

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

1 For all the exercises below, choose the option which fits best.

I have (1) _____ shared with some of you the core ideas behind the Time Machine and even revealed the device itself but at ten o'clock today the first of all Time Machines began its career. I tried all the screws again, put in one more drop of oil and (2) _____ in it. I took the starting lever in one hand and the stopping lever in the other, pressed the first, and almost (3) _____ the second. I felt as if I was falling but, looking (4) _____, I saw the laboratory exactly as before. Had anything (5) _____? For a moment I thought that my mind had tricked me. Then I (6) _____ at the clock. A moment before, it was ten o'clock; now it was nearly half-past three! I took the starting lever in both hands. The laboratory went dark. Mrs Watchett (7) _____ in and walked, without seeing me, towards the garden door. I suppose it (8) _____ her a minute or so but she seemed to shoot across the room like a rocket. I pressed the lever harder. The laboratory grew fainter and fainter. It became night, then day again, night again, day again, faster and faster still. It's difficult to describe the strange feeling of time travelling. It is extremely unpleasant. Night followed day like the flapping of a black wing. The image of the laboratory seemed to fall (9) _____ and I saw the sun hopping across the sky. I thought the laboratory had been destroyed and I had (10) _____ into the open air. The whole surface of the earth seemed changed, melting under my (11) _____. The dials that registered my speed went round faster and faster. Soon I began to (12) _____. What strange developments of humanity might appear when I came to look closely at the world that raced and moved before my eyes! And so I began to (13) _____ about how to stop. (14) _____ an impatient fool, I pulled the lever hard. Suddenly the machine went over and over, and I was thrown high (15) _____ the air. Hail was falling and I found myself sitting on soft grass in front of the overturned machine. I looked around. I could just make out a colossal figure, (16) _____ in some white stone, in the distance. My feelings would be hard to describe. As the hail grew less, I saw the white (17) _____ more clearly. It was very large and made of white marble, in the shape of something like a winged sphinx. Then I (18) _____ to think about what I had done and where I was. What might have happened to the race of men? What if we had become more cruel? (19) _____ if we had developed into something inhuman, unsympathetic, and powerful? To them I might seem like some old-world savage animal, even more dreadful and disgusting because of our similar appearance. What would they think (20) _____ me? What would they do to me?

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| 1. A. ALTHOUGH | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. ALREADY | C. SUDDENLY | D. TEMPORARILY |
| 2. A. PLACED | B. RESTED | C. PUT | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D. SAT |
| 3. A. THEN | B. EVENTUALLY | C. NEXT | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D. IMMEDIATELY |
| 4. A. BEFORE | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. AROUND | C. AFTER | D. INSIDE |
| 5. A. EVOLVED | B. APPEARED | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. HAPPENED | D. CAME |
| 6. A. TOOK | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. LOOKED | C. WATCHED | D. ASKED |
| 7. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A. CAME | B. LEFT | C. MISSED | D. GONE |

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| 8. A. ASKED | B. NEEDED | C. PULLED | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D. TOOK |
| 9. A. AFTER | B. INSIDE | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. AWAY | D. INTO |
| 10. A. WENT | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. COME | C. ENTER | D. CROSSED |
| 11. A. SURVEY | B. OVERSIGHT | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. EYES | D. WATCH |
| 12. A. DISAGREE | B. IGNORE | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. WONDER | D. STOP |
| 13. A. FORGET | B. REGARD | C. POSITION | <input checked="" type="radio"/> D. THINK |
| 14. A. OF | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. LIKE | C. ACCORDING | D. SIMILAR |
| 15. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A. INTO | B. BELOW | C. OUTSIDE | D. INSIDE |
| 16. A. ESTABLISHED | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. CARVED | C. HAMMERED | D. MARKED |
| 17. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A. FIGURE | B. SIGHT | C. CONTEXT | D. BACKGROUND |
| 18. A. DELAYED | B. ENDED | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. BEGAN | D. OPENED |
| 19. WHICH | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. WHAT | C. WHEN | D. WHERE |
| 20. A. AROUND | B. IN | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. OF | D. AWAY |

2.

High in the Andean mountains, the Inca city at Machu Picchu is Peru's most famous tourist destination. The views are fantastic and the isolated feeling of the whole area is incredible. More and more people are coming from all (21) _____ the world to experience its secrets. At the (22) _____ of the season (in June), around 1,000 people visit the ruins every day. To reach Machu Picchu from the (23) _____ town of Cuzco, you can either take a four-hour train journey or you can go (24) _____ a three-day trek, sleeping in tents on the way. You won't be alone on the 'Inca Trail', (25) _____. There are so many tourists nowadays that it is becoming difficult even to find somewhere to put your tent. Many tourists find the walking difficult, too, because the (26) _____ are very high (around 4,000 metres) and the air has little oxygen. When American explorer Hiram Bingham discovered Machu Picchu in 1911, it was far more difficult. Bingham heard about the ruins by (27) _____ and was determined to find them. But there were no trains, there were many poisonous snakes and it was difficult to get (28) _____ the dense jungle. When he finally found the ruins, however, he was amazed and said, 'It seemed like an (29) _____ dream. What could this place be?' Machu Picchu was (30) _____ built in the 1400s. But many questions remain (31) _____ why it was built. One theory is that it was a religious centre. Another theory is that it was a place for (32) _____ the sun. (33) _____ knows, either, what happened to the population of Machu Picchu, or (34) _____ the Spanish never discovered this city. But perhaps part of the (35) _____ of the place is that so many questions are still unanswered. There is already a lot of (36) _____ left by tourists. It also seems that the pleasure and the beauty of the place may be (37) _____ further. Some people are (38) _____ plans to build a cable car up the side of the mountain and a huge hotel at the top. They say that a cable car is (39) _____ because the increasing numbers of tourists are causing problems. The paths leading up to the ruins are becoming worn (40) _____ and are in serious danger of collapse. Bad weather is making the problem worse.

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| 21. A. in | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. over | C. entire | D. everywhere |
| 22. A. peak | B. top | <input checked="" type="radio"/> C. height | D. zenith |
| 23. A. next | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. nearby | C. nearly | D. close |

- 24. A. in B. at C. for **D. on**
- 25. **A. however** B. whenever C. despite D. wherever
- 26. A. roads **B. paths** C. ways D. streams
- 27. A. luck B. charm C. omen **D. chance**
- 28. A. off B. on C. out **D. through**
- 29. A. distorted **B. unbelievable** C. mysterious D. credible
- 30. **A. probably** B. credibly C. certainly D. doubtlessly
- 31. A. on B. at **C. about** D. for
- 32. A. seeing B. noticing **C. observing** D. watching
- 33. **A. nobody** B. anyone C. neither D. none
- 34. A. where **B. why** C. when D. what
- 35. A. satisfaction B. happiness C. gratification **D. pleasure**
- 36. A. disorder **B. litter** C. waste D. refuse
- 37. A. rotten **B. spoiled** C. mouldy D. moulded
- 38. A. doing B. agreeing C. planning **D. making**
- 39. **A. necessary** B. unnecessary C. imperative D. essential
- 40. A. out B. down **C. away** D. off

3.

The hottest place in North America got its name when a very (41) _____ group of miners crossed it on their way to California in 1849. Having no idea that temperatures could get above 120 degrees Fahrenheit, they nearly died there, which is why it was named Death Valley. Despite its name, more than 1 million (42) _____ go there every year. It is likely, however, that many of them are unaware of the (43) _____ of such a hot and dry climate. Also, (44) _____ walkers do not drink nearly enough water or wear the (45) _____ clothes that are required in this extreme heat. The dry hot climate can cause serious (46) _____ problems. Heatstroke often occurs when the body is unable to control its temperature. (47) _____ signs of this are high body temperature, red dry skin, very bad headaches and feeling dizzy. All this is often accompanied by sickness. If heatstroke is (48) _____, the affected person should get out of the sun at once and receive urgent medical (49) _____, otherwise they have only a 20% chance of (50) _____.

- 41. A LUCKY B LUCKILY **C UNLUCKY** D LUCKIED
- 42. A VISITS **B VISITORS** C VISITED D VISITATIONS
- 43. A DANGEROUS **B DANGERS** C DANGEROUSLY D ENDANGERED
- 44. A EXPERIENCED B EXPERIENCING **C INEXPERIENCED** D EXPERIMENTAL
- 45. A SENSITIV **B SENSIBLE** C SENSIBLY D SENSIBILITY
- 46. **A MEDICAL** B MEDICINE C MEDICATED D MEDICATED
- 47. A WARNFUL B WARNED **C WARNING** D UNWARNED

- 48. A SUSPECT B SUSPECTED C UNSUSPECTED D SUSPECTEDLY
- 49. A ATTENTION B ATTENTIVE C ATTENTIONED D INATTENTIVE
- 50. A SURVIVE B SURVIVING C SURVIVINGLY D SURVIVAL

4.

Tudor London (1485–1603) was a time of great (51) _____ and growth in England’s capital. The Tudor dynasty began with Henry VII, after the Wars of the Roses. During this (52) _____, London expanded rapidly in size and population. Trade flourished, and the city became a major center for commerce and (53) _____. The River Thames was (54) _____ for transport and trade, and the city’s ports grew busier than ever. Under Henry VIII, London saw the (55) _____ of many monasteries as part of the English Reformation. His daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, ruled during the famous “Elizabethan Age,” a time of exploration, cultural (56) _____, and the rise of playwrights like William Shakespeare. The city was also (57) _____ with challenges, including poor sanitation and outbreaks of plague. Despite these problems, Tudor London laid the foundation for the (58) _____ capital, evolving into a powerful and (59) _____ city in Europe. It continues to (60) _____ its importance today.

- 51. A CELEBRATION B CHANGE C STAGNATION D BACKWARDNESS
- 52. A PERIOD B SHIFT C UPHEAVAL D REVOLUTION
- 53. A INSURRECTION B POLITICS C WAR D SEDITION
- 54. A IMPORTING B VITAL C UNIMPORTANT D IRRELEVANT
- 55. A ENCLOSURE B REVIVAL C CLOSURE D DISCLOSURE
- 56. A DOMINATION B RESULTS C ACHIEVEMENT D SUPREMACY
- 57. A MARKED B FACED C CHARACTERISED D EARMARKED
- 58. A MODERN B ANCIENT C INDUSTRIAL D MEDIEVAL
- 59. A INFLUENCED B INFLUENTIAL C MEANINGLESS D DEFENDABLE
- 60. A MAINTAIN B RADIATE C IMPOSE D SHINE