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British English
Adult

Test 2 | Form A

Directions

This test has four sections: Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading.

Listening. You will hear five recordings and answer four questions about each one. Listen to each recording and answer the questions. You may take notes on the test booklet as you listen. However, circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet. You will hear each recording once. There is time between each recording for you to check your answers.

Grammar. This section has 30 questions. Read each question and circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

Vocabulary. This section has 20 questions. Read each question and circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

Reading. You will read three brief texts with several questions for each one. After you read each text, circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

You may write in your test booklet. But circle the correct letter choice for each question on your Answer Sheet.

Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 1–4.

- 1 What is the woman looking for?
 - a A tie
 - b A gift
 - c A sale
 - d A sweater

- 2 What does the word “quality” mean?
 - a How good something is
 - b What colour something is
 - c What something looks like
 - d How expensive something is

- 3 Why does the woman choose the sweater?
 - a It’s on sale.
 - b There are no ties.
 - c She likes the colour.
 - d She doesn’t like the shirt.

- 4 What will happen next?
 - a The man looks for a shirt.
 - b The woman pays for the gift.
 - c The man gives the woman a discount.
 - d The woman gives the gift to her brother.

Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 5–8.

- 5 What can be recycled?
 - a Clean food containers
 - b Hot coffee cups
 - c Plastic straws
 - d Plastic bags

- 6 What does the woman say about the recycling bin?
 - a Everyone uses the bin.
 - b All paper cups should go in the bin.
 - c People know what to put in the bin.
 - d Some things in the bin are recycled.

- 7 What does “habit” mean?
 - a Something you do often
 - b Something you hate to do
 - c Something you learn to do
 - d Something you do very well

- 8 What will the man do to help improve the problem?
 - a Use paper straws.
 - b Stop buying coffee.
 - c Stop using food containers.
 - d Learn about recycling rules.

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Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 9–12.

- 9 What does the woman like about her job?
- a Her co-workers
 - b The location
 - c The projects
 - d Her boss
- 10 What does the woman say about travelling for work?
- a She enjoys the experience.
 - b She wants to do more of it.
 - c It's too hard on her schedule.
 - d She can do less of it next year.
- 11 How does the man feel about being a dad?
- a Scared
 - b Excited
 - c Grateful
 - d Worried
- 12 Why did the man move out of the city?
- a To get more space
 - b To make his wife happy
 - c To be closer to his office
 - d To be closer to his parents

Listen to the conversation. Then answer questions 13–16.

- 13 What does the woman say about cooking and working out?
- a She's too busy to do them.
 - b She can only do one of them.
 - c She's doesn't enjoy doing them.
 - d She doesn't know how to do them.
- 14 What does the man say about lunch?
- a Prepare it in advance.
 - b He doesn't have a plan.
 - c There is no time to cook.
 - d Buy healthier lunches at work.
- 15 What is one way the man wants to create a healthy lifestyle?
- a Eat out with their friends only on weekends.
 - b Cook dinner together every night.
 - c Take classes at the gym.
 - d Work out at the gym.
- 16 How does the man feel about achieving a healthy lifestyle?
- a It is very expensive to maintain.
 - b A busy schedule makes it difficult.
 - c Planning ahead will make it possible.
 - d It is important to share the responsibilities.

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Listen to the talk. Then answer questions 17–20.

- 17 What is the speaker's point of view on life?
- a You should make time to chase your dreams.
 - b It's difficult to do the things you love.
 - c Decisions are difficult to make.
 - d Planning is critical for success.
- 18 How did the speaker feel about preparing for this year-long trip?
- a Determined to succeed
 - b Excited to travel the world
 - c Fearful about the unknown
 - d Worried about his finances
- 19 What was the speaker's goal in travelling?
- a Sharing experiences with online community members
 - b Making deep connections to a new place
 - c Having a rich tourist experience
 - d Visiting many famous places
- 20 According to the speaker, what is the most effective way to achieve a long-term goal?
- a Start a podcast channel.
 - b Create detailed budget plans.
 - c Break it down into smaller parts.
 - d Ask community members for help.

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Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 21 They _____ a lot of time together recently.
- a had spent
 - b will spend
 - c were spending
 - d have been spending
- 22 You _____ have seen Brian yesterday. He's out of town for work this week.
- a could
 - b couldn't
 - c should
 - d shouldn't
- 23 When I lived in London, I _____ pick up a coffee and muffin on my way to work every morning.
- a would
 - b should
 - c must
 - d might
- 24 They haven't been to the market, _____ ?
- a have they
 - b haven't they
 - c did they
 - d didn't they
- 25 The plane _____ for takeoff yet.
- a has cleared
 - b hasn't cleared
 - c has to be cleared
 - d hasn't been cleared
- 26 That was _____ sandwich. I'm so full!
- a so big
 - b very big
 - c such big
 - d such a big
- 27 I _____ have waited so long to start this project. Now I don't have enough time.
- a can't
 - b couldn't
 - c wouldn't
 - d shouldn't
- 28 He _____ hungry. He ate the entire pizza by himself.
- a may be
 - b must be
 - c could have
 - d must have been
- 29 The information is not only incomplete _____ inaccurate.
- a also
 - b but also
 - c moreover
 - d in addition
- 30 Everyone _____ the party by the time Rebecca showed up. She was two hours late!
- a left
 - b has left
 - c had left
 - d had been left

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- 31 _____ home at 5 pm today,
so I can call you then.
- a I walk
 - b I have walked
 - c I'll be walking
 - d I've been walking
- 32 You can't wear shoes in the
house. Please _____.
- a take off them
 - b take them off
 - c them off take
 - d them take off
- 33 Sushi Lounge is closer to the
office. _____, Haru Sushi has
better food.
- a However
 - b As a result
 - c In addition
 - d Therefore
- 34 If you _____ more, your
vocabulary would be better.
- a will read
 - b had read
 - c have read
 - d are reading
- 35 Please don't touch the plates.
They are _____.
- a hotter
 - b the hottest
 - c extremely hot
 - d extreme heat
- 36 The Jazz Fest is a festival _____
every year.
- a happens
 - b to happen
 - c it happens
 - d that happens
- 37 We have _____ money left,
so we're going to shop some
more.
- a few
 - b a few
 - c little
 - d a little
- 38 By the time we stopped for petrol,
we _____ driving for almost
four hours.
- a were
 - b will be
 - c had been
 - d have been
- 39 He was late, _____ was
unusual.
- a why
 - b when
 - c which
 - d where
- 40 By this time tomorrow, I _____
in Paris and checked into the hotel.
- a will be arrived
 - b will have arrived
 - c will be arriving
 - d have been arriving

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- 41 If we _____ earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane!
- a left
 - b leave
 - c had left
 - d were leaving
- 42 I wish _____ harder when I was at university.
- a I study
 - b I'll study
 - c I'd studied
 - d I'm studying
- 43 The package will _____ by the time you get home.
- a deliver
 - b be delivered
 - c be delivering
 - d have been delivered
- 44 The picture _____ by a famous artist.
- a painted
 - b was painted
 - c was painting
 - d has painted
- 45 Sara told me she _____ feeling well. She went home to rest.
- a isn't
 - b wasn't
 - c hasn't
 - d hadn't
- 46 We've _____ milk. Do you have time to go to the shop?
- a run off
 - b run out
 - c run in to
 - d run out of
- 47 I _____ in Rome when I met Maurizio.
- a live
 - b lived
 - c was living
 - d am living
- 48 My dream is _____ in London one day.
- a live
 - b to live
 - c like to live
 - d have to live
- 49 This is the watch _____ on my twentieth birthday.
- a my grandfather gives me
 - b my grandfather gave me
 - c when my grandfather gave me
 - d how my grandfather gives me
- 50 Anthony _____ to be a doctor, but he decided to study business instead.
- a plans
 - b will plan
 - c was planning
 - d has planned

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Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 51 I've never seen a painting like this before. It's very _____.
- a usual
 - b unique
 - c regular
 - d appropriate
- 52 The Jazz festival is a(n) _____ event and happens every March.
- a current
 - b standard
 - c temporary
 - d annual
- 53 I did well on the interview. I feel _____ I got the job.
- a patient
 - b excited
 - c confident
 - d uncomfortable
- 54 Welcome! It's your first time here, right? Let me show you _____.
- a up
 - b off
 - c around
 - d out
- 55 Paul is rich, so he can _____ to buy nice things.
- a afford
 - b earn
 - c spend
 - d invest
- 56 My visa was _____, and my passport is ready. I'm going to China next week.
- a approved
 - b enabled
 - c offered
 - d advised
- 57 This place looks _____. I think I've been here before.
- a domestic
 - b familiar
 - c common
 - d urban
- 58 Could you _____ me your car for a few days?
- a lend
 - b owe
 - c borrow
 - d permit
- 59 A: Do you know where Tom is?
B: I'm sure he'll be here _____.
- a eventually
 - b occasionally
 - c immediately
 - d frequently
- 60 I'm so tired. I _____ slept last night.
- a actually
 - b hardly
 - c carefully
 - d practically

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- 61 Kim is working out, eating right, and making great _____ to keep a healthy lifestyle.
- a stress
 - b purpose
 - c effort
 - d performance
- 62 Many scientists spoke at the international _____ about the environment.
- a business
 - b announcement
 - c conference
 - d report
- 63 _____ enjoy the big end-of-season sales.
- a Applicants
 - b Consumers
 - c Researchers
 - d Representatives
- 64 It is my _____ to take care of my parents.
- a trust
 - b promise
 - c obligation
 - d guarantee
- 65 Don't forget to _____ the light when you leave the room.
- a turn up
 - b turn in
 - c turn off
 - d turn over
- 66 The car accident wasn't my _____. The other driver hit me.
- a fault
 - b charge
 - c complaint
 - d disadvantage
- 67 The white sneakers _____ started on social media when a famous singer wore them.
- a law
 - b habit
 - c trend
 - d tradition
- 68 I pay a £5.99 monthly _____ to watch movies on this website.
- a fee
 - b price
 - c pound
 - d money
- 69 Tom loves golf! This golf bag is a(n) _____ gift.
- a ideal
 - b ordinary
 - c typical
 - d original
- 70 Sophia is a very _____ coach. She will lead the team to victory.
- a polite
 - b capable
 - c generous
 - d practical

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Read an announcement about a bike share programme. Then answer questions 71–73.

Starting next week, a new bike share programme will be available in the city centre. Passes are £365 for the year, £15 for a week, and £5 for a day. To sign up for the yearly pass, register online and you will receive a personal key card in the post. You can purchase weekly and daily passes online or at any of our bike stations with a credit or debit card. PIN codes will be provided for these passes.

Please note that there is a one-hour time limit on bike usage at all times. After one hour, you will be charged £2 for each additional hour until the bike is returned. Bikes can be returned to any station, as long as there is available docking space. You can check bike or docking space availability on our website or download our app so you can access the information on your mobile phones.

We have partnered with several bike shops around town that offer discounts on safety items such as glasses, night lights, and helmets. Please be safe and don't forget to wear your helmets. Show your bike pass or PIN code for in-store discounts.

- 71 Which of the following statements is true?
- a Bike passes cost £2 per hour.
 - b Key cards are available upon request.
 - c Discounts are available for daily passes.
 - d Bike passes can be purchased at bike stations.
- 72 What is one rule for bike sharing?
- a You must wear a helmet.
 - b Bikes must be returned every hour.
 - c You must download the app to pay.
 - d Bikes must be returned to the same station.
- 73 What is the community's attitude towards the bike share programme?
- a The community thinks bike share programmes are expensive.
 - b There are not enough participants for the bike share programme.
 - c The community doesn't support bike share programmes.
 - d Bike safety is important to the community.

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Read two flat reviews. Then answer questions 74–76.

🗨️ **B. Thomas** (2 days ago)

We have been living in the Essex Flats for about six months now. The biggest problem we have are the floors, as you can hear your neighbour's every step. You will not just hear every step. You can feel it, too! At first we thought they just moved in and the noise would stop once they settle in, but it is never-ending. We finally had to ask our upstairs neighbour to try to be quieter, but she said that she can hear her upstairs neighbour as well. That is when we realised it must be the flooring. I can't work from home, and we can't even sleep because of sudden noises in the middle of the night. Our entire flat shakes. I have lived in various flats throughout the London area, and I have never experienced such constant disruption. Only consider living here if you will be living on the top floor. Otherwise, it's a nice spacious flat in a convenient location near the town centre.

🗨️ **J. Miller** (one month ago)

Although the bedrooms and living area are quite big, the kitchen is rather small. It's difficult to move around when there's more than one person in the room. My roommate and I enjoy cooking together, so this is a problem for us. There's some issue with the car park, and people who park on the lower level have a white substance falling on their cars. The windows don't quite close completely, so we feel air coming through the cracks. This doesn't help with our air conditioning and central heating bills. We hear our upstairs neighbours constantly. As if that weren't enough, we hear our downstairs neighbours as well. I'm currently enjoying the musical tastes of the residents below us. Tonight's selection is Miles Davis's classic "So What." Needless to say, we are not happy.

- 74 What is a common problem at the Essex Flats?
- a The neighbours
 - b The size
 - c The floors
 - d The location
- 75 Why does J. Miller mention windows?
- a To talk about flat design
 - b To describe a special feature
 - c To illustrate a problem
 - d To explain how to keep warm
- 76 Which statement is most likely true based on the reviews?
- a B. Thomas enjoys the flat's location.
 - b B. Thomas doesn't mind the parking issues.
 - c J. Smith enjoys spending time in her kitchen.
 - d J. Smith has a more positive opinion of the flat.

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Read an article about Tadao Ando. Then answer questions 77–80.

Tadao Ando

Tadao Ando is a well-known Japanese architect whose style is marked by a clean minimal look. His work can often be recognised by a sense of simplicity and focuses on inner feeling rather than outward appearance. Having been exposed to the religious culture of Buddhism in Japan, Ando became aware of relating architecture to spirituality and nature. In order to practise the idea of simplicity, Ando's architecture is mostly constructed with concrete and just a few other materials such as glass and steel.

A remarkable fact about Ando is that he is a self-taught architect. He was first inspired by the work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright when he saw the Imperial Hotel on a trip to Tokyo in high school. After high school, Ando worked for a brief period as a professional boxer. He eventually decided to leave his boxing career to pursue architecture by taking evening classes to learn drawing and interior design. He visited buildings designed by renowned architects around the world before returning to Osaka in 1968 to establish his own design studio. Despite his self-taught educational background, Ando went on to receive the Pritzker Prize in 1995, widely recognised as architecture's highest award. He has won other top awards in architecture, including the Praemium Imperiale, the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects.

Ando has designed everything from homes to churches to museums. Some of his best-known works include the Church of Light in Osaka, the Water Temple in Awaji Island, the Hill of Buddha Temple in Sapporo, and the Punta Della Dogana Museum in Venice. No matter what kind of building he is designing, Ando uses the same approach. To him, each space is a residence that houses a heart and a spirit. His only job is to make that sentiment visible, which has always been his guiding philosophy.

- 77 What is a distinguishing feature of Ando's work?
- a Complex design
 - b Use of concrete
 - c Physical beauty
 - d Relation to Japan
- 78 What is significant about the fact that Ando received the Pritzker Prize?
- a Ando has had no formal education in architecture.
 - b Ando doesn't believe there should be prizes in architecture.
 - c It is the highest award in architecture.
 - d It is given to only a few architects.

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- 79 What is one of Ando's best-known works?
- a The Imperial Hotel
 - b The Church of Light
 - c The Praemium Imperiale
 - d The Royal Institute of British Architects
- 80 What is the main influence in Ando's work?
- a Works of famous architects
 - b Teachings in interior design
 - c His former boxing career
 - d His spiritual beliefs

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TEST 2 FORM A – ANSWER SHEET

LISTENING

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