

B2 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Everybody's left the building,?
a) doesn't he
b) haven't they
c) don't they
d) isn't it
2. The furniture was moved while some shelves on the wall.
a) were putting up
b) are put up
c) have been put up d) were being put up
3. it was late, he decided to call her.
a) However
b) Though
c) In spite of
d) Nevertheless
4. The long truck carrying the airplane travelled by night daytime traffic.
a) so that not slowed down
b) for not slowing down
c) so as not to slow down
d) because of not slowing down
5. She regretted not accepting the promotion, even if it would have meant to another town.
a) moving
b) to move
c) move
d) that she moves
6. While we are putting up the decorations tomorrow afternoon, she some party food.
a) has prepared
b) prepares
c) will be preparing
d) will have prepared
7. He can't be blamed to phone, he's got a lot on his mind.
a) of forgetting
b) for forgetting
c) to forget
d) with forgetting

8. He was made up the mess in the kitchen after he attempted to make a cake.

- a) clearing
- b) clear
- c) that he cleared
- d) to clear

9. By the time they arrive next Saturday, we painting the guest room.

- a) are finishing
- b) finish
- c) had finished
- d) will have finished

10. You your uncle. He died a year before you were born.

- a) shouldn't have met
- b) mustn't have met
- c) can't have met
- d) might not have met

11. I think it's time they me a rise!

- a) will give
- b) are giving
- c) would give
- d) gave

12. The castle to the public since it was declared unsafe.

- a) has been closed
- b) was closed
- c) had been closed
- d) is closed

13. It was very kind of you, but you a meal for us. We could have gone to a restaurant.

- a) mustn't have cooked
- b) could have cooked
- c) needn't have cooked
- d) didn't need to cook

14. She doesn't looking after the baby for us next Saturday, does she?

- a) stand
- b) mind
- c) object
- d) regret

15. That gadget was a complete waste of money. I wish I it.

- a) wouldn't buy
- b) don't buy
- c) didn't buy it
- d) hadn't bought

16. If he wants people to trust him, he'll have the truth.

- a) to get used to tell
- b) to get used to telling
- c) to used to tell
- d) to get used telling

SECTION 2

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE FIRST SENTENCE.

1. She hasn't bought any new clothes for months.

It's months any new clothes.

2. I thought learning how to use a computer would be difficult, but it isn't.

Learning how to use a computer isn't I thought.

3. I'm very pleased that I will meet him again.

I'm looking him again.

4. I'm sure you were exhausted after your long journey.

You must after your long journey.

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5. "I didn't ask her to lend me any money," Jim said.

Jim denied any money.

6. They are digging up the road to put some gas pipes down.

The road to put some gas pipes down.

7. Although he was reminded about it, he forgot his dental appointment.

Despite about it, he forgot his dental appointment.

8. He wasn't careful and that's why he broke the vase

If he'd, he the vase.

9. That person is so unpleasant that nobody wants to talk to him.

He is such that nobody wants to talk to him.

10. A technician installed the software for me.

I a technician.

11. Mark thought the first part of the film was better.
Mark didn't think the second part of the film

12. An old house was being blown up.
They

SECTION 3

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. This continuous rain is It makes me feel really depressed.
 - a) setting me back
 - b) letting me down
 - c) getting me down
 - d) trying my nerves

2. I hope they the business. They deserve some success in life.
 - a) make a go of
 - b) set up
 - c) make ends meet
 - d) go off the deep end

3. The robber was taking down the picture when the alarm
 - a) broke out
 - b) took off
 - c) came out
 - d) went off

4. My mother always of me when I go home to visit.
 - a) takes off the carpet
 - b) makes a fuss
 - c) does the best
 - d) takes the biscuit

5. That factory a thousand computers a day.
 - a) puts up
 - b) brings in
 - c) turns out
 - d) overturns

6. The new law will be in January.
 - a) set off
 - b) brought into force
 - c) forced out
 - d) come out

7. While I was in the junk shop I this old bowl. Do you think it could be valuable?
 - a) brought up
 - b) ran over
 - c) bumped off
 - d) came across

8. It's no good trying to change her. She's
- a) set in her ways
 - b) put in her mind
 - c) fixed up
 - d) put her back up
9.up! Things can't be as bad as all that.
- a) Look
 - b) Go
 - c) Turn
 - d) Cheer
10. When their relationship ended, she everything that reminded her of him.
- a) sent off for
 - b) got rid of
 - c) looked forward to
 - d) ran out of
11. When he realized what horrible things went into sausages, it sausages for life!
- a) set him off
 - b) put him off
 - c) got him out of
 - d) set him up
12. After so many years of marriage they
- a) go without saying
 - b) go to great lengths
 - c) take each other for granted
 - d) let it slip

SECTION 4

COMPLETE EACH GAP IN THE TEXT WITH A WORD FORMED FROM THE WORD IN BRACKETS.

ID cards 'threat to human rights'

Parliament has been warned that the Government's identity card scheme could break human laws rights on 1..... (PRIVATE) and 2..... (DISCRIMINATE).

A parliamentary committee on human rights is 3..... (DOUBT) about the amount of personal information to be gathered by the state under the compulsory card scheme going through Parliament. The committee said that the amount of information to be held on the national database amounts to a '4..... (SIGNIFY) intrusion into private life'. It would include date and place of birth, physical 5..... (CHARACTER), fingerprints, past and present addresses and nationality. In other words, they would have a detailed account of a person's private life.

'We are concerned at the range of information that may be held on an individual's record and its 6..... (APPEAR) lack of relation to the statutory aims of the Bill,' the committee said. 'We have written to the Home Secretary asking why the gathering and 7..... (STORE) of this information is considered to serve a legitimate aim.'

The committee is also 8..... (WORRY) that private information could be recorded on the national register 'without the 9..... (KNOW) or consent of the individual

concerned.’

Plans to force people to have an identity card might also be against human rights. Under Government plans, those applying for a new or renewed passport will 10..... (AUTOMATIC) receive an identity card – and not be allowed to refuse it.

SECTION V

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION.

Hundreds jump ship

Last Tuesday evening flags flew all over the ship at Southampton docks, a military band played and the passengers, glasses of champagne in hand, lined the decks to wave goodbye at last to Britain. And they waved, and waved, and waved. Eventually, officials embarrassedly admitted that the £200 million Aurora, already nine days behind schedule, was still not ready to leave on its world cruise.

The vessel, which last year cut short a cruise after a third of its passengers were struck by a virus, should have left nine days before but had got no further than the Isle of Wight because of problems with its propulsion system. They returned to carry out repairs. In vain the organisers attempted to console the long-suffering passengers by bringing in a group of well-known comedians. Luckily there was a free bar. By last night passengers had drunk more than 9,000 beers, 9140 bottles of wine and champagne and 7,250 cocktails.

On Tuesday, it had been confidently announced the vessel would depart that evening and a great send-off was organised. Unfortunately, the engineers, who thought the repairs had been successful, discovered the propulsion unit was still faulty when they started the engines. By then the passengers should have been seeing the coral reefs off Recife in Brazil and preparing to visit Rio de Janeiro. Instead they were still at Southampton and could only see an oil refinery on one side of the ship and a warehouse on the other, both hardly visible through the cold persistent rain.

Despite assurances that the round-the-world, 104-night cruise was still on, even if the timetable would have to be adjusted, the false start was the last straw for many passengers. One, a £10-million lottery winner, left the ship saying he was tired of waiting. He said, “I won the lottery so I have enough money to go on another cruise straight away but this is terribly disappointing.” Another passenger who decided to leave had paid £8,500 for the cruise. He said that his girlfriend had been due to fly out to Chile and join the ship there but the delay had ruined both their holidays. Mr and Mrs Stacy left in frustration, planning a two-week break in the sun to replace their abandoned cruise. Mrs Stacy, who works for a travel company, added: “I have lost two weeks and not travelled anywhere and I’ve got to tell people I spent ten days sitting in Southampton and sailing round the Isle of Wight.”

Others left the ship because they feared it would never leave. One of them said, “The hospitality has been excellent. Drinks have been free and in abundance but that is not why you come on a cruise.” Mr and Mrs Baker, who were to have celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on the cruise which cost them £9000, disembarked. Mr Baker, understandably annoyed, said, “They should have let us know what was going on long before this point.”

Last night, and twenty-four hours later, they once again started the engines for the voyage, by now with 385 fewer than the original 1,759 passengers. This time, however, there was no pomp and celebration. Even then, the ship owners were not entirely confident that the world cruise would go forward. Officials admitted that it would not be until the ship was in open water that the engines could be properly tested. It could yet turn back.

1. Last Tuesday evening
 - a) was the date the cruise had been scheduled to start
 - b) there were flags all over Southampton docks
 - c) was not the first time the ship had attempted to depart
 - d) there were too many waves for the ship to depart
2. The Aurora
 - a) had been built nine days before
 - b) had cost £200 million to build
 - c) was an embarrassment as it had cost so much
 - d) took over nine days to prepare for the voyage
3. The Aurora
 - a) had to cut short a cruise last year because a lot of the controls were infected with a virus
 - b) must have left nine days before
 - c) was on a cruise round the Isle of Wight
 - d) was forced to abort a cruise last year because of an infectious disease on board
4. Which statement is correct?
 - a) The attempt to make up for the delay by having comedians brought in was not successful.
 - b) The passengers drank all the free beer, wine, champagne and cocktails on board.
 - c) The group of comedians was so bad that the passengers took to drink.
 - d) The group of comedians brought a lot of free drink but the passengers weren't satisfied.
5. On Tuesday
 - a) the engineers made a mistake with the propulsion unit
 - b) everybody had been sure they would finally depart
 - c) the engineers couldn't start the engines
 - d) they expected to see the coral reefs but it was raining
6. The passengers were assured that
 - a) the cruise would take place with some modifications
 - b) they would go on leaving for 104 nights
 - c) they would spend 104 nights aboard the ship in Southampton
 - d) they would have some adjustments on the cruise
7. A lot of passengers
 - a) paid so they could leave the vessel
 - b) left because the ship wasn't going to Chile
 - c) changed their minds about going on the cruise
 - d) did not want any more straws
8. Of the passengers who decided to disembark,
 - a) one was going to fly to Chile to join his girlfriend
 - b) one had won the lottery on board the ship
 - c) some had come to drink a lot and not pay
 - d) some decided to have a holiday elsewhere

9. Which statement is correct?

- a) Mr and Mrs Stacy were feeling frustrated because they were abandoned.
- b) Mr Baker was irritated with the lack of information.
- c) The lottery winner didn't care which cruise he went on.
- d) Some passengers left the ship because they feared they wouldn't be able to leave later.

10. Officials

- a) only had 1,759 passengers on the ship when it left
- b) were certain the cruise would go on
- c) had some doubts that the cruise would be successfully completed
- d) admitted they would probably turn back when they reached open water

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!

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