

CONCURS DE ADMITERE LA CICLUL DE STUDII UNIVERSITARE DE LICENȚĂ
TEST DE COMPETENȚĂ LINGVISTICĂ ÎN LIMBA ENGLEZĂ

PART 1. Read the texts below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

The future of virtual reality ('VR') (1) _____ immense promise, with innovation driving its evolution across industries and society. But did you know VR is (2) _____ transforming the real world? Here are some examples: Car manufacturers are (3) _____ using VR to test design plans, tolerances, and safety features in virtual environments to ensure their products are evaluated at a very early phase of the process, (4) _____ reducing the time and costs. Sportspeople, including Formula One drivers, cyclists, golfers, and skiers use VR to (5) _____ courses and learn their way around the track from the comfort of their own training centre. The growing field of VR is (6) _____ learning by providing students with access to virtual environments where they (7) _____ engage with immersive content from a range of subjects, such as art, geography, biology and chemistry. In the world of (8) _____, VR has been used to train medical staff, but even more importantly, it allows for 'telesurgery', in which a surgeon operates on a patient (9) _____.

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| 1. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | carries | <input type="radio"/> B | holds | <input type="radio"/> C | keeps | <input type="radio"/> D | drives |
| 2. | <input type="radio"/> A | albeit | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | already | <input type="radio"/> C | still | <input type="radio"/> D | yet |
| 3. | <input type="radio"/> A | timely | <input type="radio"/> B | fast | <input type="radio"/> C | rapidly | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | increasingly |
| 4. | <input type="radio"/> A | but | <input type="radio"/> B | either | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | thus | <input type="radio"/> D | though |
| 5. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | preview | <input type="radio"/> B | shovel | <input type="radio"/> C | delve | <input type="radio"/> D | search |
| 6. | <input type="radio"/> A | calling | <input type="radio"/> B | assessing | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | enhancing | <input type="radio"/> D | demanding |
| 7. | <input type="radio"/> A | shall | <input type="radio"/> B | must | <input type="radio"/> C | have to | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | can |
| 8. | <input type="radio"/> A | healthy | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | healthcare | <input type="radio"/> C | medical | <input type="radio"/> D | caring |
| 9. | <input type="radio"/> A | casually | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | remotely | <input type="radio"/> C | accidentally | <input type="radio"/> D | reluctantly |



The (10) _____ of learning a foreign language are multiplying as the world becomes more and more globalized and bilingualism is now perhaps the (11) _____ useful real world skill to (12) _____ exist. If you're (13) _____ about making the effort to learn a foreign language rather than expecting the world to (14) _____ your monolingualism, you are a (15) _____ breed indeed.

Foreign language study is all (16) _____ learning how to truly communicate and connect with others—an incredibly important life (17) _____ that can only be cultivated by interacting with people. When you (18) _____ a foreign language, you can exercise your new power of being (19) _____ to understand what someone is saying, recall the proper vocabulary and grammar, put that vocabulary and grammar into the proper context — all (20) _____ the spot and in a timely manner. You've connected. And that is what it's all about.

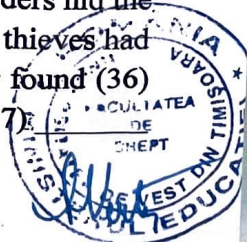
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| 10. | A | convictions | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | benefits | C | grounds | D | thoughts |
| 11. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | less | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | most | C | more | D | least |
| 12. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | ever | B | yet | C | still | D | later |
| 13. | A | considering | B | bearing | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | thinking | D | discounting |
| 14. | A | lodge | B | lend | C | shelter | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | accommodate |
| 15. | A | scarce | B | odd | C | actual | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | rare |
| 16. | A | but | B | for | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | about | D | then |
| 17. | A | way | B | strategy | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | skill | D | mechanism |
| 18. | A | conquer | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | master | C | receive | D | get |
| 19. | A | right | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | able | C | suitable | D | good |
| 20. | A | at | B | in | C | to | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | on |

PART 2. Choose the option that fits best the gaps below.

Pyramids have fascinated people for thousands of years. How were these (21) _____ stone monuments built and why? The most famous of them are the three at Giza, near Cairo. But there are more than 80 other pyramids in Egypt, another 100 in Sudan and more in Central America. Each Egyptian pyramid is a (22) _____, built by a pharaoh (king) as the final resting place for his body. The sides of the first Egyptian pyramids were not smooth, but made of steps. These probably represented a stairway (23) _____ the dead king could (24) _____ to join the other gods among the stars.

“Time laughs at all things: but the pyramids laugh at time”. This old Arab (25) _____ pays respect to the great pyramids of Giza, which have stood (26) _____ the River Nile for more than 4500 years. By the time of Tutankhamun, they were more than a thousand years old, and even the Egyptians thought (27) _____ them as ancient wonders. (28) _____ a distance, the Giza pyramids are an extraordinary sight. Up close, they are massive. The largest of the three, the great pyramid of king Khufu, was built around 2550 BC and (29) _____ the Eiffel Tower was finished in 1887, it was the tallest structure (30) _____ built. It is made (31) _____ about 2300000 blocks of solid limestone. Each one weighs about 2,5 tonnes. The shape of the pyramids has been imitated around the world, particularly in religious buildings. These usually have some kind of point or spire, because of (32) _____ belief in a heavenly region which lies (33) _____ the Earth.

So, what wonders are hidden inside the pyramids? (34) _____ the earliest times, people have believed there were fortunes buried with the dead pharaohs. To stop robbers, the pyramid builders hid the entrances and (35) _____ the internal passages with huge stones. Despite all these efforts, thieves had gotten into every known pyramid by 1000 BC. In fact, the only complete king's burial ever found (36) _____ to Tutankhamun. He was lying in a tomb in three stunning coffins, one made of (37) _____

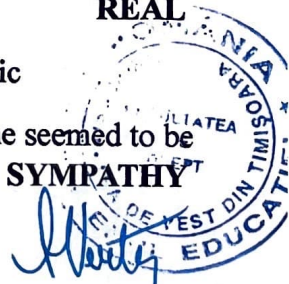


gold, surrounded by incredible riches. (38) _____ his tomb was not an actual pyramid, it gives us a good idea of what might have been in the pyramids themselves. The presence of these treasures (39) _____ that the Egyptians saw their pharaoh as a living god. He led the army in battle, (40) _____ criminals and had complete financial control.

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| 21. | A | paltry | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | massive | C | brittle | D | tiny |
| 22. | A | coffin | <input type="radio"/> B | castle | C | home | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | tomb |
| 23. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | which | <input type="radio"/> B | when | C | where | D | why |
| 24. | A | jump | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | climb | C | pull | D | descend |
| 25. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | proverb | <input type="radio"/> B | word | C | instruction | D | law |
| 26. | A | on | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | by | C | below | D | upon |
| 27. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | of | <input type="radio"/> B | at | C | on | D | above |
| 28. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | from | <input type="radio"/> B | by | C | on | D | in |
| 29. | A | from | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | until | C | after | D | when |
| 30. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | ever | <input type="radio"/> B | never | C | before | D | after |
| 31. | A | out | <input type="radio"/> B | in | C | up | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | of |
| 32. | A | his | <input type="radio"/> B | our | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | the | D | all |
| 33. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | above | <input type="radio"/> B | beneath | C | beyond | D | below |
| 34. | A | never | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | since | C | ever | D | soon |
| 35. | A | opened | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B | sealed | C | closed | D | destroyed |
| 36. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | belonged | <input type="radio"/> B | possessed | C | had | D | owed |
| 37. | A | massive | <input type="radio"/> B | tough | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C | solid | D | liquid |
| 38. | A | despite | <input type="radio"/> B | spite | C | never | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | although |
| 39. | A | demonstrates | <input type="radio"/> B | insinuates | C | disproves | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D | indicates |
| 40. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> A | judged | <input type="radio"/> B | dismissed | C | jailed | D | murdered |

PART 3. Choose the correct form of the missing word from the options given below.

41. My new motorbike isn't as as it used to be when it was new. **RELY**
 A relying B reliable C reliably D realization
42. I'm absolutely at doing additions without a calculator. **HOPE**
 A hopefully B hopeless C hopeful D hoping
43. My parents never want to try foreign food, they're extremely **ADVENTURE**
 A adventurous B adventureless C unadventurous D aventure
44. If you failed to solve at least half of the exam tasks, it's rather to think you're going to get a great score. **REAL**
 A unreal B real C reality D unrealistic
45. I explained to my teacher why I wasn't able to hand in my homework on time, yet she seemed to be rather **SYMPATHY**



A sympathetic B sympathetic C **unsympathetic** D asympathetic

46. Mary didn't feel too well, lately, this may be a sign which should be taken seriously. **WARN**

A warnful B **warning** C warned D warnfully

47. At first, the exam exercise seemed very easy to solve. **SEE**

A seeing B **sight** C see D seen

48. The dish looked unappetizing, yet, it tasted extremely good. **SURPRISE**

A unsurprising B **surprisingly** C surprising D surprised

49. It was a very coincidence that I had met my friend John accidentally. **FORTUNE**

A unfortunate B **fortunate** C infortunate D disfortunate

50. The landscape unfolding before our eyes was beautiful. **BREATHE**

A breathless B breathing C breathingly D **breathtakingly**

PART 4. Choose the form of the missing word which fits best in the gaps below.

Alexandra Horowitz, a psychologist who (51) _____ dog behaviour, describes dogs as 'anthropologists among us', and in her engaging book 'Inside of a Dog', she studies them with the same intensity and affection that they devote to us. Even in the middle of a busy modern city, we're surrounded by all kinds of animals that (52) _____ our space and our food, but only one of them bothers to study us. To rats, crows and cockroaches, we're mostly an irritation and sometimes a (53) _____. Dogs are different. They also try to control us, persuading us to provide them with food and shelter. People are used as tools to solve the puzzles of closed doors and empty water dishes. Most interestingly, dogs confirm our prejudices about other people. But in fact, when their dog greets a stranger with a (54) _____ tail or a growl, a dog is copying his owner's unconscious signals, which it has (55) _____ worked out in a longer period of time through smells and body language. If we want to understand the life of any animal, we need to think about it from their (56) _____. We need to know what it can sense and how it responds to this. And, (57) _____ humans see the world, a dog smells it. Sniffing objects gets smells to the brain via receptor (58) _____ in the nose. Humans have around six million of these. Six million seems an (59) _____ amount but (60) _____ dogs have more than 300 million, which explains their remarkable sense of smell.

51. A reads B **studies** C learns D peruses

52. A **share** B steal C fill D impart

53. A fear B alarm C **threat** D scare

54. A shaking B moving C **wagging** D shivering

55. A instantly B normally C **gradually** D suddenly

56. A mind B opinion C **perspective** D sight

57. A wherein B at C what D **whereas**

58. A rooms B **cells** C chambers D zones

59. A minuscule B few C **enormous** D big

60. A all B **some** C no D few

