

**TEST LA LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
VARIANTA A**

A. PARTEA I: CITIT
(Citire selectivă)

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

I. Kimiko from Japan

Kimiko came to Britain as a bride six years ago. "There is much more freedom for women here," she says. "It is sometimes difficult for Japanese women to adjust." For Kimiko, the change was easy because she is a translator and speaks English fluently. Also, she has an English husband. "Japanese wives come to Britain and after a while they discover they can have a life of their own outside the home. They don't have that kind of freedom in Japan."

In Japan it is unusual to see men shopping with their wives, helping in the house, or babysitting. But Kimiko's husband, John, happily lends a hand with the children. John says that Japanese husbands soon adapt in Britain, and seem to relax more with their families.

Education is one thing that worries Kimiko. In Japan, children go to school six days a week and work much harder than English children. Another complaint is that shops don't have many clothes for small women!

1. Why was it easy for Kimiko to adjust in Britain?

- a) Because she was a translator.**
- b) Because she was friendly.
- c) Because she had many relatives in Britain.
- d) Because she was married.

2. What does she say about Japanese men?

- a) They hardly ever lend a helping hand with the house work.**
- b) They adapt easily in Britain.
- c) They relax more with their families.
- d) They feel free together with their children.

3. Which is *not* Kimiko's complaint?

- a) Children go to school every day except Sunday in Japan.
- b) English children don't work as much as the Japanese children.
- c) Shops don't have clothes for small women.
- d) There is much more freedom for women in Britain.**

II. Fabulous Cape Town

If you want a fabulous holiday, go to Cape Town – a city with a diverse range of attractions, sights and things to do. From the landmark beaches of Clifton to the city centre, time spent here will not be forgotten.

Summer is from late October to March and it's a great time to visit Cape Town. You will find it full of holidaymakers enjoying the hot weather, beautiful scenery and sunny beaches. If you enjoy the outdoors, there are many popular walking and hiking routes in the surrounding forests and mountains. Shopping fans should visit Kalk Bay or Hout Bay for shops selling arts and crafts, or shop till you drop for clothing, accessories and much more at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Canal Walk or Cavendish Square.

Cape Town is home to a wide variety of excellent restaurants presenting a range of cuisine from fresh Mediterranean flavours to exotic Asian spices, local Cape Malay dishes and traditional African meals.

4. Where can you go for a fabulous holiday?
- a) To a different range of sites.
 - b) To Cape Town.**
 - c) To some landmark beaches.
 - d) To Clifton.
5. When is the best time to visit this fabulous place?
- a) In autumn.
 - b) From early March to October.
 - c) From late October to March.**
 - d) In spring.
6. Where can you shop till you drop for accessories?
- a) Kalk Bay and Hout Bay.
 - b) Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and Kalk Bay.
 - c) Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Canal Walk or Cavendish Square.**
 - d) Local Cape Malay.

III. Time, Relativity and Cinema

Time is graphically illustrated in the former's "Relativity" film exhibited at cinema houses. The picture shows that things are not always what they seem. What is apparently a sharply bent line may be actually a lead pencil resting in a glass of water, the refraction occurring at the surface of the water where the pencil emerges into a less dense medium, causing it to appear bent. A spot that appears to be white upon a black background is actually gray when seen on a white background.

After showing that everything in the universe is relative as compared to something else and that the speed of light (186,000 miles a second) is the only standard that never varies, Dr. Einstein introduces time as the fourth dimension, and brings his picture to a whirlwind conclusion by shooting the spectator back through 431 years to 1492, with Columbus discovering America.

7. What is "Relativity"?
- a) A novel.
 - b) A movie.**
 - c) A musical.
 - d) A concert.
8. What does the film show?
- a) People travelling to Russia.
 - b) The way people can react.
 - c) The rotation of the earth.
 - d) That things are different from what they seem.**
9. How is time considered by Einstein?
- a) As the fourth dimension.**
 - b) As the speed of sound.
 - c) As a red spot upon a black background.
 - d) As a standard that never varies.

IV. Climbing the Mountains

Mountaineering has this advantage over most other sports; enjoyment depends very little indeed on natural ability or technical skill; it is a sport without winners and without losers. By all means study the technique of climbing if it interests you. But, believe me, provided you go to really good mountain country, it doesn't much matter how you climb or what you climb. There are three things that matter; look up frequently to see the way ahead, don't leave the holds you have until you have tested new ones; do all you can to help those climbing with you.

10. According to the passage, mountaineering is a sport

a) in which nobody wins and nobody loses.

b) that is not suitable for the old.

c) in which technique is not easy to learn.

d) which can be enjoyed anywhere in the country.

11. When climbing one must

a) always follow the good climbers.

b) be careful to check that new holds are safe before leaving old ones.

c) always keep to known routes.

d) never look back.

12. The passage emphasizes the fact that

a) the techniques of climbing are of great importance.

b) there is actually not much really good climbing country.

c) climbing is not a team sport.

d) one climber should always help another.

V. Fantastic Italian Shopping

Shopping in Rome is fantastic, no matter if you are searching for haute couture, antiques, or a bargain. Some of the biggest names in Italian fashion – Fendi, Valentino, Bulgari – hail from Rome and you will find their flagship stores, as well as boutiques by Prada, Armani, Versace, Ferragamo, Cavalli, Gucci, and many others, along the grid of streets near the Spanish Steps. Via del Corso, and the streets that radiate from it, is the most obvious shopping area. The mile-long street which runs from Piazza Venezia to Piazza del Popolo has all manner of shops, including the Ferrari flagship store, numerous shoe stores, popular fashion brands like Diesel and Benetton, and department stores.

There are several good outdoor markets, flea markets, and places to buy antiques in Rome. Porta Portese, which operates on Sundays from 7 am until 1 pm, is the most important flea market in Rome and is one of the largest flea markets in Europe.

13. The most impressive names in Italian fashion are

a) Gucci, Diesel, Benetton.

b) Diesel, Benetton, Valentino.

c) Via del Corso, Porta Portese, Piazza Venezia.

d) Fendi, Valentino, Bulgari.

14. A grid of shopping streets is close to

a) the Spanish Steps.

b) Piazza del Popolo.

c) Porta Portese.

d) Trastevere.

15. Porta Portese is

a) a mile-long street.

b) one of the largest flea markets in Europe.

c) a popular fashion brand.

d) the most important market in Rome.

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

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

16. He made a lot of bad _____ in his composition.

- a) faults **b) mistakes** c) fails d) defects

17. Good _____ ! I hope you will succeed.

- a) chance b) wish c) opportunity **d) luck**

18. You will have to apologize to your father _____ what you have done.

- a) to **b) for** c) on d) from

19. My mother's only been here 3 weeks. It's a / an _____ job.

- a) overtime **b) temporary** c) short d) income

20. One of the most difficult decisions is choosing what to do for a _____.

- a) salary **b) living** c) employee d) work

21. You will gain some useful _____.

- a) inexperience b) experienced **c) experience** d) experiencing

22. She's fond _____ modern art.

- a) of** b) to c) about d) on

23. Are you _____ the party?

- a) spending b) wasting **c) enjoying** d) liking

24. Turn the TV up a little, please. I can't _____ it!

- a) listen b) feel **c) hear** d) touch

25. I can't help _____ at her funny hat.

- a) not laughing **b) laughing** c) without laughing d) any laughing

(Gramatică)

26. Choose the right synonym for the underlined word out of the four options:

The abandoned boat was found miles away from the shore; they never found out who had been on it.

- a) cherished **b) deserted** c) shabby d) austere

27. Choose the best antonym for the underlined word:

My colleague could have never been so right before when he presented the situation.

- a) correct **b) wrong** c) clean d) hard

28. I made _____ last month.

- a) a lot of money** c) so many money
b) lots money d) many money

29. She came _____ because her car is being serviced.
 a) by feet b) by foot **c) on foot** d) on feet
30. Jane doesn't drive _____ her husband.
a) so fast as b) as fastly as c) fastest as d) faster as
31. He is _____ tennis player I've ever seen.
 a) worst **b) the worst** c) the worse d) worstest
32. _____ two rings here on my little finger belonged to _____ grandmother.
a) These / my b) That / mine c) Those / me d) The / myself
33. She is _____ girlfriend.
 a) hers **b) his** c) he's d) ours
34. I like to watch tennis on television. It is _____ very good game.
a) a b) an c) the d) no
35. Please meet me at the train station in _____ hour from now.
 a) a **b) an** c) the d) every

C. PARTEA a III-a: SCRIS

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

36. She was rejected because she had no _____ experience.
 a) secretaryal **b) secretarial** c) secretarial d) secretarryal
37. I gave up buying the present because of the unfriendly and rude _____.
 a) casier b) cashyer **c) cashier** d) cassier
38. Complete de following sentence:
 _____ that local youths may have started the fire.
a) It is thought b) It is down c) It is left d) It is purple
39. Choose the best connector to fill in the phrase:
 The newspaper was the original platform for mass media _____ the invention of the television was even better.
 a) neither b) either c) also **d) but**
40. After the match, he hopes to be not only a simple _____, but the winner.
 a) competitor **b) competitor** c) competor d) competetor
41. Which text is a news report about an accident?
 a) The purpose of this report is to assess the suitability of Fairfax Eateries as caterers for the firm's annual spring party.
 b) Anyway, that's my news for now. I hope you're enjoying the holidays as much as I am. Write back soon and let me know how you're getting on.
 c) Suddenly, the door opened. Tracey stared in horror as the dark figure in the doorway raised its arms over its head.
d) The rescue team began their search for the lost skiers at dawn. The missing family was located a few hours later by a search helicopter, and they were lifted to safety.

42. What is the phrase that best illustrates summarizing?

- a) In addition to the obvious dangers, there were other factors to be considered.
- b) The minister was literally speechless.
- c) It is more than likely that the plan will fail.
- d) In conclusion, this is a car I would thoroughly recommend.**

43. The two desk-mates _____ to be good friends.

- a) happend
- b) happened**
- c) hapened
- d) hopened

44. After entering the restaurant, a _____ showed us the way to our booked table.

- a) waitress**
- b) weitress
- c) waitress
- d) waitres

45. Read the following extract from a **thank you** letter. Where do you think it comes from?

Many thanks for a lovely meal and your hospitality on Friday – we had a great time. We must do it again some time...

- a) a business letter
- b) a card sent to a couple after a dinner party**
- c) a reply to a party invitation.
- d) a message for someone leaving a job.