

C2 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. _____, don't tell anybody about our plans for a merger.
 - a) However you do
 - b) What thing you do
 - c) Whatever you do
 - d) Whichever to do

2. The thought of spending a night in the so-called 'haunted' house alone made him _____ with fear.
 - a) burp
 - b) shudder
 - c) blink
 - d) swallow

3. _____ that they booed her off the stage.
 - a) She sang such badly
 - b) So badly she sang
 - c) So she sang badly
 - d) So badly did she sing

4. Well, you finally managed to get here; it's _____ time!
 - a) excessive
 - b) about
 - c) over
 - d) more than

5. _____ at home, she left a note on the front door.
 - a) Realising there was nobody
 - b) By realising nobody was
 - c) Realised nobody was
 - d) On realised there wasn't anybody

6. I don't know where he is; he _____ over an hour ago.
 - a) could arrive
 - b) might be arrived
 - c) should have arrived
 - d) must have arrived

7. What are the chances they _____ the job by Friday?
 - a) will have been finishing
 - b) are finishing
 - c) are going to be finished
 - d) will have finished

8. If you ____, drop in for a chat.
a) will be passing
b) should happen to be passing
c) happened to pass
d) have passed
9. There have been a few complaints but ____ our customers are satisfied.
a) above all
b) no matter how
c) by and large
d) within reason
10. As this is only a reproduction of the original painting, it is practically ____.
a) priceless
b) worthless
c) invaluable
d) unworthy
11. He promised to stick by her through ____.
a) spick and span
b) odds and ends
c) thick and thin
d) bad and good
12. ____ for him, we surely would have missed our flight.
a) Unless we waited
b) Had we waited any longer
c) If we were to wait
d) Should we wait
13. Matters finally ____ at the office and they fired him.
a) hit the roof
b) tore off a strip
c) brought to a boil
d) came to a head
14. When they speak about physics, I'm afraid it's all over ____
a) my brain
b) my schooling
c) my head
d) my knowledge
15. The shirt looks small but the material ____ to fit the individual.
a) swells
b) stretches
c) spreads
d) extends

16. When he turned on the tap, the water ____ out and soaked the front of his trousers.
- a) dripped
 - b) spurted
 - c) trickled
 - d) oozed

SECTION 2

COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE SO THAT THE MEANING STAYS THE SAME.

1. They think the landscape was painted by an Italian,
The landscape is _____ by an Italian.
2. She knew nothing about computers so she panicked when her computer crashed.
If she _____ something about computers, she _____ when her computer crashed.
3. Although he tried very hard, he couldn't finish by the deadline.
No matter _____, he couldn't finish by the deadline.
4. We must get up early if we want to catch the first train.
If we want to catch the first train, it means _____.
5. That is the most ridiculous theory on evolution that I've ever heard.
I've _____ theory on evolution.
6. We hardly expected them to form an alliance with our main competitor.
Little _____ with our main competitor.
7. You should get the mechanic to fix the car brakes.
You _____ by the mechanic.
8. We haven't seen them for ages.
It's _____ them.
9. "Will you be staying on for the main presentation on Saturday?"
The host inquired _____ on for the main presentation on Saturday.
10. I sometimes regret never asking her to marry me.
I sometimes wish _____ to marry me.
11. She couldn't lift the chest because it was very heavy.
The chest _____ lift.
12. Perhaps Jody sent the letter to the wrong address.
Jody _____ the letter to the wrong address.

SECTION 3

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. They hadn't _____ there being so much traffic, and missed their plane.
 - a) caught on
 - b) dreamed up
 - c) bargained on
 - d) set out

2. The conference was going well until a new manager gave a speech that was _____ and boring.
 - a) loose-lipped
 - b) off the order
 - c) overtime
 - d) long-winded

3. The holiday didn't _____ to their expectations.
 - a) come up
 - b) get down
 - c) bring up
 - d) come down

4. I'm afraid Joe is _____ of a nervous breakdown.
 - a) on the blink
 - b) under jeopardy
 - c) on the verge
 - d) from scratch

5. We'll have to _____ the many candidates and see who is the most suited for the job.
 - a) strip down
 - b) see through
 - c) sift through
 - d) take away

6. After losing the contract, the company decided to _____ on inefficiency.
 - a) make up
 - b) get rid
 - c) come down
 - d) crack down

7. At the moment there is little _____ of the manager resigning.
 - a) means
 - b) trace
 - c) probably
 - d) likelihood

8. Their state-of-the-art website _____ thinking it was a reputable company.
 - a) fooled us into
 - b) put us over
 - c) caused us to
 - d) brought us into

9. Mark suddenly started insulting the customer. It was so out of ____ that everybody was shocked!
- a) role
 - b) bounds
 - c) character
 - d) personality
10. They decided to celebrate by going out and ____.
- a) getting on cloud nine
 - b) seeing the light at the end of the tunnel
 - c) painting the town red
 - d) getting over the moon
11. Oh no! It looks like rain has ____ for the day.
- a) broken out
 - b) brought on
 - c) set in
 - d) taken on
12. Don't worry! I know the speech ____.
- a) on the tip of my tongue
 - b) by heart
 - c) on my mind
 - d) off my head

SECTION 4

FILL THE GAPS IN THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE WORDS BELOW.
DO NOT USE THE SAME WORD TWICE.

CEASE - RESIDE - MISTAKE - TRUST - EASY - NUMBER
VICTORY - INTRODUCE - MOVE - CONTINUE

Since it was first seen on UK roads, the bendy bus has had an 1 _____ journey but it could soon be the end of the road for it in London. Many London 2 _____ are saying it's not a moment too soon! Can the shape of a bus really provoke such strong emotions? It would seem so.

Enemies of the bendy bus have long been protesting against it and now there is a growing sense that they may soon be 3 _____ in their battle. Two of the candidates in the political race to be Mayor of London have promised their 4 _____, which means the bus could be 5 _____ within the next six weeks.

But what went wrong? At a time when people are 6 _____ urged to leave their cars at home, get more exercise and consume less, a "super bus" carrying nearly twice as many people as a double-decker would seem to be the perfect solution. But since their 7 _____ in 2001, there have been 8 _____ articles published which question the buses' safety to passengers, cyclists and pedestrians. This adverse publicity has fuelled Londoners' 9 _____ of the buses.

On London's Oxford Street in the evening rush-hour there is only one bendy bus in view, going to Victoria

Station. But its 19-metre length and bright red colour make it pretty 10_____ On board, passengers can't really see what the fuss is about. As one person said, "London has more important things to worry about."

SECTION 5

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

Courtesy used to be thought of as second nature to the Japanese. If there were an elderly person, a pregnant woman or somebody on crutches on the underground, younger people would immediately spring up and offer them their seat. However, manners seem to have changed for the worse. Nowadays, it is far more likely that the person sitting will pretend to be asleep or studiously avoid eye contact with the less fortunate person. Other behaviour that illustrates Japan's decline in good manners includes chatting loudly on mobile phones, applying make-up in public, and listening to music on "leaky" headphones.

But train-seat etiquette may get a boost with the arrival of the select, intrepid and exquisitely polite "manners police" that will soon be patrolling the Yokohama underground network in an attempt to prevent the disintegration of the "Japanese way". Japan is, after all, a place where business cards are exchanged with both hands and accompanied by a bow; where a simple "Excuse me" can be conveyed by using one of several expressions; where blowing one's nose at the table is near-unforgivable; and where people over a certain age conclude phone calls with a respectful bow to their unseen counterpart.

The unit's mission is simple: to patrol the length of the train and make sure that any seats - highly prized on Japan's crowded commuter lines - are vacated by the young and offered to those who need them. The officers will have no legal authority to fine or punish. Dressed in their unmistakable bright green uniforms, they will have to rely on persuasion or mortification to make a sitter give up his or her seat for a needy person.

The Smile-Manner Squadron has been handpicked from numerous volunteers who were encouraged to enlist by means of a series of interviews and essays. Applications were received from people ranging from thirty to eighty years old but the organisers have decided that the squadron will be made up mostly of officers over the age of sixty. The members of the group, who will be paid the equivalent of a mere £7 per day, will patrol the underground two by two. As yet another sign of decaying manners, each couple will be accompanied by a younger bodyguard who will hopefully protect them against physical attacks by enraged people unwilling to give up their seats.

Supporters of the theory that Japanese politeness is disappearing have welcomed the move. A prominent psychologist at Waseda University said that the necessity for a Smile-Manner Squadron "symbolises the collapse of the Japanese mentality and shows that we have reached a point where citizens are not aware of basic human manners."

Nobuhiko Obayashi, the 70-year-old author of the book "Why don't young people give their seats to the aged?" claims the blame lies with parents who are not severe enough with their children and with society for making many young people too self-conscious and reluctant to draw attention to themselves by offering somebody a seat. "Young people do feel the need for manners in their hearts," he added. "The experiment will give shy people a chance to communicate."

Not everyone has welcomed the squadron, though. Doubts have been expressed even by those who are most likely to benefit. "Vacating seats is a matter of each passenger's free will," said an 81-year-old. "I find the idea of telling people to get up unnatural."

1. Japanese courtesy ____.
 - a) came second in the past
 - b) was used naturally
 - c) was thought to be an innate quality
 - d) was only extended to the elderly, pregnant women and people on crutches
2. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a) Young Japanese are only impolite on the underground.
 - b) Not giving up seats to those in difficulty is only one example of the general decline of good manners in Japan.
 - c) Everybody chats loudly on their mobile phones on the underground.
 - d) In order to avoid giving up their seats, everybody pretends to be sleeping.
3. The 'manners police' will above all attempt to ensure that ____.
 - a) young people do not sit in trains
 - b) the underground will not break down
 - c) a certain way of life is not lost
 - d) people on the underground are not rude to one another
4. Which of the below does the Smile-Manner Squadron have the authority to do?
 - a) Issue fines.
 - b) Shame people into giving up their seats.
 - c) Use physical force to vacate seats.
 - d) Evict people from the train.
5. The squadron ____.
 - a) was chosen randomly from a group of volunteers
 - b) will only work on crowded trains
 - c) will have uniforms which can be recognised immediately
 - d) will have bodyguards to protect unwilling people
6. The squadron will ____.
 - a) be accompanied by a bodyguard
 - b) consist entirely of over sixty-year-olds
 - c) patrol in pairs
 - d) all be sixty years old
7. The presence of body guards is another indication of ____.
 - a) how serious they are in what they're doing
 - b) how standards of politeness have fallen
 - c) how little work there is for young people
 - d) how seriously Japanese society takes embarrassment
8. According to the psychologist, ____.
 - a) the need for the squadron is symbolic of the state of Japanese mentality
 - b) the squadron symbolises bad manners
 - c) the squadron is unnecessary
 - d) the Japanese need a symbol to remind them of their manners

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9. Nobuhiko Obayashi believes ____.
- a) the young are too self-confident
 - b) society is wholly to blame for the increase in bad manners
 - c) parents are too lenient with children
 - d) the young do not want to communicate
10. Which statement is true?
- a) Finding volunteers for the squadron has been very difficult.
 - b) Only the young have protested against the squadron.
 - c) Some see the squadron as a threat to free choice.
 - d) 81-year-olds do not want to be told to vacate their seats.

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!

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