

# ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras CELEX – ESPOL Basic English A University Placement Exam (Tourism)

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## I. Reading Section

Read the three restaurant reviews.

#### Park Inn

The best thing about Park Inn was the service; it was excellent. There was a warm welcome when we arrived and the staff were very helpful all evening. Unfortunately, the food wasn't as good. The menu looked interesting, but the meals were rather <u>tasteless</u>. I ordered a curry which was very mild, and had very little flavour. Then when we had coffee at the end it was far too strong! It's quite a nice room, but having black and white photographs of famous people on the wall is not an original idea. It's not a cheap restaurant and I wasn't happy to pay so much for boring food.

#### Henry's

This restaurant is very popular with young people and I can see why. It's very stylish and modern, and there's a wide variety of Italian pasta dishes on the menu. The quality of the food was good, but I was a little unhappy with the dessert. I ordered a chocolate cake, but there wasn't any. Then I ordered a cheesecake, but there wasn't any either. Finally, I had to have ice-cream. The service was also quite slow because the restaurant was so crowded, and we got quite hot and tired waiting for our food to arrive. I definitely recommend this restaurant, but only during the week when it's emptier!

#### Candlelight

I went to Candlelight because I wanted a romantic meal with my wife – what a mistake! The music playing was horrible and very loud too. There were no candles; the place was full of bright, flashing lights! The food was very average, nothing special at all. My wife's chocolate cake was <u>tasty</u>, but I had a lemon <u>tart</u> which was far too sour. Our waitress never noticed when our glasses were empty and we had to wait over half an hour for the bill. It wasn't expensive, but as the food wasn't great I'm glad I didn't have to pay any more.

<sup>\*</sup>Macmillan Publishers Ltd 2007 Adapted from the Skills section in www.onestopenglish.com

Are the statements true (a) or false (b)?		
<b>Example:</b> The food wasn't very nice at any of the restaurants.	a. True	b. False
1. The food at <i>Park Inn</i> wasn't very good.	(a)True	b. False
2. The service was very slow in all three restaurants.	a. True	(b) False
3. The writer liked the decoration in <i>Henry's</i> .	a.True	b. False
4. There were lots of people at <i>Henry's</i> .	(a)True	b. False
5. Park Inn is cheaper than Candlelight.	a. True	(b) False
6. The writer didn't think that Candlelight was very romantic.	(a) True	b. False
7. Not all the desserts in <i>Candlelight</i> are good.	a True	b. False
8. The food at <i>Candlelight</i> was free.	a. True	<b>b</b> False

### Choose the best meaning (a-d) for the words.

9. tasteless (paragrap	,		
a. ugly	b. cold	c. interesting	dboring
10. tasty (paragraph a. nice	three) b. expensive	Cdelicious	d. hot
11. tart (paragraph tha.)a kind of pie	aree) b. a kind of fish	c. a kind of drink	d. a kind of sauce

#### No More Flowers

WINNIPEG, Manitoba Thu Nov 18 (Reuters) - A Some fa Canadian Football league player says he doesn't want more flowers.

Some fans were sorry for McCallum. They are sending him flowers.

Paul McCallum plays in the Saskatchewan Roughriders football league team. He missed a kick in a game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders did not make the Canadian Football League final because he missed the kick.

"...Please stop sending flowers..." McCallum said on CBC television. "My house is turning into a florist's shop."

Police are still looking for the fan who threw the eggs.

Some fans were very angry. One angry fan threw eggs at McCallum's house. A man wants to burn down his house.

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Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

- 12. Why are some fans sending Paul McCallum flowers?
- a. because they think he's attractive.
- C because they feel sad that people are angry with him.
- 13. What happened in a football league game?
- a. McCallum got angry
- c. McCallum's team won and went through to the final.
- 14. What does McCallum think of the flowers?
- a. They smell nice.
- c. There are too many.
- 15. What do you think turn into means?
- a. be

b. have

- b. because he likes flowers.
- d. because they are angry with him.
- (b) McCallum made a mistake. d. A fan threw eggs at McCallum.
  - b. They are beautiful
  - d. They make him angry.
  - c. see
- d.become

Read the newspaper article.

## Woman Too Busy for Free Shopping Spree

MADRID Fri Nov 21 (Reuters) - A woman who won a free shopping spree said she didn't want the prize. She said she was too busy.

When the woman heard that she was the winner of the competition, she said she would have to think about it. She did not come to get her prize.

The Spanish woman won a prize of 6,000 euros (\$7,118) for a three-hour shopping spree. She entered a competition in the city of Murcia in Spain.

She said she was "too busy to waste the morning," a spokesman for the competition said.

The runner-up, 28-year-old Piedad Lopez got the prize.

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Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

- 16. What is a spree, do you think?
- a. a shop
- b. some clothes
- ©a shopping trip
- d. a shopping centre

- 17. How long was the shopping spree prize?
- a. Friday 21st November
- b. 6,000 euros
- c. 28
- (d.)three hours

- 18. Where did she win the prize?
- a. Madrid, Spain
- b Murcia, Spain
- c. a competition
- d. a Spanish woman
- 19. Why didn't the woman want to go shopping?
- a. because she didn't live in Murcia.
- b. because she didn't enter the competition.
- c. because she hates shopping
- Decause she has many other things that she wants to do

20. What happened to the prize? a. no one won it b. the competition was cancelled c) they gave it to the runner-up d. it wasn't a very good prize

## Read the email and choose the best words to fill in the gaps.

Dear John,				
How (Example)_	you? I'm fine	2.		
(22) a rehistory. Last r	eally interestir night, we (24)	ng girl. (23)	went to a concert (21) name is Lucy. She's st and I invited her to (25 her.	cudying
After the exams	s, I'd like (28)		ng really hard at the mon Spain. I need to relax! _ it very well!	
Anyway, my phorsoon,	ne (30) ri	nging! It's prob	ably Lucy! I'll write to	you
Brian				
Example: a. is	b. old	c. are	d. were	
21. a. but	b. to	c. with	d)and	
22. a. dreamed	b. went	c. gave	dmet	
23. a. his	b. your	C.her	d. its	
24. a. drank	bate	c. played	d. put	
25. a. see	b. hear	c. watch	(d.)go	
26.a like	b. hate	c. would	d. could	
27. a. like	b. hate	c.am	d. was	
28. a. go	(b) to	c. have	d. take	
29. a. remember	b. forget	c. believe	d. take	
30. a. are	b. goes	Cis	d. has	
II. Use of Engli	sh Section			
_		the correct word or place. I was five years old.	nrase (a-e).	
a. start	b. started	c. finished	d. am starting	
31 you a. do	taking an exam at t	he moment? c. is	d. was	
32. I sing a. was	g quite well. b. have	c. am	(d.)can	
33 We	some photos when	we were on holiday		

c. gave

b. give

a. take

**d**took

34Friday eva. in	vening, Fred goes dar b. by	c. of	d.on
35. Whata. are	b. be	c. does	d. is
36. Last night I	b. heard	music. c. hearing	d.listened
37 I don't	magazines. It b. writing	s boring.	d. writes
38. I think <i>Star Wars</i>	thar b more interesting	The Lord of the Rings. c. most interesting	d. interested
39. She hates	her homew b. making	Cytical-8	d. to make
40. On Saturdays sl a. see	ne usually b. saw	TV. c. watch	dwatches
	ch sportTV b. at	c. for	d. in
42. I can a. surfing	quite well. b. to surf	c. surfed	d. surf
43. English is	b. easyer	c. easier	d. more easy
44. There	b. are	in the fridge. c. be	d. being
45. Today he	a shirt an bis wearing	d tie. c. wears	d. use
46. You can go	boat trips. b. to	c. of	(d.)on
47. Where a. do	b. does	c. are	dis
a. is	running b. plays	6,8	d. does
a by	weekend there's an a bat	C. 101	d. in
50. I	an email to my b b. write	oss at the moment. c. writes	d. wrote
51. Pop music is a. good	b. gooder	an opera. c. better	d. best
52. Where a. do	you go last nig b. were	ht?	d. was
a on	her to go a dri b. at	C.701	d. in
54. Cuenca is _ a. cold	than 6	Guayaquil. c. coldder	d. more cold
	he born? b. were	c. do	d. does

56. Tigers are				O .	
a. danger	b. dangerous	c. dar	ngerouser	d more dange	erous
57. How many cousi a. has	ns b have			d. does	
58 you l					
	b. have		uld	d. do	
59. Bill Gates isa. rich	tha	n Homer Sim	pson.		
a. rich	(b)richer	c. poo	orer	d. poorest	
60. That flat is really a big	b. biger	! c. big	ger	d. more big	
61. What time does have breakfast				d. breakfasts	
62. Where	they from?				
62. Wherea. is	bare	c. do		d. does	
What is the opposite	of these word	ls?			
Example: noisy			c. empty	d. dangerous	S
63. big			c. enormous		
64. slow	a. long	b. tall	C.fast	d. straight	
65. go out	a. go in	b. go up	© stay in	d. stay of	
66. never	a. sometimes	b) always	c. often	d. hardly eve	er
67. lose	a. miss	b. take	c. know	d. find	
Which word is diffe	rent?				
Example: a. rap			c. ope	era	d. thrillers
68. a. uncle	b. bro	ther	© dau	ıghter	d. father
69. a toast	b. tea			fee	d. juice
70. a. French	b. Poli			many	d. Mexican
71. a. socks	(b.)jear		c. boo		d. trainers
72. a bath	b. a sh	lower	c.a cc	ooker	d. a washbasin
Are these sentences	correct (a) or i	ncorrect (h)?			
Example: He sayed to	, ,	, ,		a. corr	ect <u>b. incorrect</u>
73. I haven't any cats or dogs.			a. corr	rect bincorrect	
74. I love play basketball.			a. corr	rect bincorrect	
75. She's fifteen years old.			(a) corr	ect b. incorrect	
76. I'd like a cheese burger and chips, please.			(a) corr	ect b. incorrect	
77. There's some cheese.			a.corr	ect b. incorrect	
78. He practises sport every day.			acorr	ect b. incorrect	
79. I don't have any brothers or sisters.			(a)corr	ect b. incorrect	
80. How many furniture is there?			a. corr	rect b.incorrect	

# III. Listening Section

Listen to four people on a TV game show. Three men want to invite Linda on a date. Choose the best answers (a, b or c).

81. The name of the TV game show is a. Who's my soul mate?	b. Who's my mate?	C.V	Vho's my date?
82. John likes a. classical music	bjazz music	c. r	ock music
83. Linda doesn't like a. pop and rock music	b. jazz and rock music	C.classical and jazz music	
84. Linda and like the sam a. Bill	ne kind of films. b. John	(c)T	Cony
85. Linda likes talk shows and game show a news programmes	rs, but Bill likes b. westerns	c. c	locumentaries
Listen to Jason and Barbara talk about th	eir vacations. Are the senter	nces true or f	alse?
86. Jason went to San Pedro.		a. True	(b) False
87. He thought it was great.		(a.)True	b. False
88. The weather was good.		a.True	b. False
89. Barbara didn't go away on vacation.		(a) True	b. False
90. She didn't have a very good time.		a. True	<b>b</b> False
91. She did exercise every day.		(a) True	b. False
Listen to the Steven's family planning a	family day out. Choose the	best answers	s (a, b or c).
92. Who doesn't want to go to the beach? a. the father and mother	<b>b</b> the father and son	c. the mot	her and son
93. The mother says that they can a. go shopping in London	b. go to museums in Lond	on ©go to	Regent's Park
94. What can't you do in Regent's Park? a go swimming	b. go to concerts	c. go to th	e theatre
95. The father doesn't want to go to Chessa. it's too expensive	sington because b. it's far away	c. he wen	t there last week
96. What time does Jason have to be at the a 9am	e station? b. 9.30am	c. 9.45am	
Listen to the conversation in a shop. Are	the sentences true or false?		
97. The shop doesn't have any bottles of v	water.	@True	b. False
98. The man buys a £20 phone card.		a. True	(b) False
99. He asks for three stamps for Europe.		a. True	(b) False
100. It costs £28.70 in total.		a. True	<b>b</b> False