

Pre-Arrival English Assessment Test

This test is only designed to help us assess and give you a general idea of your level of English. All new students must write our official placement test on their first day at ALH.

Please return us this test by email at english@alhcalgary.com.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Do not use any dictionaries or textbooks during this test.

Grammar - Choose the correct sentence A, B, or C.

1. They live in Boston. _____ address is 34 Charles Street.
 A Their B His C Her
2. "Are Yuko and Paolo in your class?" "No, _____ aren't."
 A they B we C you
3. Maria is American. _____ surname's Kelly.
 A His B Our C Her
4. This is _____ old movie. Have you seen it?
 A a B an C the
5. My mom doesn't like _____ tennis.
 A play B to playing C playing
6. I _____ to the UK.
 A 've never been B am never been C was never
7. I'm five years older _____ my sister.
 A that B than C more
8. I often go swimming _____ the weekend.
 A in B for C on
9. How _____ bread do you eat?
 A lot B much C many
10. She hardly _____ speaks in class.
 A never B ever C more
11. Hello! Come in. I've _____ made some coffee. Would you like some?
 A just B already C yet
12. I put _____ sugar in my coffee.
 A a little B too many C a few
13. "I don't want to go the party." "_____ do I."
 A So B Neither C Either
14. He _____ invite them to dinner if he didn't want them to come.
 A won't B not C wouldn't
15. Let's order a pizza. We don't have _____ to cook for dinner.
 A nothing B anything C something

16. This castle _____ in 1600.
A built B was built C was build
17. We've lived in the same house _____ 20 years.
A for B since C ago
18. My brother _____ in Peru for three months. He's really enjoying himself.
A is living B has been living C was living
19. I _____ go out a lot on weekends, but now I stay at home.
A use to B used to C used
20. The town _____ Jack grew up is near Bristol.
A that B which C where
21. They _____ the house if they'd known about the noisy neighbors.
A wouldn't have bought B hadn't bought C wouldn't buy
22. You don't look well. You'd _____ go to the doctor.
A should B must C better
23. We _____ the bedroom painted at the moment.
A 're doing B have C 're having
24. The woman with _____ I worked in Barcelona now lives in London.
A whom B who C which
25. It was _____ a rainy day we decided to go to the movies.
A very B so C such

Grammar – Complete the text below with the appropriate tenses using the words in parentheses.

Ex. What are you going to do (you, do) next weekend?

1. They _____ (listen) to the radio at the moment.
2. We _____ (go) to the movies last night.
3. She _____ (not, go) to work yesterday because she was sick.
4. _____ (you, eat) Mexican food before?
5. I _____ (sit) in the park when it started raining.
6. She couldn't remember where she _____ (park) her car.
7. This castle _____ (build) in 1600.
8. _____ (go) to the football game on Saturday?
9. They _____ (build) a new movie theatre in the centre of town last year.
10. I would have gone to the party if I _____ (know) you were there.

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Vocabulary - Choose the correct sentence A, B, or C.

1. He's _____. He's from France.
A France B French C french
2. The number after 11 is _____.
A eleven B twelve C twenty
3. The number 100 is _____.
A one thousand B one hundred C one million
4. I'm waiting _____ the bus. It's late!
A to B for C at
5. The day after Tuesday is _____.
A Wednesday B Thursday C Friday
6. The train was so _____. We couldn't move.
A crowded B modern C noisy
7. My new iPad doesn't work. I think I'll take it _____ to the store.
A away B back C on
8. The meeting is _____ June 16 at 2:00 p.m.
A at B on C in
9. The Brooklyn Bridge goes _____ the East River.
A over B under C through
10. I'm sorry I'm late. I _____ the bus.
A missed B left C lost
11. Some of the students _____ in the exam, so everybody had to do it again.
A reviewed B studied C cheated
12. That horror movie is _____! Don't watch it late at night.
A frustrating B annoying C terrifying
13. When Lindsey won some money in the lottery, she _____ it in her business.
A earned B spent C invested
14. Sorry! I can't speak now. Can I call you _____ later?
A back B from C down
15. I worked at the movie company for four months and got lots of useful _____.
A courses B qualifications C experience
16. I felt very _____ when I was late for her wedding.
A furious B embarrassed C loose
17. I'm _____ with my new bicycle.
A delighted B delighting C delightful



18. That hat really _____ you. You look like a film star.
A matches B suits C fit
19. Bert is a bit down in the _____. He was fired yesterday.
A sad B dumps C low
20. Eugene's company _____ a good profit last year.
A made B did C had

Answer the questions using complete sentences.

1. Where are you from?

2. What do you like to do in your free time?

3. What do you do in your country?

4. What did you do yesterday?

5. What were you doing at 5 p.m. yesterday?

6. How long have you studied English?

7. What are you going to do tomorrow?

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Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or North America or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, I think that if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

1. What is the article about? []
 - A. How many people learn English.
 - B. The best way to learn English.
 - C. English schools in England and North America.

2. What is one of the advantages of going to the UK to learn English? []
 - A. There are no Italians in Britain.
 - B. You will have to speak English and not your language.
 - C. The language schools are better.

3. What is one of the advantages of staying in your country to learn English? []
 - A. The teachers aren't very good in Britain.
 - B. You have to work too hard in Britain.
 - C. Your life can continue more or less as it was before.

4. People who don't have a lot of time and money should... []
 - A. Learn English in Britain.
 - B. Try and speak English in class more often.
 - C. Go to Italy to learn English.

5. What is the best option to learn English in the writer's opinion?

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6. Why does the write thinks studying abroad is the best option?

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