

Upper Intermediate and Advanced Placement test

The *Straightforward* test has 50 questions, each worth one point. The first 40 are grammar questions and the final 10 are vocabulary questions. The conversion chart below has been designed to assist you in making your decision but please note, however, that these bandings are a guide.

Total score	Level
0 – 35	Upper Intermediate
36 – 50	Advanced

Grammar

- 1 She ___ obsessed with rock climbing at a young age.**
a becomes b) became c) has become d) would become
- 2 He's not a stamp collector, ___?**
a was he b) wasn't he c) is he d) isn't he
- 3 How long ___ you had this car?**
a did b) do c) have d) were
- 4 ___ anyone get hurt?**
a did b) were c) have d) had
- 5 He ___ about birds. It drives me mad!**
a forever talk b) is forever talking c) will forever be talking d) has forever been talking
- 6 She keeps ___ her things all around the place which is so annoying.**
a to leave b) leaves c) leave d) leaving
- 7 He ___ me to the first game when I was only 6.**
a used to take b) would take c) took d) has taken
- 8 At first I ___ starting work so early but this has changed.**
a didn't use to b) wouldn't c) didn't have to d) wasn't used to
- 9 My new PC, ___ I bought last week, has already broken down.**
a that b) which c) whose d) —
- 10 I'd like to see the photos ___ you took on holiday.**
a Who b) whose c) where d) —
- 11 People _____ from the illness find it difficult to relax.**
a Suffered b) suffering c) who suffering d) were suffering
- 12 You'd better take your coat ___ the weather gets worse.**
a in case b) otherwise c) so that d) in order to
- 13 She did a course in confidence building ___ overcome her phobia**
a so that b) in order to c) although d) in case
- 14 He ___ a therapist for several years after he left school.**
a has seen b) has been seeing c) saw d) used to seeing
- 15 She ___ much better since she left the hospital last week.**
a is feeling b) feels c) felt d) has been feeling
- 16 He realized that he ___ his car keys in the office.**

- a left b) has left c) had left d) was leaving
- 17 **We couldn't fall asleep because our neighbours ____ a lot of noise.**
a made b) had made c) have made d) were making
- 18 **____ plans you might have for the weekend, you'll have to change them.**
a Wherever b) Whovever c) Whatever d) However
- 19 **They ____ out for a few years before they decided to get married.**
a had gone b) have been going c) were going d) had been going
- 20 **You won't pass the exam ____ you start revising immediately.**
a as long as b) provided c) unless d) if
- 21 **We wouldn't have missed the bus if you ____ to chat with Mary!**
a didn't stop b) hadn't stopped c) don't stop d) wouldn't have stopped
- 22 **The party was so boring I wish I ____ there at all.**
a hadn't gone b) wouldn't go c) haven't gone d) didn't go
- 23 **If only you ____ more time to spend with the family.**
a would have b) have had c) had d) have
- 24 **Oh, you're busy? I ____ you later, OK?**
a am calling b) call c) have called d) will call
- 25 **By the time the guests arrive, we ____ everything for the party.**
a will be preparing b) will have prepared c) prepare d) have prepared
- 26 **During the next meeting we ____ about setting goals**
a are talking b) will have talked c) will be talking d) talk
- 27 **I can't find my keys. I ____ them.**
a may lose b) must lost c) might have lost d) should have lost
- 28 **The police stopped us and said we ____ to enter the building.**
a can't b) couldn't c) didn't allow d) weren't allowed
- 29 **Admission was free so we ____ any tickets.**
a needn't buy b) mustn't buy c) didn't need to buy d) mustn't have bought
- 30 **I'm not sure if you're aware ____ the risk.**
a of b) to c) at d) in
- 31 **The horror movie wasn't just frightening! It was ____ terrifying!**
a extremely b) absolutely c) very d) fairly
- 32 **____ the weather was horrible, we decided to go out for a short walk.**
a Even though b) However c) In spite of d) Despite
- 33 **We should remind ____ to be thankful for all that we have.**
a us b) — c) ourselves d) we
- 34 **His father asked Dan where ____ all day.**
a had he been b) was he c) he had been d) he has been
- 35 **She advised him ____ sun cream.**
a putting b) put on c) to putting on d) to put on
- 36 **She was only 19 when she sailed across ____ Atlantic.**

a a b) an c) the d) —

37 Your leg could be broken so you must have ____ X-ray.

a a b) an c) the c) —

38 The square was ____ crowded we couldn't pass.

a so b) such c) very d) as

39 Two climbers are reported to ____ during the storm last night.

a die b) have died c) had died d) died

40 I'll need to have the stairs ____.

a renovate b) renovating c) to renovate d) renovated

Vocabulary

41 I only paid £20 for this jacket! It was a real ____.

a buy b) price c) bargain d) sale

42 Jane is always poking her nose in other people's business. She's so ____!

a inquisitive b) obedient c) playful d) unreliable

43 As far as I'm ____, I do not support the new government.

a matter b) referred c) according d) concerned

44 The window ____ was really imaginative.

a exhibition b) display c) collection d) vision

45 She ____ the sack last week and is now looking for a new job.

a did b) made c) took d) got

46 She doesn't ____ of my decision.

a agree b) approve c) accept d) support

47 During his stay in Indonesia he went ____ with malaria.

a up b) off c) down d) over

48 When the customs officers found some illegal goods hidden in the car, he was arrested for ____.

a assault b) mugging c) hijacking d) smuggling

49 I can't move the sofa. Could you ____ me a hand with it, please?

a give b) get c) take d) borrow

50 I couldn't get in ____ with you all week! Where have you been?

a contact b) call c) touch d) talk