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ESL B2 Level MCQ Test With Answers HIGH INTERMEDIATE TEST 2

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1. **B2 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections**

SECTION 1

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

You never saw the photos we took last summer, _____?
A) did you **B)** haven't you
C) have you **D)** didn't you

2. The program _____ when I walked into the office this morning.
A) was being uploaded **B)** is uploaded
C) has been uploaded **D)** has uploaded

3. _____ all night, he still had the energy to go and play football.
A) Although working
B) Even though he had been working
C) Despite he had been working
D) Therefore he was working

4. We left the house at 5:00 am _____ the early morning traffic.
A) because we beat **B)** so as to be beating
C) to have beaten **D)** in order to beat

5. The boss suggested _____ on an assertiveness course.
A) me to go **B)** I will go
C) going **D)** having gone

6. The meeting starts at about 10:00 and Greg _____ the presentation shortly afterwards.
A) has been giving **B)** will be giving
C) will to give **D)** has given

7. The key _____ a successful business is knowing what your customers want.
A) to have **B)** about having
C) to having **D)** of having had

8. She chose _____ to Rome instead of driving.
A) flying **B)** she flew
C) having flown **D)** to fly

9. By the end of the coming month, I can assure you we _____ the project.
A) are finished **B)** will have finished
C) will be finished **D)** finish

10. They _____ a house already! They only started looking last week!
A) can't have bought **B)** mustn't be buying
C) mustn't buy **D)** should have bought

11. David, it really is time you _____ to think about your future.
A) were started **B)** are starting
C) started **D)** are started

12. Mr Smith's house _____ from top to bottom because his mother-in-law is coming for a visit.
A) is cleaning **B)** has been cleaning
C) is been cleaned **D)** has been cleaned

13. You _____ me a hand with that work! You had nothing better to do.
A) may give **B)** could have given
C) could give **D)** might be giving

14. I don't remember _____ before. Who is he?
A) meeting him **B)** to meet with him
C) I had met **D)** we are meeting

15. I wish I _____ to increase profits by 30% at the last sales meeting!
A) didn't promise
B) hadn't promised
C) wasn't promised
D) wouldn't have promised

16. When they return to Japan after living in the West, many Japanese people have to _____ in Japan again.
A) be used to living **B)** become used to live
C) usually live **D)** get used to living

17. SECTION 3

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

Why did you _____ such a generous proposal?
A) turn back **B)** end up
C) turn down **D)** set off

18. I hate to _____ your plans but we just don't have the money to put them into practice.
A) make a go of **B)** pour cold water on
C) damp down **D)** put out

19. The singer had had dreams of great success when he was younger but he _____ singing at weddings and private parties.
A) found out **B)** gave off
C) finished off **D)** ended up

20. You wouldn't believe how easy it is to use this program; it's _____!
A) a piece of cake **B)** a slice of pie
C) a cup of tea **D)** a part of my mind

21. He's too bossy! He's only been working here a short time and he's already trying to _____ everything!
A) bring out **B)** take over
C) let down **D)** get on

22. My boss obviously doesn't trust him; he _____ everything he does!
A) makes up **B)** runs across
C) controls on **D)** checks up on

23. The rumour of his resignation _____ and soon everybody was talking about it.
A) went over
B) spread like wildfire
C) went round like fungus
D) made off

24. The estate agent took them to see a house but its shabby and dirty exterior _____ before they'd even opened the door.
A) took them on
B) put them off
C) ran them down
D) came up against them

25. John used to be so active before getting married; now he's such a _____!
A) loggerhead **B)** couch potato
C) high flyer **D)** dead heat

26. We don't have all day! _____ which one you want!
A) Bear in mind **B)** Cross your heart
C) Slip the mind **D)** Make up your mind

27. In August, large numbers of Italians _____ the beach.
A) go for **B)** bring on
C) head for **D)** leave out

28. _____ people turned up for the meeting that it was cancelled.
A) So few **B)** Such few
C) So little **D)** Since little

SECTION 6

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, which is available solely before the first question. Remember, it may be helpful to refer back to the reading text while answering the questions to ensure accuracy.)

Read the text and choose the most suitable answer to each question.

FINANCIAL CAREERS IN THE CITY

A financial career in the City of London with its challenging work and generous pay packets is an attractive proposition for many young people just out of university. It is important, however, that they fully understand what a career in the City involves and the pressures it can create. Stress is a fact of life, but in the City, it is contagious and can encourage unhealthy habits.

Studies have indicated that alcohol and drug abuse, compulsive gambling and depression are much higher among people who work in the City. One 43-year-old consultant who has chronic fatigue syndrome and has just quit the City says:

"Many employers offer complete private medical insurance, which includes a free trip to a mental health clinic if you have problems. The drawback is that as soon as you feel better you are back facing the same situations that caused your problems."

Working in the City is definitely not for people who are sensitive or for those who value their free time. For investment bankers and market analysts, the day starts so early that they practically eat breakfast the night before! Overtime is obligatory, typically ten to twenty per cent on top of normal working hours, and it's usually unpaid. Then there's the mandatory socializing. Graduate trainees are expected to participate with enthusiasm in team-building exercises and events. These can be great fun or a horrendous prospect, depending on your mood and attitude.

It sounds tough and it is. One man in his late thirties, who recently moved into investment banking says:

"I hear so many graduate trainees say that they're planning to do five or maybe ten years in the City and then leave. The problem is that it's all too easy to get trapped once you're used to the money and the lifestyle — a smart flat, kids in private schools and a spouse who depends on your salary. It might look glamorous from the outside but the reality is that they're financial handcuffs."

Still interested? Then you should consider doing an internship, which is where you work for your prospective employer in the summer holidays before your final year at university. This type of work experience will help to boost your CV and your job applications because it will show that you are serious; it will also give you an insight into what life is really like in the sector. Some jobs require specific qualifications but most top employers will accept any degree subject provided it's from a decent university. You will also need to show initiative and drive, plus good analytical, communication, literacy and team-working skills. Fitting in with other people is what really counts. The people hiring you think of it as a marriage contract and it could be for life.

29. The purpose of the text is to _____.
A) convince young people that a career in the City is the best path to take
B) give students a balanced idea of what working in the City really involves
C) recruit students for a career in investment banking
D) separate the serious from the less serious students

30. For many young people, two attractive aspects of working in the City are _____.
A) paid overtime and free breakfast in the office
B) travel opportunities and free schooling
C) a friendly social environment and flexible hours
D) challenging work and good pay

31. Which statement is correct?
A) Most stressed workers feel better when they return to work.
B) Mental health care is not covered in the insurance offered by employers.
C) Stress encourages unhealthy habits among those who work in the City.
D) Few people work in the City after the age of 40.

32. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the negative aspects of working in the City?
A) Beginning the workday very early.
B) Being forced to socialise.
C) Aggressive and competitive co-workers.
D) Not being paid for overtime.

33. According to the text, team-building exercises and events are _____.
A) almost always a waste of time
B) the best way to obtain promotions
C) good or bad depending on one's attitude
D) extremely competitive

34. Many young people initially plan to _____.
A) only work in the City for a few years
B) start their own consulting business
C) continue their studies in a private school
D) get married, have children and live in an expensive flat

35. Many find it difficult to leave a job in the City because _____.
A) it's all they know how to do
B) they have grown accustomed to a certain lifestyle
C) they feel loyalty to their co-workers
D) they fear being trapped in a dead-end job

36. Doing an internship is a good idea because _____.
A) it offers holidays and benefits
B) it won't show any negative aspects of working in the City
C) it shows employers you are serious about your intentions
D) the money you earn will help pay for your studies

37. According to the text, specific qualifications _____.
A) usually result in a higher salary
B) can make potential employers feel intimidated
C) are essential to getting any job in the City
D) are good to have but not always mandatory

38. According to the text, the most important thing is _____.
A) being willing to accept a low salary
B) to mix well with colleagues
C) to assert your individuality
D) to never disagree with your boss

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