ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Situational Responses Test 1

20 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
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1. You are going to be late home because you are going to watch the school play. So you phone home and say:
A) I'm sorry I am late, but I had to stay and watch the play.
B) This is John speaking. I've decided not to go to the play.
C) Is that you, Dad? Are you coming home late tonight?
D) Hello Dad! Mum says you mustn't be late tonight.
E) Hello Mum! I thought I'd let you know I'll be a couple of hours late.

2. A friend of yours has bought herself a new skirt. The style and colour really suit her. So you say:
A) You must have been out of your mind to choose such a skirt!
B) What made you buy such an expensive skirt?
C) Whatever made you choose a colour like that?
D) That skirt looks perfect on you. You look lovely in it!
E) Next time you buy a skirt, let me come with you to help.

3. You are a stranger in the town but you know there is an interesting archaeological museum that you want to visit. You stop someone and ask him how to get there:
A) In your opinion, is the archaeological museum really worth seeing?
B) Except for the archaeological museum, what other places of interest are there here?
C) Excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the archaeological museum?
D) Hello! Do you happen to live near the archaeological museum?
E) I'd really like to walk there; how far is it?

4. You've booked a table at a restaurant you know well. When you get there, you find they have given your table to someone else, and the restaurant is full. You are annoyed and say:
A) May I ask why my order is so late?
B) I'd like a table near the window.
C) If I had known you were going to be so busy I would have booked a table.
D) I didn't expect you'd serve such delicious food here.
E) I don't understand how you could do this to me. I come here such a lot.

5. A serious earthquake has hit the eastern part of the country. You have offered to help collect money at school for the victims. You go to one of the classrooms and say to the students:
A) Thank you very much for your generosity but we have already collected enough money.
B) I hear a lot have died in the earthquake, so there's not much we can do about it.
C) Last year we managed to collect quite a lot of money.
D) The earthquake has caused a great deal of suffering, so let's be generous in our help.
E) I'm not really sure that the earthquake victims actually need our help.

6. Bill Atkins is leaving the firm he has worked at for twelve years. His colleagues have just given him a watch as a farewell present. Bill thanks them saying:
A) Now that you are leaving, you don't seem to have been here very long, do you?
B) Hello everybody. I am glad I've joined you. It will be a pleasure to work here.
C) I am really very disappointed with you all.
D) I really don't know how to thank you and I think you knew this is just what I needed.
E) It has always been my pleasure to work with you and I am very sorry you are leaving us.

7. You send a card to one of your friends who has just moved to another city and say:
A) Thank you for your help. I really appreciated it.
B) I wish you a happy anniversary.
C) Hoping you'll enjoy your visit.
D) I hope you will soon be feeling better.
E) We shall miss you. The place won't be the same without you.

8. A friend of yours wants to buy a second-hand car but doesn't know how to find one and asks for help. So you say:
A) Don't you think you've chosen a rather expensive type of car?
B) I would rather buy a brand new one.
C) Why don't you look at the advertisements in the newspaper?
D) You'd better get your driving licence first!
E) Do you know how difficult it is to run a used car?

9. You have a ticket for a concert, but at the last minute, you are unable to go. You think perhaps some of your friends in the class might like to go. So you say:
A) Could any of you find me a ticket for the concert tonight?
B) Would anyone like to come to the concert with me tonight? I have an extra ticket.
C) I hear that tonight's concert is going to be fantastic; it's a pity you can't go.
D) It would suit me much better if the concert were tomorrow night.
E) I have a ticket for the concert tonight that I can't use. Would any of you be interested?

10. Dick has invited Mary out to dinner on Tuesday. Mary does not really like Dick and wants to turn the invitation down without being rude. So she says:
A) No, I can't. Not then or any other time.
B) I'd really like to but I just can't. I'm so busy. I hope you understand.
C) Well as it happens I'm busy on Tuesday. Shall we go on Wednesday?
D) Why don't we go out for lunch instead of dinner?
E) I was wondering if you'd care to pick me up after work?

11. At your friend's wedding, you want to say something nice about the bride's appearance. You say to her:
A) Be sure to step on your husband's foot!
B) Your shoes don't really go with that outfit.
C) I love your dress, you look gorgeous in it!
D) You are looking much better today than you did yesterday.
E) The bridal clothes must have cost an awful lot!

12. A friend of yours wants to borrow a book which you need yourself at the weekend. You agree conditionally and say:
A) Surely you can wait till next week.
B) Of course, but I want it back by Friday at the latest.
C) I wonder whether I'm going to need it myself.
D) As a matter of fact, I'm extremely bored with it.
E) Why not? But I don't think you'll find it very useful.

13. A friend has spilt tea on your dress. You want to stop her from feeling upset. So you say:
A) What a pity! I'm often very careless too!
B) I spilt coffee on the tablecloth too.
C) Never mind! This dress needed washing anyway.
D) That doesn't matter. I like it better this way.
E) Of course, I don't mind. Do you?

14. You are overweight and want to lose weight. So you ask your doctor:
A) Why do you insist on my losing weight?
B) You don't think I'm overweight, do you?
C) Do you advise me to go on a diet or should I take more exercise?
D) Don't you know that I hate to be on a diet?
E) Why don't you want me to lose weight?

15. You are going to meet your daughter at the railway station at 6:00 p.m. but you can't as you have a meeting then. So you ask your friend to help you. You say:
A) My daughter will be coming this evening. Do you think you could meet her for me?
B) You don't have to be here at 6 p.m., do you?
C) If you can come to the station with me, I'll introduce you to her.
D) Have you any plans for the evening after you have met my daughter?
E) Can you come with me to the station?

16. Your friend tells you that he doesn't know how to improve his knowledge of English and asks for advice. So you say:
A) Everyone needs to learn a second language nowadays.
B) It is very difficult to learn a foreign language.
C) Why didn't you start learning English when you were a child?
D) You were never fluent in English.
E) Why don't you try going to a good language school?

17. You are going to a friend's house for the evening and do not want your mother to worry about you. So you leave a note saying:
A) There's nothing wrong with me.
B) I've gone to Jane's. I'll be back about 10:30.
C) Whatever happens, please don't worry.
D) My friend's mother will look after me.
E) I couldn't wait for you.

18. You learn from his mother that Peter is ill. You say to her:
A) Why can't he come to the match tonight?
B) I told you he'd soon be better.
C) I'm afraid I cannot recommend good medicine.
D) Please send him a get-well card.
E) Please tell him I hope he'll be feeling better soon.

19. You've been invited to dinner but have to cancel at the last minute because your child is ill. You telephone and say:
A) I can't tell you how pleased I shall be to come.
B) I wish I had known earlier.
C) It really is so kind of you to invite me.
D) Jane is too ill to leave, so please forgive me for not coming to the dinner tonight.
E) I haven't enjoyed myself so much for a very long time.

20. You are reserving a room in a hotel. The receptionist asks you for the dates. You reply:
A) I want the room for at least 10 days, starting March 20th.
B) I'm afraid I can't stay for two weeks.
C) Last year I stayed here in August.
D) I'm too busy to come this month.
E) What time of the year do most people come?