

**TEST LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ  
VARIANTA A**

**A. PARTEA I: CITIT**  
(Citire selectivă)

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

Tour de France

Greg LeMond was the first American winner of the Tour de France cycle race. He decided to become a cyclist when he was still at school and began to win a lot of prizes. LeMond missed going to the Moscow Olympics in 1980 because of political problems between the USA and the USSR. Today he regrets having lost the chance to win a gold medal. LeMond won his first Tour de France in 1986 and his future seemed to be very good, but the next year LeMond had a terrible accident. He was accidentally shot in the back on a hunting trip and he needed to have a very serious operation. LeMond had arranged to take part in the 1987 Tour de France but his doctors didn't recommend leaving the hospital. This was a tragedy but LeMond refused to retire from the sport and he kept believing he could return to cycling. Two years later he started again.

1. How did LeMond decide to become a cyclist?

- a) When he won the first prize.
- b) When he was shot.

- c) When he was at school.**
- d) When he was in Moscow.

2. When did he win his first gold medal?

a) 1980

**b) 1986**

c) 1987

d) 1989

3. Why didn't he take part in the competition in 1987?

- a) Because the doctors didn't recommend it.**
- b) Because of political problems.

- c) Because he was in school.
- d) Because his future seemed to be very good.

Testing Intelligence

The concept that we could test intelligence began with a 19<sup>th</sup> century British scientist, Sir Francis Galton. People knew Galton as a man with many interests, including Biology and Psychology. After Darwin's *The Origin of Species* was published in 1859, Galton spent most of his time trying to discover the link between heredity and human ability. People thought at that time that the human race had a few geniuses and a few idiots, while the majority was equally intelligent people. Whatever a person achieved in their life was the result of hard work and will power. This idea did not satisfy Galton. He believed that physical factors determined mental characteristics.

4. When was the concept of testing intelligence developed?

- a) In the 19<sup>th</sup> century.**
- b) In 1859.

- c) At the same time with the human race.
- d) When people had interests.

5. What did the scientists try to discover?

- a) Psychology.
- b) The concept of testing intelligence.**

- c) The link between human ability and heredity.**
- d) The result of hard work.

6. How was the human race considered?

- a) Having many stupid people.
- b) Having many geniuses and a few idiots.**

- c) Having many idiots and a few geniuses.
- d) Having a majority of intelligent people.**

## Chocomania

Every year the British eat nearly half a million tones of chocolate. This costs nearly £4 billion. That is about 20lb for every person in Britain. The Italians only eat about 3lb of chocolate a year. Chocolate contains a chemical which is the same one as the brain produces when we fall in love. It also contains such strong stimulants that a race horse who ate a Mars bar before a race failed a drug test.

British chocolate is thought not to be as good as Swiss chocolate but much better than American chocolate. This is so poor that it is not called chocolate but candy. Generally speaking, the more expensive chocolate is, the fewer the calories there are. There are five million “chocoholics” in Britain, that is, people who can eat more than 6 bars of chocolate a week.

7. What can be stated about British people?

- a) **They eat more chocolate than Italians.**
- b) They eat less chocolate than Americans.

- c) They eat better chocolate than Swiss.
- d) They eat as much chocolate as Europeans.

8. What does one feel when eating chocolate?

- a) One feels loved.
- b) One feels poor.

- c) **One feels in love.**
- d) One feels expensive.

9. When are people considered to be chocoholic?

- a) **When they eat 7 bars of chocolate a week.**
- b) When they eat 4 bars of chocolate a week.

- c) When they eat 3 bars of chocolate a week.
- d) When they eat 5 bars of chocolate a week.

*(Citire cu atenție)*

## Xavier from France

When Xavier Dupont came to Britain, his friends in Paris said he'd hate it. However Xavier, a 26-year-old chef says they were wrong.

“French people imagine that Britain is a cold, miserable country where everyone dresses badly, you can't see anything for fog, and the food is the worst on the planet. I don't agree.”

Xavier insists that the British look good because they don't follow fashion so seriously. He enjoys shopping in Britain because there are so many fresh things in the supermarkets. He particularly likes the street markets.

However he has some complaints. He thinks that British men don't show enough consideration or appreciation of the women. Also, he doesn't like British bathrooms where you stand or sit in the bath to have a shower! Last of all, he feels that shops and restaurants close far too often and far too early.

10. French people imagine that:

- a) Britain is a cold and foggy country.
- b) Britain is a miserable country where people dress badly.
- c) The British food is the worst on the planet.
- d) **All of the above.**

11. He enjoys shopping in Britain because

- a) there are a lot of vendors.
- b) **there are so many fresh things in supermarkets.**
- c) people follow fashion so seriously.
- d) people are really nice.

12. He feels that shops and restaurants

- a) open too early.
- b) are very few in number.
- c) **close far too often and far too early.**
- d) serve tasteless food.

### The Great Sphinx

The Great Sphinx is at Giza in Egypt next to the Great Pyramids. The Pyramids were built by pharaohs in approximately 2500 BC. The Great Sphinx has the body of a lion and the face of a man. Many scientists think the man may have been Khafre, a pharaoh at that time.

However, scientists do not all agree on this. John West and Robert Schoch have discovered water erosion on the Sphinx. But, in the middle of the Egyptian desert, where could the water have come from? Heavy rain was only common in Egypt around 5000 BC. So West and Schoch believe that Khafre can't have built the Sphinx. The Sphinx must already have existed at Giza when the pyramids were built. But we have no idea who might have built it.

13. The Great Sphinx is situated

- a) in the Pyramids.
- b) to the West of the Pyramids.
- c) at Giza in Egypt.**
- d) next to Khafre.

14. The Sphinx was built

- a) by Khafre.
- b) 2500 years ago.
- c) by John West.
- d) in approximately 2500 BC.**

15. The Great Sphinx has

- a) the body of a man and a face of a lion.
- b) the body of a lion and the face of a man.**
- c) the body of a pharaoh at that time.
- d) the body and the face of a lion.

### **B. PARTEA a II-a: ELEMENTE DE VOCABULAR ȘI GRAMATICĂ**

*(Vocabulary)*

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

16. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) in home
- b) at home**
- c) in the home
- d) at the home

17. My father works \_\_\_\_\_ engineer.

- a) as
- b) like
- c) as an**
- d) the same as

18. There's not much to do here \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays.

- a) the
- b) in
- c) at
- d) on**

19. What an \_\_\_\_\_ story!

- a) amusant
- b) amusing**
- c) amusable
- d) amusingly

20. I have forgotten my e-mail \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) signal
- b) identity
- c) symbol
- d) password**

21. Earth is the only \_\_\_\_\_ we know of in the universe that can support human life.

- a) soil
- b) plain
- c) planet**
- d) orbit

22. I'm looking \_\_\_\_\_ the summer holidays.

- a) before
- b) for
- c) forward
- d) forward to**

23. He comes from a very mountainous \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.

- a) land                      b) piece                      c) form                      **d) region**

24. What \_\_\_\_\_ did you use to make this delicious chocolate cake?

- a) food                      b) materials                      c) cooking                      **d) ingredients**

25. Waiter, could you bring me the \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) account                      **b) bill**                      c) addition                      d) note

(Gramatică)

26. I want to buy \_\_\_\_\_ laptop computer next week.

- a) a**                      b) an                      c) the                      d) any

27. My brother won an award for being \_\_\_\_\_ best speller in our school.

- a) a                      b) an                      **c) the**                      d) any

28. The Sun is over 300,000 times \_\_\_\_\_ than the Earth.

- a) large                      b) largest                      **c) larger**                      d) as large

29. The more you water this plant, the \_\_\_\_\_ it will grow.

- a) best                      b) tall                      c) wetter                      **d) faster**

30. I \_\_\_\_\_ bread every day; John \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- a) buy, does                      b) bought, does                      c) didn't buy, does                      **d) don't buy, does**

31. Make sure \_\_\_\_\_ no traffic before you cross.

- a) there is**                      b) it                      c) there isn't                      d) it isn't

32. The teacher explained that they \_\_\_\_\_ higher mathematics.

- a) were learning**                      b) was learning                      c) are learning                      d) have been learning

33. My brother told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ the phone.

- a) would answer**                      b) will answer                      c) answer                      d) answered

34. We played a silly \_\_\_\_\_ at the party last night. Everyone really enjoyed it but we were very tired by the end.

- a) joke                      b) play                      c) sport                      **d) game**

35. Luke ran to the station for fear he might \_\_\_\_\_ the train.

- a) lose                      b) escape                      **c) miss**                      d) take

C. PARTEA a III-a: SCRIS

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

36. Choose the sentence that is best used for accepting an invitation:

- a) Thank you for your kind invitation; I'm not sure I'll make it.
- b) Thank you for inviting me down for the weekend, but I'm afraid I've got the exams.
- c) How about going to the movies?
- d) Thanks for the invitation to dinner. I'd love to come.**

37. Complete de following sentence:

To my \_\_\_\_\_, this was exactly what the weatherman had predicted.

- a) amazement**
- b) pride
- c) honesty
- d) strength

38. For the time being, he is running his father's \_\_\_\_\_ company.

- a) successful**
- b) succesful
- c) sucessful
- d) sucesfull

39. Why don't you mind your own \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) busyness
- b) business**
- c) bussines
- d) businesses

40. Find one suitable continuation for the sentence:

We arrived five minutes before the concert was due to begin. Surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_

- a) most people were already sitting in their seats.
- b) it was quiet, and I would be able to work without being disturbed.
- c) there were still very few people in the auditorium.**
- d) the manager was very unfriendly, and insisted on taking my name and address.

41. He must be \_\_\_\_\_ to talk so loudly during the show!

- a) creazy
- b) crezy
- c) crazy**
- d) cosy

42. Which of the following is the best way to rewrite the sentence ?

She hated highway driving, finding it ugly and monotonous.

- a) She hated highway driving, finding it ugly and dull.**
- b) She hated highway driving, finding it ugly and confusing.
- c) She hated highway driving, finding it ugly and nerve-wracking.
- d) She hated highway driving, finding it ugly and time-consuming.

43. Arrange the following lines in order to obtain a short e-mail answer:

- (5) I am sending you my new address, so you can write to me.
- (2) Yours, Will.
- (1) Of course, I hope you will come to stay with us soon.
- (3) My best regards to Jill.
- (4) Dear Tom,

- a) 4, 1, 2, 3, 5.
- b) 4, 5, 1, 3, 2.**
- c) 4, 3, 5, 1, 2.
- d) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1

44. Which is the correct sentence?

- a) Why bought your sister a new skirt for her birthday?
- b) Why don't you buy your sister a new skirt for her birthday?**
- c) Why don't you buy your sister a skirt new for her birthday?
- d) Why not you buy your sister a new skirt for her birthday?

45. No wonder she is \_\_\_\_\_; you can always see her at the mall.

- a) well-dressed**
- b) weldressed
- c) good-dressed
- d) goddressed