ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ESL A2 Level MCQ Test With Answers PRE-INTERMEDIATE TEST 1

English Level Tests · 45 questions · Online test and questions PDF:
https://englishtestsonline.com/esl-a2-level-mcq-test-with-answers-pre-intermediate-test-1/

1	**B**	2	**C**	3	**A**	4	**B**	5	**C**	6	**B**	7	**C**	8	**A**	9	**C**	10	**B**
11	**C**	12	**B**	13	**A**	14	**C**	15	**A**	16	**B**	17	**C**	18	**B**	19	**C**	20	**C**
21	**A**	22	**B**	23	**C**	24	**B**	25	**C**	26	**B**	27	**A**	28	**B**	29	**C**	30	**A**
31	**C**	32	**B**	33	**A**	34	**C**	35	**B**	36	**A**	37	**B**	38	**C**	39	**A**	40	**B**
41	**B**	42	**C**	43	**B**	44	**A**	45	**B**										

Explanations

1. A2 – MOCK EXAMINATION SECTION I

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

He _____ to his parents.
✔ **B) doesn't often write**
With **he** in a negative sentence, use **doesn't** + verb without -s: **He doesn't often write.** The word **often** goes before the main verb.

2. Jill: "Is Sam ready to go out?"

Carol: "Yes. He _____ on his coat."
✔ **C) is putting**
The action is happening now, so use **is** + verb-ing: **He is putting on his coat.**

3. Greg: "Did you get anything in town yesterday?"

Tom: "Yes, I _____ the CD I wanted."
✔ **A) bought**
Yesterday shows a finished action in the past, so use the past simple: **I bought the CD.**

4. They're old friends. He _____ her for years. They went to the same school.
✔ **B) has known**
For years tells us it started in the past and is still true now, so use **has known**. We don't say **is knowing**, because **know** is not used in the -ing form.

5. Joe: "Where's Terry? He's late."

Bob: "Don't worry. I expect _____ here soon."
✔ **C) he'll be**
For the future, use **will** + verb: **he'll be here soon**. **He'll here** has no verb, so it is wrong.

6. Section 2

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentence.

He's not a vegetarian but he doesn't eat _____ meat.
✔ **B) much**
Meat is uncountable, so in a negative sentence we use **much**: **He doesn't eat much meat.** Use **many** with plural nouns like **apples**.

7. **(On the phone)**

Woman: "Can I speak to John, please?"

Girl: "_____ on, I'll call him."
✔ **C) Hold**
On the phone, **Hold on** means 'wait a moment'. We don't say **Wait on** or **Come on** with this meaning.

8. Sue: "_____ do you see her?"

Mark: "Twice a week."
✔ **A) How often**
The answer **Twice a week** tells us how many times something happens, so the question is **How often**.

9. If you're _____ with watching TV, why don't you go out for a walk?
✔ **C) bored**
Use **bored** for how a person feels, and **boring** for the thing that causes it: **I'm bored with TV. TV is boring.**

10. Jack remembered to post the letter, _____?
✔ **B) didn't he**
The sentence is positive and in the past simple (**remembered**), so the tag is negative with **did**: **didn't he?**

11. Section 4

Choose the correct answer.

Would you like to go out after dinner?
✔ **C) Not really. I'm a bit tired.**
Not really. I'm a bit tired. is a polite way to say no to an invitation and give a reason.

12. **(In a shop)**

This is enormous! Haven't you got a smaller size?
✔ **B) Not in this colour.**
The customer asks about a smaller size. The shop assistant answers about the clothes: **Not in this colour** means there are smaller sizes, but only in other colours.

13. How long does it take him to get to work?
✔ **A) It depends on the traffic.**
How long asks about time, so we can't answer with **Yes**. **It depends on the traffic** is a good answer.

14. When are you leaving for the USA?
✔ **C) Next Tuesday morning.**
When are you leaving? asks about a future time, so the answer is a future time: **Next Tuesday morning.** Not **Last week**, because that is in the past.

15. Have you ever eaten Japanese food?
✔ **A) No, never.**
Have you ever...? asks about your life experience. **No, never.** is a short, correct answer.

16. Shall I help you with those heavy shopping bags?
✔ **B) That's very kind of you. Just put them on the kitchen table.**
Shall I help you? is an offer. To accept, we say thank you: **That's very kind of you.**

17. What's your new boss like?
✔ **C) OK. Pleasant but very professional.**
What is he like? asks about someone's character, not what he likes. So we describe him: **Pleasant but very professional.**

18. What did Tom say when he heard the bad news?
✔ **B) Nothing. He was too shocked.**
What did he say? asks for his words, so it can't be answered with **Yes**. **Nothing. He was too shocked.** answers the question.

19. Section 5

Complete the questions.

Woman: "_____ before the train leaves?"

Man: "About twenty minutes. Plenty of time for a coffee."
✔ **C) How much time do we have**
Time is uncountable, so we ask **How much time**. In a question, **do** comes before the subject: **How much time do we have?**

20. Man: "_____ me yesterday?"

Woman: "I did! But you didn't answer."
✔ **C) Why didn't you call**
The woman answers **I did!**, so the man thought she didn't call. He asks **Why didn't you call me?**

21. Policeman: "_____ at about nine o'clock last night?"

Suspect: "Watching the football match on TV."
✔ **A) What were you doing**
At about nine o'clock last night is a moment in the past, and the answer **Watching...** is an -ing form. So we ask with the past continuous: **What were you doing?**

22. Woman: "Excuse me. _____ the way to St George Avenue?"

Man: "Go straight on and turn right at the end of the road."
✔ **B) Could you tell me**
Could you tell me the way to...? is a polite way to ask for directions. Not **Can you to tell me**, because there is no **to** after **can**.

23. Bob: "_____ at the concert last Saturday?"

Dave: "Thousands!"
✔ **C) How many people were there**
Last Saturday is in the past, so we use **were**. The question is **How many people were there?**

24. Carol: "_____ here in London?"

Paul: "Since last May."
✔ **B) How long have you been**
The answer **Since last May** tells us it started in the past and continues now. So we use the present perfect: **How long have you been here?**

25. Man: "I hear you've got a new job. _____?"

Woman: "At the beginning of next month."
✔ **C) When are you going to start**
The answer is a time (**At the beginning of next month**), so the question starts with **When**: **When are you going to start?**

26. Section 6

(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

Complete the conversation with the words below.

Harry: How _____ coming to the cinema with me this evening?
✔ **B) about**
How about + verb-ing is used to make a suggestion: **How about coming to the cinema?**

27. Sally: Yes, I'd like to go out. Our new boss is making us work hard and I'm beginning to feel _____ out.
✔ **A) stressed**
Stressed out means very worried and tired because of too much work. Not **boring**, because that describes things, not feelings.

28. Harry: _____?
✔ **B) What's your boss like**
To ask about someone's character, we say **What's he like?** Not **What does your boss like?**, because that asks about the things he likes.

29. Sally: Not bad, but he's got a few _____ habits.
✔ **C) irritating**
Irritating habits are habits that make other people a little angry. Use **-ing** adjectives to describe the thing or habit.

30. Harry: Oh? What kind of habits?

Sally: Well, if you talk _____ for more than five minutes, he starts looking at his watch. Then he stands behind me while I am working on my computer. It makes me nervous. I didn't ask you, which film are we going to see?
✔ **A) on the phone**
We say **talk on the phone**. **At phone** and **to the phone** are not correct.

31. Harry: There's a film on at the Planet. It looks _____.
✓ **C) interesting**
The film is the thing, so we use the -ing adjective: **It looks interesting.** We use **interested** for people: **I'm interested.**

32. Sally: Wait a minute! The Planet always shows films in the original language – what language is the film in?

Harry: French. You studied it at school, didn't you?

Sally: Yes, but I was always _____ languages! No, I don't want to see a film in French.
✓ **B) bad at**
We say **bad at** something when we can't do it well: **I was always bad at languages.**

33. Harry: But you'll enjoy it, I'm sure. It's a _____.
✓ **A) comedy**
After **a** we need a noun. A **comedy** is a funny film. **Thrilling** is an adjective, and the correct order is **science fiction**.

34. Sally: No, don't insist. I don't want to see a film I won't understand.

Harry: Well, if you change your _____, give me a ring and I'll come and _____.
✓ **C) mind**
Change your mind means to decide something different: **If you change your mind, call me.**

35. Harry: Well, if you change your _____, give me a ring and I'll come and _____.
✓ **B) pick you up**
Pick someone up means to go and get them in your car: **I'll come and pick you up.**

36. **This story is about a dolphin that helped ships many years ago.**
✓ **A) True**
Paragraph 1 says **he was a dolphin** and that he guided ships at the end of the nineteenth century, so this is True.

37. **Jack was trained to guide ships through French Pass.**
✓ **B) False**
Paragraph 1 says Jack **had no training**, so this is **False**.

38. **Before Jack's arrival, many ships did not go through French Pass because it was too dangerous.**
✓ **C) Doesn't say**
Paragraph 2 says French Pass **had a bad reputation**, but it doesn't say that ships did not go through it. So the answer is **Doesn't say**.

39. **The sailors on the Penguin were angry with the passenger who shot at Jack.**
✓ **A) True**
Paragraph 4 says **The sailors were angry** and wanted to throw the passenger into the sea, so this is **True**.

40. **People forgot about Jack when he died.**
✓ **B) False**
The last paragraph says **he wasn't forgotten** and there is a statue in his memory, so this is **False**.

41. **Jack is famous because _____.**
✓ **B) he saved many ships**
The text begins by saying Jack **saved thousands of lives and many ships**. That is why he is famous.

42. **Which is correct?**
✓ **C) With Jack, French Pass was safer.**
Paragraph 2 says French Pass was dangerous until Jack came, and then **it was safe**. So with Jack it was safer.

43. **The sailors on board the Penguin _____.**
✓ **B) wanted to throw the passenger into the sea because he shot at Jack**
Paragraph 4 says the sailors were angry because the passenger shot at Jack and **wanted to throw him into the sea**, but the captain stopped them.

44. **Which is correct?**
✓ **A) Jack never guided the Penguin again.**
Paragraph 4 says **Jack never met that ship again**. Not 'there wasn't a pilot', because the Penguin had a human pilot.

45. **Jack _____.**
✓ **B) probably died because he was old**
The last paragraph says **Jack probably died of old age in 1912**, so he probably died because he was old.

Practise more on englishtestsonline.com
Take this test online, download its questions PDF, and find thousands of free English tests:
englishtestsonline.com · scan the code for this test
englishtestsonline.com