

Identifying spelling, grammar, vocabulary and punctuation mistakes - Level 2 multiple choice practice.

Answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. Which word completes the following sentence?

He took a _____ walk around the garden

- a. liesurly
- b. liesurely
- c. leisurley
- d. leisurely

2. What word completes the following sentence?

_____ all meeting at the Town hall at 6.30 on Wednesday.

- a. Where
- b. Wear
- c. We're
- d. Were

3. Which word best fills the gap in the following sentence?

I _____ urge anyone with a complaint to write to the council as soon as possible.

- a. can
- b. might
- c. would
- d. could

4. Which word fills the gap in the following sentence?

I am sure that _____ a strange man in the park.

- a. theirs
- b. their's
- c. there's
- d. they're's

5. Which punctuation mark is missing from the following sentence?

My friend's cats, together with her dogs make a real racket.

- a. apostrophe
- b. comma
- c. exclamation mark
- d. colon

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6. Which word in the following sentence should contain an apostrophe?

The parents and teachers were very unhappy as their childrens school failed its Ofsted.

- a. parent's
- b. children's
- c. teacher's
- d. it's

7. Which word is missing in the following sentence?

John, the man _____ lives next door is married with four children.

- a. what
- b. that
- c. who
- d. whom

8. What should come at the end of the following sentence?

If you have any doubts could you please speak now

- a. comma
- b. full stop
- c. exclamation mark
- d. question mark

9. How many commas should there be in the following sentence?

I am taking English Maths and Science at A Level and my teacher Mr Martyn believes I should get 3 As.

- a. none
- b. two
- c. four
- d. three

10. What word could be used to replace "formidable" in the following sentence?

The Tower of London is a **formidable** and awe-inspiring set of buildings.

- a. ugly
- b. huge
- c. shapeless
- d. intimidating

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11. How many words are misspelt in the following sentence?

I have many friends and we meet for lunch on a regular basis.

- a. none
- b. one
- c. two
- d. four

12. What phrase could be used to replace "ethical" in the following sentence?

We can confirm that the bank's investment policy is robust, yet **ethical**.

- a. strictly lawful
- b. morally correct
- c. financially attractive
- d. ecologically safe

13. Adverts are generally written to?

- a. inform
- b. describe
- c. persuade
- d. instruct

14. Which word completes the following sentence?

Do not eat the food until it has reached the correct_____ .

- a. temprature
- b. temperatur
- c. temperature
- d. tempreture

15. Which word in the following sentence has the apostrophe used correctly?

John and his sister's we're going to go to the race's yesterday but didn't because it rained.

- a. sister's
- b. didn't
- c. race's
- d. we're

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16. In the following sentence, in which word is there a missing apostrophe?

My parents and their friends often visit each others houses.

- a. friend's
- b. parent's
- c. other's
- d. house's

17. The word 'scandal' as used in the following sentence means

The price of bananas is so high that it's a **scandal**.

- a. disgrace
- b. disaster
- c. disappointment
- d. disturbance

18. What is the correct spelling of the word that completes following sentence?

Global warming is having an effect on the _____.

- a. environment
- b. enviroment
- c. envierenment
- d. envirement

19. Another word for 'aroma' in the following sentence is

There was a powerful **aroma** of essential oils as we entered the room.

- a. feel
- b. taste
- c. sight
- d. scent

20. What word is missing in the following sentence?

My wife _____ me on the work's outing to Brighton

- a. accompanied
- b. accomppanied
- c. accompanied
- d. accompanied

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21. Which word completes the following sentence?

I am _____ going on holiday next month, as I need a break.

- a. definately
- b. definitely
- c. defnitly
- d. definiteley

22. Which word/words should replace 'go' which is misused in the following sentence?

Yesterday I go to the cinema after I had been to the shops.

- a. was going
- b. went
- c. will go
- d. had gone

23. Which word/words best fills the gap in the following sentence?

The team played very well, _____ they still lost the match.

- a. but
- b. because
- c. so
- d. as

24. After which word should the comma go in the following sentence?

Even though she was very tired Jane still managed to complete the course.

- a. tired
- b. though
- c. Jane
- d. still

25. Which word completes the following sentence?

John was very _____ as he forgot his wife's birthday.

- a. embarased
- b. embrassed
- c. embbarrassed
- d. embarrassed

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26. What word best fills the gap in the following sentence?

The list of complaints that we received yesterday_____endless.

- a. will be
- b. were
- c. was
- d. has been

27. Which word can be used instead of 'constant' in the following sentence?

The flow of traffic on the motorway was **constant**.

- a. frequent
- b. repeated
- c. continuous
- d. long

28. What punctuation mark should complete the following sentence?

John was angry and shouted at his son, "Go to your room now!

- a. comma
- b. question mark
- c. speech mark
- d. full stop

29. Which word has been used incorrectly in the following sentence?

They where sure that there was a mistake on their bill at the restaurant.

- a. They
- b. their
- c. there
- d. where

30. How many commas should there be in the following sentence?

John his wife and their two children like swimming running cycling and kite flying.

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. four

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31. Which word contains a misuse of the apostrophe?

John and his wife weren't happy as they couldn't find their son's photograph's.

- a. weren't
- b. son's
- c. couldn't
- d. photograph's

32. Which of the words fill the gap in the following sentence?

None of the footballers _____ able to score a penalty at yesterday's match.

- a. were
- b. are
- c. was
- d. is

33. The missing word in the following sentence is?

The government _____ made three major suggestions.

- a. committee
- b. comite
- c. comittee
- d. commitee

34. What word could be used to replace "endeavours" in the following sentence?

George has made great endeavours to pass his driving test first time.

- a. economies
- b. efforts
- c. experiments
- d. enterprises

35. How many apostrophes are missing in the following sentence?

We couldnt go swimming because the towns swimming pool wasnt open due to floods.

- a. none
- b. one
- c. two
- d. three

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36. After which words should the two commas be used in the following sentence?

John was a happy smiling well-liked young man.

- a. happy and well-liked
- b. John and smiling
- c. John and happy
- d. happy and smiling

37. Which word can replace 'concluded' in the following sentence?

The report concluded that there was no case to answer.

- a. consummated
- b. pre-empted
- c. determined
- d. foresaw

38. Which word should replace 'they' which has been misused?

Sanjay and Gita went on they holiday yesterday.

- a. their
- b. the'yre
- c. there
- d. they're

39. One should not end a sentence with a

- a. colon
- b. full stop
- c. exclamation mark
- d. question mark

40. Which word in the following sentence should contain an apostrophe?

Phillipa cannot go to her friends party because her parents have no cars.

- a. can'tnot
- b. friend's
- c. parents'
- d. car's

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ANSWERS

1	d
2	c
3	c
4	c
5	b

21	b
22	b
23	a
24	a
25	d

6	b
7	c
8	b
9	d
10	b

26	c
27	c
28	c
29	d
30	c

11	a
12	b
13	c
14	c
15	b

31	d
32	c
33	a
34	b
35	d

16	c
17	a
18	a
19	d
20	d

36	d
37	c
38	a
39	a
40	b