

Innopolis University English Language placement test

There are 40 questions in this test: 30 in Section 1, and 10 in Section 2. Section 1 tests your ability to use appropriate vocabulary and grammar structures. Section 2 tests your skill to read and understand a text. You will have 40 minutes to complete the whole test.

Section 1.

Instruction:

Choose the best word or phrase (a, b, c or d) to fill each gap.

1. Upon arrival, I discovered several decent coffee places in the city, some of _____ I still like and visit.

- a. that
- b. which
- c. who
- d. whose

2. I do not like the food _____ leads to health problems.

- a. which
- b. who
- c. that
- d. what

3. She was _____ because of all the events on this day and all the people she had to meet and talk to. She could barely speak and talk. She was completely _____.

- a. overwhelming; shocking
- b. overwhelming; shocked
- c. overwhelmed; shocked
- d. overwhelmed; shocking

4. If she finds out about the incident, she _____ very frustrated.

- a. became
- b. will become
- c. becomes
- d. is

5. This activity _____ the most useful one since the beginning of the month.

- a. was
- b. has been
- c. been
- d. had been

6. What _____ you to start programming?

- a. inspired
- b. inspire
- c. did inspire
- d. did it prompt

7. Yesterday, I _____ a mistake I had not made before.

- a. made
- b. had made
- c. have made

d. was making

8. I did not catch my boss at work yesterday. He _____ before I came.

- a. has left
- b. was left
- c. was leaving
- d. had left

9. I _____ him before. Please, do not bother to introduce me.

- a. had met
- b. did not meet
- c. have met
- d. have not met

10. I _____ my dog when I _____ the noise.

- a. walked; heard
- b. was walking; heard
- c. walked; was hearing
- d. was walking; was hearing

11. Usually, she _____ so early. However, today, she _____ to catch her train; it _____ at 7 am.

- a. does not wake up; needs; leaves
- b. does not wake up; needs; will leave
- c. did not wake up; needs; leaves
- d. did not wake up; needed; left

12. I wish you _____ me when I needed your hand so badly.

- a. told
- b. will have told
- c. had helped
- d. have to tell

13. I was extremely tired. The competition _____ more exhausting.

- a. couldn't had been
- b. could not have
- c. could have been
- d. couldn't have been

14. Would you mind if I _____ some money from you?

- a. borrowing
- b. will borrow
- c. borrowed
- d. would borrow

15. _____ existing point of view seems rather inaccurate. _____ more detailed analysis is needed.

- a. An; the
- b. (blank); (blank)
- c. The; the
- d. The; a

16. I was wondering _____ lend me a car.

- a. If could you
- b. if you could
- c. could you

d. can you

17. Jim _____ that he _____ the test before.

- a. announced; has completed
- b. announces; had completed
- c. announced; had completed
- d. announced; completed

18. If I _____ you, I _____ file a lawsuit against this business.

- a. were; would
- b. were; will
- c. was; will
- d. be; would

19. I _____ about this incident. I was so curious!

- a. could have stopped wondering
- b. could not stop wondering
- c. could stop wondering
- d. cannot stop wondering

20. I _____ in such spacious apartments. I keep _____ lost in it.

- a. am used to live; getting
- b. am not used to living; getting
- c. am not used to live; get
- d. am used to living; get

21. So _____ stories are truly exciting, and so _____ is known about their authors.

- a. Few; little
- b. Few; a little
- c. A few; a little
- d. a few; little

22. I have _____ met this person today. Have you met him _____?

- a. yet; too
- b. yet; already
- c. already; yet
- d. too; already

23. This house is not safe. Suppose the roof _____ on someone's head.

- a. collapsed
- b. collapses
- c. will collapse
- d. has collapsed

24. Choose a sentence with the correct punctuation:

- a. I gave him my book, but he did not return it. However I am not angry because he is my friend.
- b. I gave him my book but he did not return it. However, I am not angry because he is my friend.
- c. I gave him my book, but he did not return it. However, I am not angry because he is my friend.
- d. I gave him my book but he did not return it. However I am not angry because he is my friend.

25. She _____ that she _____ any difference between the two designs.

- a. claims; does not see
- b. claimed; does not see
- c. claimed; will not see

d. claims; had not seen

26. You can bring ____ a child by providing them positive examples. Additionally, never let your child ____ and look ____ their expectations.

- a. up to; down; up to
- b. up; down; up to
- c. down; up; up to
- d. down; up to; up

27. Why do you never ask me ____ for a walk or a movie?

- a. out
- b. in
- c. (blank)
- d. inside

28. I do not like junk foods, _____ pizza and coke.

- a. so
- b. such
- c. such as
- d. so as

29. Choose a sentence with the correct punctuation:

- a. When you cannot complete the assignment on your own, you should ask your teacher for help. However, you should do this assignment on your own if you can.
- b. When you cannot complete the assignment on your own you should ask your teacher for help. However, you should do this assignment on your own, if you can.
- c. When you cannot complete the assignment on your own, you should ask your teacher for help. However you should do this assignment on your own, if you can.
- d. When you cannot complete the assignment on your own you should ask your teacher for help. However, you should do this assignment on your own if you can.

30. I do not remember _____ you about my experiment. How did you learn about it?

- a. tell
- b. had told
- c. telling
- d. to tell

Section 2.

Text 1.

Instruction:

Read the text and answer 5 questions below. Write the correct answers in the space provided.

Doctors blame fossil fuel companies for global health problems

Nearly 100 authors contributed to *The Lancet's* annual report on climate change and health, which detailed how heat waves, drought and air pollution are killing thousands. Doctors are taking aim at the fossil fuels industry, placing blame for the world's most dire health problems on the companies.

"The burning of fossil fuels is creating a health crisis that I can't fix by the time I see patients in my emergency department," said Dr. Renee Salas, summarizing the findings of a report published

Tuesday in The Lancet. “Fossil fuel companies are making record profits while my patients suffer from their downstream health harms.”

Salas, an emergency medical physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, is one of nearly 100 authors who contributed to the prestigious medical journal’s annual report on climate change and health.

The report accuses fossil fuel purveyors — and the governments that subsidize them — of corrupting “efforts to deliver a low carbon, healthy, livable future” and demands that world leaders pursue a health-centered approach to solving the climate crisis.

The report’s theme reflects a growing frustration and helplessness expressed by medical professionals left to deal with the impacts of climate change as world leaders struggle to address the root cause.

As in previous reports, the 2022 Lancet Countdown paints a grim picture of how climate change is threatening people’s health and the care systems that are supposed to help manage it, calling its latest findings the “direst” yet. This year’s report leaves little ambiguity about who the doctors view as responsible for the harms and stresses they feel in clinics.

There are some hopeful signs. The report notes growth in renewable energy investment, increasing media coverage of climate change and growing engagement from government leaders on health-centered climate policies. But the report warns that inequities could weaken progress.

Adapted from <https://www.nbcnews.com/science/environment/doctors-decry-record-profits-fossil-fuel-companies-climate-change-weiq-rcna53807>

1. Physicians who contributed to Lancet annual report consider the oil & gas producers to be the cause of many people’s health issues.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say
2. Governments are only insignificantly responsible for the harm associated with fossil fuel production.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say
3. 2022 Lancet Countdown stresses that climate change has a negative impact on people’s healthcare.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say
4. According to the report, the media sources and government weaken the progress of renewable energy development.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say
5. Choose the meaning of the word “purveyors” in paragraph four of the text.

Paragraph 4: The report accuses fossil fuel purveyors — and the governments that subsidize them — of corrupting “efforts to deliver a low carbon, healthy, livable future” and demands that world leaders pursue a health-centered approach to solving the climate crisis.

Choose the correct meaning:

- a. Discoverers
- b. Suppliers
- c. Consumers

Text 2.

Instruction:

Read the text.

Researchers think a key to cooling cities lies in Naples' ancient aqueducts

In the Italian city of Naples, some climate change solutions may be as ancient as the coastal outpost itself, according to researchers who are studying how the area's historic waterways could bring relief from extreme heat as the world warms.

Architects and design students in Italy and the United States are collaborating on an initiative to map ancient aqueducts and water systems in Naples. Known as the Cool City Project, the goal is to assess how this existing infrastructure — in some cases, centuries old and hidden underground — could combat life-threatening heat waves in one of the most densely populated parts of Europe and one of the oldest cities in the world.

"Naples is sometimes called the capital of the midday sun because of where it's located in the south of Italy," said Nick De Pace, an architect and professor at the Rhode Island School of Design. "It's a dense city in an area that is already dealing with geothermal heating. And then on top of that, you have climate change."

Though the effects of climate change can be felt in every corner of the planet, cities are at particular risk from extreme heat because of a phenomenon known as the "urban heat island effect." Densely populated areas tend to experience higher temperatures than more rural communities because buildings, roads and other human-made structures absorb and retain more heat than natural landscapes.

Within cities, studies have shown that those most vulnerable during heat waves are children, older people and disadvantaged communities that already bear a disproportionate burden of the consequences of climate change.

In many ways, Naples lies at the intersection of these concerns, which makes it a compelling laboratory to study potential solutions, De Pace said.

"Naples is historically a relatively poor city with high levels of unemployment, and it's also a place that is expected to experience two to three months of extreme heat by the middle of this century," he said. "This is a city seriously at risk."

As part of the Cool City Project, De Pace and his colleagues are trying to tap into solutions that are hidden in plain sight.

To start, the researchers are using laser-scanning technology to map Naples' extensive aqueduct system and underground canals. The idea is to examine if reviving these ancient waterways, or resurfacing them, could counter the urban heat island effect.

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/science/science-news/researchers-think-key-cooling-cities-lies-naples-ancient-aqueducts-rcna50851>

Answer 2 questions below. Write the correct answers in the space provided.

6. Urban heat island effect leads to temperatures higher than the planet's average temperature.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say

7. Naples was chosen for the Cool City Project because, of all the ancient cities struggling to combat the heatwaves, it is most promising in terms of the positive outcomes.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Does not say

Complete the following statements using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.

(put your choice into the gaps - use small letters and don't put any spaces after your last word)

8. Cool City Project is research that stems from an attempt to cope with _____ and regenerate the city through the cooling effect of water.

9. The main idea is to study if _____ these waterways could minimize the urban heat island effect.

10. As architect Alexandro Valentino says, the city's rich history with water makes Naples a _____ place to experiment with new ideas.