PART ONE

LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

You have **25 minutes** to answer the questions.

There are **50 questions**. You will need to work quickly.

Choose the best word or phrase to fill the gap in each question.

**MARK ONE ANSWER (a, b, c or d) on the ANSWER PAPER.**

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**EXAMPLE:**

Though ____________ raining, he went out anyway.

- a. he is
- b. it is
- c. it was
- d. he was

The correct answer is c, so put a cross in the ‘c’ box:

Example Answer:  □ □ ✗ □

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1. I started studying English ________ I was five years old.
   a. while  
   b. during  
   c. since  
   d. when

2. I like this town because ________ full of young people.
   a. there is  
   b. is  
   c. it is  
   d. they are

3. Many students have difficulty ________ their time.
   a. to manage  
   b. in manage  
   c. at managing  
   d. in managing

4. AT THE STATION:  
   A: Where can I find ________ about trains to London?  
   B: Here is copy of the timetable, sir.
   a. some informations  
   b. information  
   c. an information  
   d. the informations

5. It isn’t ________ to stay up late working the night before an exam.
   a. advising  
   b. advise  
   c. advisable  
   d. advisory

6. Success in life is ________ on how hard you work.
   a. dependent  
   b. depending  
   c. depend  
   d. depended

7. You’d better ________ to the doctor if you don’t feel better by tomorrow.
   a. to go  
   b. going  
   c. go  
   d. gone

8. Technology ________ people can communicate more easily nowadays.
   a. allows  
   b. makes  
   c. means  
   d. enables

9. If you ________ the opportunity to work abroad for a year, how would you feel?
   a. will give  
   b. had given  
   c. would be given  
   d. were given

10. He ________ from his job because it was too stressful.
    a. resigned  
    b. rejected  
    c. dismissed  
    d. replaced
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<td>A: Do you have _____________ tomatoes?</td>
<td>a. much</td>
<td>b. lots</td>
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<td>B: Yes, sir, how many do you want?</td>
<td>c. plenty</td>
<td>d. any</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Put ______________ your pen and listen to me.</td>
<td>a. off</td>
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<td>c. down</td>
<td>d. up</td>
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<td>Learning to speak Chinese is difficult, but learning to write it is _____________ challenging.</td>
<td>a. even more</td>
<td>b. nevertheless</td>
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<td>c. nevermore</td>
<td>d. evermore</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>You should get into the habit of looking _____________ new words in a mono-lingual dictionary.</td>
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<td>c. on</td>
<td>d. to</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>A: Is there anything in London you'd still really like to go and see?</td>
<td>a. gone</td>
<td>b. visited</td>
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<td>B: Well yes, I've never _____________ to the Houses of Parliament.</td>
<td>c. been</td>
<td>d. went</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>This website has not provided me with any useful data _________ diagrams for my project.</td>
<td>a. not any</td>
<td>b. but no</td>
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<td>c. neither any</td>
<td>d. or any</td>
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<td>The teacher wants me _____________ this by tomorrow if possible.</td>
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<td>b. having done</td>
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<td>c. to do</td>
<td>d. had done</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>I'm going to the bookshop. I don't have anything _____________ on the plane.</td>
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<td>b. to read</td>
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<td>c. read</td>
<td>d. about reading</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>I can't _____________ feeling sleepy on trains.</td>
<td>a. like</td>
<td>b. mind</td>
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<td>c. want</td>
<td>d. help</td>
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<td>Sorry, I'm _________________ tired to help you tonight.</td>
<td>a. very</td>
<td>b. too</td>
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<td>c. over</td>
<td>d. really</td>
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<td>Lucy says she’s fed up _______________ to the same old place every holiday.</td>
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<td>Everybody _______________ Celine to marry Lawrence, but she married Steve instead!</td>
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<td>b. hoped</td>
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<td>The nurse _______________ the patient some medicine for her headache.</td>
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<td>a. gave to</td>
<td>b. gave</td>
<td>c. was given to</td>
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<td>There’s _______________ to sit down on this bus — it’s so crowded!</td>
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<td>b. nowhere</td>
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<td>I think everyone knows that penguins _______________ fly, but they walk about and swim.</td>
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<td>a. wouldn’t</td>
<td>b. haven’t</td>
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| **26** | A: What do you like about Frank?  
B: His interests are so similar _____ mine. |   |   |
|   | a. as | b. to | c. like | d. than |
| **27** | Mona has been _______________ a new car with her promotion. |   |   |
|   | a. promised | b. expected | c. shown | d. bought |
| **28** | A: What’s the matter with them?  
B: Their relationship ______ more and more stressful. |   |   |
<p>|   | a. shall become | b. became | c. had become | d. is becoming |
| <strong>29</strong> | Everyone in the hotel was _______________ by the fire alarm. |   |   |
|   | a. awake | b. woke up | c. woken up | d. waking |
| <strong>30</strong> | If you lived nearer, I _______________ see you more often. |   |   |
|   | a. would | b. will | c. can | d. must |</p>
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| 31 | You won’t get a taxi ____________ you don’t ring now. | a. why  
   b. unless  
   c. as  
   d. if |
| 32 | I like spending time exploring ______________. | a. the nature  
   b. environment  
   c. the countryside  
   d. in natural places |
| 33 | __________ I need is a restful weekend. | a. What  
   b. That  
   c. Which  
   d. Then |
| 34 | A: Are Peter and Jill coming tonight?  
   B: I ________ think so, they told me they would. | a. must  
   b. could  
   c. might  
   d. should |
| 35 | A: So the game is next week then.  
   B: Actually there’s no game next week – it’s __________. | a. two weeks after  
   b. two weeks time  
   c. by two weeks  
   d. in two weeks |
| 36 | A: I'm concerned about Caroline.  
   B: ________________ | a. Were you?  
   b. You aren’t?  
   c. Are you?  
   d. Do you? |
| 37 | It’s very wide, but the English Channel has been ______ many times! | a. swum  
   b. swam  
   c. swim  
   d. swimming |
| 38 | This is very embarrassing – I know I’ve met you before but I don’t remember ______________. | a. what your name is  
   b. what is your name  
   c. how to call you  
   d. who I should call |
| 39 | The letter you ______________ is for me. | a. opened it  
   b. opened that  
   c. opened  
   d. open |
| 40 | Poor old Linda, she’s really afraid __________ dogs. | a. with  
   b. about  
   c. of  
   d. over |
41. My mother’s at home, she’s already _______________ the shopping.
   a. made    b. done    c. been    d. paid

42. Sarah didn’t answer the door although we could hear her radio. She _____________ have fallen asleep while listening to it.
   a. should    b. would    c. might    d. can

43. A: There weren’t many people at the concert last night.
   B: I don’t think it was particularly _______ advertised.
   a. over    b. much    c. fully    d. well

44. He did not care _____________ or not the man was innocent.
   a. whether    b. if    c. why    d. however

45. We walked all the way _______ the top of the mountain and only then did it start to rain!
   a. up    b. to    c. on    d. at

46. I promise _____________ you as soon as the plane lands.
   a. texting    b. text    c. to text    d. I text

47. Any book with more than 100 pages _____________ too long for me to read.
   a. is taking    b. is    c. are    d. take

48. Although that footballer cost a fortune, personally I think he is _____________ over-rated.
   a. largely    b. hugely    c. badly    d. ultimately

49. A: I’ve nearly finished my work, so I’ll be able to come out soon.
   B: OK, _________ me a call when you’ve finished.
   a. giving    b. give    c. gave    d. to give

50. A: I won’t have time to go to town today.
   B: _______________, I’m trying to repair the car.
   a. So do I    b. Neither me    c. Not I    d. Nor me

END OF THE TEST