Brookline Adult & Community Education
English As a Second Language Placement Test

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Score _____________
Suggested Level ________________________________

Part I. Please CIRCLE the correct answer.

Example They ______ over there.
   a. am
   b. is
   c. are

1. Mark ____ at 6:00 every day.
   a. get up
   b. gets up
   c. is getting up

2. You always ____ when you are angry.
   a. shouted
   b. shouting
   c. shout

3. When my children are hungry, I feed ____.
   a. they
   b. them
   c. their

4. ____ Jane work on Saturday?
   a. Do
   b. Was
   c. Does
5. Did you see Bob last night? No, but I ____ his wife.
   a. seed
   b. saw
   c. see

6. I ____ here tomorrow.
   a. will be
   b. am be
   c. be

7. How ____ bread do we need?
   a. much
   b. many
   c. few

8. Is that book _____?
   a. my
   b. hers
   c. your

9. Please read the instructions ____.
   a. careful
   b. carefully
   c. more careful

10. The police officer told her she ____ drive fast because it’s dangerous.
    a. mustn’t
    b. doesn’t have to
    c. has to

11. I ____ her since 2004.
    a. didn’t see
    b. don’t seen
    c. haven’t seen
12. Where has he ____ ?
   a. gone
   b. went
   c. go

13. Jerry went to the party, and Andy ____ .
   a. did either
   b. did neither
   c. did too

14. When are you going to stop ____ so much?
   a. to smoke
   b. smoke
   c. smoking

15. By the time we got to the theater, the movie ____ .
   a. had started
   b. started
   c. has started

16. Mr. Anderson’s car was ____ last night.
   a. steal
   b. stole
   c. stolen

17. I’m not sure who took the book. Paul ____ .
   a. may
   b. might have
   c. could

18. Can you tell me when ____ ?
   a. did they leave
   b. did they left
   c. they left
19. If Sandy had known it was going to snow, she ____ her boots.
   a. would have worn
   b. would wear
   c. will wear

20. He sang that song last week, ____ ?
   a. does he
   b. did he
   c. didn’t he

Part II. Please read the story and CIRCLE the correct answer.

Example
My name is Lori. I work during the day and go to school at night. I work
as a manager. My boss is very kind. Everybody likes him very much. I study
class. The class is difficult, so I like to go to school early so I can study by myself
before class. The class is difficult, so I might study hard if I want to do well.

After class, my friends and I usually go out for something to eat. Last night we
got across to the cheapest place in the neighborhood and the food is very good. I usually order a cup of coffee
and a hamburger. This restaurant has the best hamburgers in town!

Steve and Jean recently moved to an apartment in the city. They have lived in
their new apartment for two weeks. Before that they had lived in a house in

21. in
22. work
23. Her
24. her
25. go
to going
26. work
27. must
28. will
29. any
30. went
31. across to
32. the cheapest
too cheap
cheaper
33. was
34. cup of coffee
35. have
36. for
37. had
have been very busy.

they moved into their new apartment, they are very busy.

Although they enjoy living in the city, they sometimes wish they had stayed in the country. Yesterday, Jean received a birthday card. It was sent by her friends Linda and Paul.

Today is her birthday and she is sad. If they were still living in the country,

they would have a party. Jean told Steve that she missed their old friends.

Steve said he would call them up. “I hope they are home,” said Jean as Steve dialed the number. “No one answered,” Steve said. “They must have gone out.” Steve called another friend, but he wasn’t at home, either. “Keep on trying,” Jean said.

Steve called all of their friends, but no one was at home. “I don’t know where they are,” said Steve. Suddenly they heard a knock. Jean opened the door and saw Paul, Linda, and their other friends. “We could have called, but we wanted to surprise you,” said Linda. “Happy Birthday!”
ESL Placement Test Answers

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. c
5. b
6. a
7. a
8. b
9. b
10. a
11. c
12. a
13. c
14. c
15. a
16. c
17. b
18. c
19. a
20. c
21. to
22. work
23. my
24. her
25. to go
26. myself
27. must
28. want
29. my
30. went
31. across from
32. the cheapest
33. is
34. a cup of coffee
35. has
36. for
37. had
38. have been
39. living
40. had stayed
41. sent
42. would have
43. missed
44. call them up

45. are
46. have gone
47. either
48. trying
49. they are
50. could

Score:

0-19 correct answers = Beginning English
20-30 correct answers = Intermediate English
30-42 correct answers = High Intermediate English
42-50 correct answers = Advanced English