



**PROVA DI AMMISSIONE: LINGUA INGLESE**

WRITE ALL ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET.

**Part 1: Choose the most appropriate option to complete the sentences below.**

1. I had no difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ their house although they had said that people often did  
a) finding      b) to find      c) to finding      d) for finding
2. No offence intended \_\_\_\_\_ I think you haven't understood the problem correctly.  
a) when      b) if      c) as      d) but
3. We were at a disadvantage \_\_\_\_\_ that we did not have a very good knowledge of the language the others were using.  
a) by      b) with      c) in      d) for
4. I borrowed a \_\_\_\_\_ bike and went into town in the lunch break.  
a) friend of mine's      b) friend of my      c) friend's of mine      d) friend's of my
5. In such a plight \_\_\_\_\_ that we had no choice but to radio for help.  
a) we ourselves found      b) did we find ourselves      c) we found ourselves      d) did we ourselves find
5. This time next week I won't be in a stuffy office, \_\_\_\_\_ on a beach in Spain.  
a) I'll have lain      b) I'll lie      c) I'll be lying      d) I'm lying
7. Why do you object to \_\_\_\_\_ - he'll be an asset to the company?  
a) he be taken on      b) him being taken on      c) he being taken on      d) him be taken on
8. My daughter is planning to spend a year before university working in Australia, \_\_\_\_\_ seems to me to be a sensible idea.  
a) that      b) which      c) what      d) where
9. The President resigned; the whiff of scandal remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) otherwise      b) therefore      c) immediately      d) nevertheless
10. Women had to fight hard to gain \_\_\_\_\_ equality.  
a) the      b) her      c) an      d) ---
11. Capital punishment was done \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain nearly half a century ago.  
a) off by      b) away with      c) over from      d) out for
12. You'd rather stay at home tonight, \_\_\_\_\_ you?  
a) wouldn't      b) don't      c) won't      d) hadn't
13. \_\_\_\_\_ you to change your mind about handing in your notice, we would be happy for you to stay with us.  
a) Should      b) Unless      c) If      d) Were

14. When I first came to Britain it took me a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ on the left.  
a) be used to driving    b) get used to driving    c) get used to drive    d) get use to drive
15. Thank you very much — I haven't been to \_\_\_\_\_ party for ages.  
a) the so enjoyable    b) so enjoyable    c) a so enjoyable    d) so enjoyable a
16. Only on very rare occasions \_\_\_\_\_ an appearance before midday.  
a) would make the old lady    b) would the old lady make  
c) the old lady would make    d) the old lady make would
17. \_\_\_\_\_ he should have spent all the weekend preparing for his test, he in fact just lay in bed watching videos.  
a) However    b) Whereas    c) Despite    d) Nevertheless
18. Unfortunately, their house \_\_\_\_\_ while they were at the restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ their anniversary.  
a) had burgled/celebrating    b) got burgled/celebrating  
c) went burgled/to celebrate    d) had got burgled/ to celebrate
19. If you can win his attention \_\_\_\_\_ for you.  
a) the better so much    b) the so much better    c) so much the better    d) so the much better
20. If the decision \_\_\_\_\_ before he arrived, he would have been furious.  
a) was taken    b) was being taken    c) had been taken    d) would have been taken
21. Please come and see me \_\_\_\_\_ day you like.  
a) every    b) all    c) some    d) any
22. Did you really think he \_\_\_\_\_ come after having been grounded for a week?  
a) might    b) could    c) can    d) may
23. His grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the TV after dinner.  
a) is often dozing over    b) dozes often over    c) is often dozing off    d) often dozes off
24. \_\_\_\_\_ your house repainted every year?  
a) Have you    b) Have you got    c) Do you have    d) Have you been
25. They live about \_\_\_\_\_ from here.  
a) an hour of drive    b) a drive of an hour    c) a drive hour    d) an hour's drive
26. I can reassure you that everything \_\_\_\_\_ as quickly as possible.  
a) will be dealt    b) will deal    c) will deal with    d) will be dealt with
27. By the time you're my age, you \_\_\_\_\_ your mind.  
a) will probably have changed    b) would probably change  
c) will probably change    d) are probably changing
28. Bob couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ a moustache to the photo of his Headmaster in the newspaper.  
a) resist adding    b) resist to add    c) resist from adding    d) resist for adding
29. I'm sure he only said those things \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) to my annoyance    b) to annoy me    c) for annoy me    d) for annoying me

30. You must phone us as soon as you \_\_\_\_\_ home.

- a) are getting    b) get    c) will have got    d) will get

**Part 2: Choose the correct option to complete the passage.**

**Sound Advice for Language Learners**

A recent (31) ..... of a language learning magazine has consulted a number of experts in the (32) ..... of second language acquisition. Their advice may prove invaluable for those (33) ..... a language course. One suggestion is that you (34)..... whether you are likely to be successful at learning a language. Did you enjoy studying languages as school, for example? Do you have enough time to learn a language? The major cost will be your own time and effort. If proof of your level of proficiency is important you must make sure that the course on offer leads to a (35)..... qualification. Also, be realistic in your goals. If you don't set achievable aims you are more likely to give up. Do not be deceived (36)..... thinking that the most expensive courses are the best. (37)..... around to get the best possible value for money. You should also bear in mind that the quicker you learn a language the more quickly you forget it. Sandra Miller, a French teacher, tried to teach herself German by enrolling on a (38) ..... course. Already fluent in four languages and with a sound knowledge for teaching methodology her chances of making progress were high. Three years (39)..... she remembers very little. She feels her biggest mistake was not to follow (40)..... her first experience. "I should have consolidated what I'd learnt by continuing to study, even if it were by myself".

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| 31 | A series     | B issue      | C number      | D release  |
| 32 | A domain     | B branch     | C field       | D area     |
| 33 | A wondering  | B thinking   | C considering | D looking  |
| 34 | A assess     | B evaluate   | C test        | D examine  |
| 35 | A recognized | B understood | C valued      | D regarded |
| 36 | A by         | B about      | C into        | D in       |
| 37 | A nose       | B push       | C run         | D shop     |
| 38 | A rapid      | B crash      | C quick       | D fast     |
| 39 | A on         | B forward    | C from        | D onward   |
| 40 | A up         | B on         | C through     | D out      |

**Part 3: Translate the following text into Italian.**

**China's tyranny of characters**

As diplomatic incidents go, it was not a big one, but for many people in Hong Kong and southern China it felt like the latest in a long line of slights. In May, Nintendo—a Japanese toy company—launched its most recent video games of Pokémon and announced that the names of the creatures would henceforth be written in characters that adhere to Mandarin pronunciation, not Cantonese. This, said the company, would help to provide unity across the greater Chinese market. On May 30th, a group of demonstrators gathered outside the Japanese consulate in Hong Kong to protest. Behind Nintendo's announcement is a bigger linguistic and political issue. As part of its broader nation-building programme, the Communist Party has, since 1949, been trying to unify the country under the banner of spoken Mandarin.

