, she never would have hired him.

- A. knew B. know C. known D. knowing

36. Sometimes, he is forceful and assertive. He is at times.

- A. timid B. unsightly C. aggressive D. spotless

37. A lie is a minor, trivial fib that does not usually cause major problems.

- A. blue B. black C. white D. red

III. Reading: Read the following text, *The Mystery of the Maya*, then choose one correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question from 37 to 45.

The Mayan Indians lived in Mexico for thousands of years before the Spanish arrived in the 1500s. The Maya were an intelligent, culturally rich people whose achievements were many. They had farms, beautiful palaces, and cities with many buildings. The Mayan people knew a lot about nature and the world around them. This knowledge helped them to live a better life than most people of that time, because they could use it to make their lives more comfortable and rewarding. Knowledge about tools and farming, for instance, made their work easier and more productive. In ancient Mexico there were many small clearings in the forest. In each clearing was a village with fields of corn, beans, and other crops around it. To clear the land for farms, the Maya cut down trees with stone axes. They planted seeds by digging holes in the ground with pointed sticks. A farmer was able to grow crops that produced food for several people. But not every Maya had to be a farmer. Some were cloth makers, builders, or priests. The Maya believed in many gods, including rain gods, sun gods, and corn gods. The people built large temples to honor the Mayan gods. Skillful workers built cities around these temples. It was difficult for them to construct these cities, because they had no horses to carry the heavy stone they used to build with. Workers had to carry all of the building materials themselves. Today, many of these ancient Mayan cities and temples are still standing. Although the cities that the Maya built were beautiful, and the people worked hard to build them, very few of the people lived in them. Usually, only the priests lived in the cities.

The other people lived in small villages in the forests. Their houses were much simpler than the elaborate structures in the cities. They lived in small huts with no windows. The walls were made of poles covered with dried mud, and the roof was made of grass or leaves. Most Maya lived a simple life close to nature.

Measuring time was important to the Maya, so they developed a system for measuring it accurately. Farmers needed to know when to plant and harvest their crops. Mayan priests made a system to keep track of time. They wrote numbers as dots (...) and bars (-). A dot was one and a bar was five.

The Mayan priests studied the Sun, Moon, stars, and planets. They made a calendar from what they learned. The year was divided into 18 months of 20 days each with five days left over. The Mayan calendar was far more accurate than the European calendars of the time.

Around the year 800, the Maya left their villages and beautiful cities, never to return. No one knows why this happened. They may have died from an infectious disease. They may have left because the soil could no longer grow crops. Archaeologists are still trying to find the lost secrets of the Maya. They are still one of our greatest mysteries.

38. Read this sentence from the story: *The Maya were an intelligent, culturally rich people whose achievements were many.* What is a synonym for the word *achievements*?

- A. mistakes. B. successes. C. skills. D. roads

39. The Maya lived in Mexico...

- A. only after the Spanish arrived. B. at the same time as the Spanish. C. only for a few years. D. thousands of years before the Spanish.

40. Many Mayan cities and temples are still standing today because...

- A. they were so well built. B. they are not very old. C. they have been rebuilt. D. there is never any bad weather in Mexico.

41. How is the Mayan calendar the same as or different from our current calendar?

- A. A year had 12 months. B. A year had 18 months. C. A year had 14 months. D. A year had 5 months.

42. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. The Mayan calendar was more accurate than the European calendar. B. The Maya were excellent farmers. C. The Maya were a culturally rich, advanced society. D. The Mayan cities were difficult to build.

43. MOST Maya lived...

- A. in beautiful cities. B. in huts made of poles, mud, and leaves. C. in caves. D. in stone temples.

44. How do we know that the Mayan civilization was an intelligent and cultured one?

- A. Their knowledge on nature, life, building. B. Their friends. C. They disappeared. D. Their museum.

45. Read this sentence from the story: *Their houses were much simpler than the elaborate structures in the city.* What does *elaborate* mean?

- A. small. B. plain. C. fancy. D. old.