

**TEST LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
VARIANTA A**

A. Partea I: CITIT
(Citire selectivă)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

The Rent Man

Someone is knocking on Amanda's door. Amanda is home, but she does not answer. It is the man who owns the house where she lives. His name is Mr. Campbell. Amanda calls him the Rent Man. He has come by to get the rent money Amanda owes. Amanda does not have the money to pay him. Amanda lost her job at the auto factory three and a half weeks ago. Amanda has no idea when she will find another job. Lots of other people from her factory lost their jobs three weeks ago, too. She looks for work every day. She looks for work at a restaurant, but she has never worked at a restaurant. She looks for work at the bookstore but they don't have any jobs right now. She looks for work at the grocery store but the manager says that she will call her to let her know. Amanda is worried. She is running out of money quickly. There is another loud knock at the door. Amanda sits quietly in her kitchen. She hopes the Rent Man will go away soon.

1. Who is knocking at Amanda's door?

- a) the restaurant owner
- b) the clerk
- c) Mr. Campbell**
- d) the manager

2. What does Mr. Campbell want?

- a) a book
- b) a car
- c) a job
- d) money**

3. Why doesn't Amanda answer the door?

- a) she is feeling sick
- b) she is not home
- c) she has very little money**
- d) she doesn't hear the doorbell ring

4. When did Amanda lose her job?

- a) ten days ago
- b) two weeks ago
- c) two months ago
- d) almost a month ago**

5. Which job might Amanda get?

- a) the restaurant job
- b) the factory job
- c) the bookstore job
- d) the grocery store job**

Science and technology in schools

Science is no longer presented as Physics, Chemistry and Biology to be learnt parrot fashion, but as a practical discipline requiring communication skills and the application of knowledge and understanding. Pupils now have to behave like scientists in and outside the classroom. They learn to communicate, whether working alone or contributing to a group effort. They learn research skills such as the use of reference materials. They practice gathering and organizing information from different sources. They develop the ability to record and report as well as to translate information from one form to another to suit a particular audience or purpose.

Technology, which was previously encountered as an option at Secondary School and often limited to Technical Drawing, is now compulsory for pupils aged between five and sixteen. As in Science, the new approach is based on practice. Pupils are encouraged to identify opportunities for design and technological activities and to express them verbally. They learn these abilities in the contexts of home, school, recreation, community and also business and industry as they approach school-leaving age. They also learn to generate designs, to plan and make things using appropriate resources and to evaluate the processes, products and effects of their design and technological activities.

6. How is science regarded nowadays?

- a) as a way of communicating
- b) as a fashion
- c) as a practical discipline**
- d) as a technological issue

7. What do students learn through scientific subjects?

- a) how to communicate**
- b) how to learn parrot fashion
- c) how to translate
- d) how to speak in front of an audience

8. When is technology compulsory in a child's education?

- a) at Secondary School
- b) from the age of five to sixteen**
- c) at Primary School
- d) never

9. Where do students learn the abilities necessary in a technology class?

- a) at Secondary School
- b) at the office
- c) at work
- d) at home and at school**

10. What do they also learn to do?

- a) to drive big cars
- b) to generate designs**
- c) to build models
- d) to use their leisure time

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

Youth vs. Old

Youth is associated with innocence, beauty, good health, energy, idealism, curiosity, immaturity, inexperience and rebellion. Old age often implies experience, wisdom, fatigue, failing health and conservatism. For some people it is a time of fulfillment and contentment; for others it may involve cynicism and bitterness. It is sometimes associated with senility when people are forgetful or easily confused.

The physical differences between the young and the elderly are obvious. The average age of competitors in the World Cup or the Olympic Games is likely to be under 35. Medical records show that pensioners require more health treatments than other age-groups.

The notion of youth being rebellious could possibly date from the 1960s when there were many student protests in Western Europe and the U.S.A. More recently, there have been big student demonstrations in China and South Korea. Yet in many other countries, young people are careful to observe the status quo. Respect for elders still seems to be more prevalent in Asia and the Middle East than in Western Europe and the U.S.A. where the average age of political leaders seems to have fallen.

11. The text is about:

- a) World Cup versus Olympic Games
- b) China versus South Korea
- c) people at different ages**
- d) Western Europe versus the U.S.A.

12. Old age does NOT mean:

- a) experience
- b) fulfillment and contentment
- c) senility
- d) energy**

13. 35 is

- a) the number of students who demonstrated in China and South Korea
- b) competitors' age limit in the World Cup or the Olympic Games**
- c) the average age of political leaders
- d) the age pensioners should be to require more health treatments

14. Recent demonstrations occurred in:

- a) Western Europe
- b) the U.S.A.
- c) China and South Korea**
- d) Asia and the Middle East

15. Elderly people are more respected in:

- a) China and South Korea
- b) Asia and the Middle East**
- c) Western Europe
- d) Western Europe and the U.S.A.

B. Partea a II-a: ELEMENTE DE GRAMATICĂ ȘI VOCABULAR
(Vocabular)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

16. Walking is _____ than running.

- a) faster
- b) more generous
- c) happier
- d) slower**

17. A rabbit is _____ than a turtle.

- a) quicker**
- b) more responsible
- c) happier
- d) more patient

18. The Court case was dismissed for lack of _____.

- a) evidence**
- b) a jury
- c) defence
- d) people

19. The _____ he gave me was very useful.

- a) advices
- b) advice**
- c) piece of advices
- d) pieces of advices

20. Humour can ease the trials and tribulations of life. Sometimes we have to be able to _____

- a) enjoy ourselves**
- b) enjoy ourselves
- c) enjoy ours
- d) enjoy our

21. A man down the street committed suicide. We were all shocked by the news that he had _____

- a) killed himself**
- b) killed himselfves
- c) killed herself
- d) killed him

22. Jane _____ me there was nothing the matter.

- a) said
- b) told**
- c) suggested
- d) insisted

23. An army spokesman stressed that all troops patrolling the streets had been _____ to issue clear warnings before firing any shots.

- a) denied
- b) ordered**
- c) announced
- d) told

24. I do like Channel 4's _____ of the big sporting events.

- a) reporting
- b) coverage**
- c) presentation
- d) emission

25. Two men, _____ as security guards, overpowered staff at the bank and escaped with £ 150,000.

- a) **disguised**
- b) transformed
- c) changed
- d) dressed

(Gramatică)

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:

26. Oranges are _____ than lemons.

- a) more sweet
- b) **sweeter**
- c) sweetest
- d) most sweetest

27. Travelling by air is _____ than travelling by bus.

- a) most fastest
- b) the fastest
- c) **faster**
- d) less fastest

28. I didn't have much _____ just two small bags.

- a) luggages
- b) pieces of luggages
- c) **luggage**
- d) piece of luggage

29. The news _____ very depressing.

- a) were
- b) **was**
- c) are
- d) were being

30. I have a wonderful family. I love _____ very much.

- a) they
- b) **them**
- c) those
- d) their

31. Tommy told a lie. He was ashamed of _____

- a) **himself**
- b) herself
- c) themselves
- d) hiself

32. "If we leave now, we'll catch the train," said Bob.

What is the correct form of this sentence in reported speech?

- a) **Bob told me that if we left then, we'd catch the train.**
- b) Bob told me if we leave then, we'd catch the train.
- c) Bob told me that if we left then, we catch the train.
- d) Bob told me if we leave now, we'll catch the train.

33. "Yes, I do accept the situation is critical, but let me say once again, that we are doing our best to find a solution."

The Prime Minister _____ that the situation _____ critical but _____ that the Government _____ its best to find a solution.

- a) said, is, told, was doing
- b) underlined, seemed, said, did
- c) **admitted, was, repeated, was doing**
- d) said, looked, repeated, did

34. It is now generally recognised that stress is a major _____ of heart disease.

- a) reason
- b) motive
- c) cause**
- d) purpose

35. When I first arrived here to take up my new job, I stayed in a hotel, but I soon started looking for a permanent

- a) household
- b) accommodation
- c) residence**
- d) habitation

C. Partea a III-a: SCRIS

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

36. Correct the linking word in the sentence:

I didn't sleep very well but I'm very tired today.

- a) and
- b) so**
- c) because
- d) although

37. Correct the linking word in the sentence:

He started taekwondo lessons but he wanted to get fit.

- a) or
- b) while
- c) and
- d) as**

38. Find the best way to start the following sentence:

_____ many working people like me, Saturday is the only day of the week to take advantage of the breathtaking and thought-provoking artwork our museum has to offer.

- a) Although
- b) However
- c) Because
- d) For**

39. Complete the following sentence:

Any person _____ to leave a country must first obtain a passport.

- a) who decides**
- b) who he or she decides
- c) who they decide
- d) he or she decided

40. Which of the following is the best way to combine the sentences?

Salsa music filled the home of Liz and Guermo. Guests filled up on salmon, caviar and shrimps.

- a) Salsa music filled the home of Liz and Guermo, guests filled up on salmon, caviar and shrimps.
- b) While salsa music filled the home of Liz and Guermo, guests filled up on salmon, caviar and shrimps.**
- c) Salsa music filled the home of Liz and Guermo; nevertheless, guests filled up on salmon, caviar and shrimps.
- d) Salsa music filled the home of Liz and Guermo; however, guests filled up on salmon, caviar and shrimps.

41. Which sentence is correct?

- a) *Hamlet*, whom is Shakespeare's most famous play, is a masterpiece.
- b) *Hamlet* which is Shakespeare's most famous play, is a masterpiece.
- c) *Hamlet*, which is Shakespeare's most famous play, is a masterpiece.**
- d) *Hamlet* who is Shakespeare's most famous play is a masterpiece.

42. Which is the correct order?

- a) **Father says that in 1940 there was great famine.**
- b) That there was great famine in 1940 father says.
- c) Father in 1940 says that there was great famine.
- d) That in 1940 was great famine there, father says.

43. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

It was _____ windy that half the trees had been blown down.

- a) such
- b) even
- c) if
- d) **so**

44. Choose the best way to start the following sentence:

_____, a famous English explorer, died while returning from the South Pole during his second journey.

- a) It is Robert Falcon Scott
- b) It was Robert Falcon Scott
- c) Robert Falcon Scott was
- d) **Robert Falcon Scott**

45. What is the phrase that adds a point when writing?

- a) **In addition to the obvious dangers, there was the weather to be considered.**
- b) While the name of the attacker is known to the police, no name has been released.
- c) Accordingly, the weather was to be considered.
- d) As a result, all troops have been withdrawn.