

## English Proficiency Exam Contents

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B1. Comprehension

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A1. Sentence Based

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B1. Sentence Based

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### **EXAM RULES**

1. The exam is administered in the School of Foreign Languages building. Each candidate should learn the classroom where they will sit the exam through the lists posted on the bulletin boards in the same building on the day of the exam. Therefore, it is advised that the candidates arrive at the exam venue one hour before the exam.
2. The candidates who will take the exam must be present at the exam room at least 15 minutes before the exam starts to complete the necessary coding on their optic answer sheets.
3. The candidates who are more than 15 minutes late for the exam are not allowed to take the exam.
4. Candidates cannot leave the exam room in the first 30 minutes and the last 10 minutes of the exam. The candidates who leave the exam room outside the specified limits mentioned above aren't allowed to come back to the exam venue by any means.
5. It is mandatory that candidates have their student ID cards provided by Baškent University, (or national ID cards, driver's license) soft lead pencils and erasers.
6. It is strictly forbidden that candidates take the exam with electronic communication devices, (cellphones, i-pads...etc.) computers and all kinds of technological devices that have the same function as computers, books, notebooks, dictionaries etc. Before the exam starts, candidates must turn off their cellphones and hand them in to the invigilators.
7. The scores of candidates who attempt to cheat or send a proxy test taker to complete the exam on their behalf will be cancelled. An incident report will be held and disciplinary action will be taken against these candidates.
8. All candidates must fully comply with the invigilator's directions during the exam.
9. The exam consists of two booklets: The Proficiency Booklet and the Proficiency-Writing Booklet. Both booklets are distributed at the beginning of the exam and there is no break in between.
10. The students who will study at Program of American Culture and Literature, Department of Foreign Languages Education, Department of Translation and Interpretation, Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry also have to take a speaking exam. To get information about the date, duration and exam room of the Speaking Exam students must follow the announcements on the 'School of Foreign Languages' website.

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### **SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES- ENGLISH PREPARATORY UNIT TEST DEVELOPMENT UNIT**



**20xx-20xx ACADEMIC YEAR xxxx**

**TERM**

**PROFICIENCY EXAM**

**00**

Exam Code : xxx-PR

Exam Date : xx.xx.20xx

Duration : 150 minutes

Name & Surname : \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Exam Room : \_\_\_\_\_

Tüm yanıtlar optik forma işaretlenmelidir. Kitapçık üzerinde yapılan işaretlemeler kesinlikle dikkate alınmayacaktır. Optik formun doğru bir şekilde kodlanmasında tüm sorumluluk adaylara aittir.

Listening Section	: xx POINTS	Pages: xx
Language Use Section	: xx POINTS	Pages: xx
Reading Section	: xx POINTS	Pages: xx
Writing Section	: xx POINTS	Writing Booklet
TOTAL	: xx POINTS	
CONVERTED TOTAL	: 100 POINTS	

## LISTENING SECTION

### A. Listening 1: Choose the best answer for each question. (1 point each)

You will listen to a conversation. You have one minute to look at the questions. You will hear the conversation twice.

1. After Robin left school, he went to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) a music college
  - b) South London
  - c) France
  - d) an art college
  
2. Robin couldn't make a good start in music business because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) he didn't have any interesting ideas about music
  - b) there were a few problems with his record label
  - c) he couldn't make a record
  - d) they didn't like his voice
  
3. In the mid-seventies, Robin \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) moved to Paris
  - b) sang in small clubs
  - c) formed a band with his girlfriend
  - d) wrote songs in different music styles
  
4. How did Robin think of the name 'M' for his band?
  - a) His brother found it.
  - b) It was the name of the studio.
  - c) He saw it over the entrance to the metro station.
  - d) It was the first letter of his surname.
  
5. Which one is wrong about the band's album '*Modern Man*'?
  - a) It was their first record.
  - b) It was very successful.
  - c) It came out in the summer of 1978.
  - d) It was a great record according to Robin.

6. After his album 'Pop Muzik' became popular, \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Robin gave up singing
  - b) Robin didn't make any records
  - c) it was soon forgotten
  - d) Robin worked with Ruichi Sakamoto in Japan

7. At the moment Robin is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) working on a new album
  - b) working with various artists
  - c) trying to design his own website
  - d) doing some live shows

**B. LISTENING 2: Choose the best answer for each question. (1 point each)**

You will listen to a conversation. You have one minute to look at the questions. You will hear the conversation twice.

8. Up to now, Melissa has \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) visited six countries
  - b) published ten travel books
  - c) swum in five seas
  - d) been attacked by dogs
9. Melissa says her journey has only just begun because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) hasn't visited many places
  - b) has just begun her journey
  - c) thinks there's more to see
  - d) hasn't visited India yet
10. Melissa has been writing travel books for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 13 years
  - b) 18 years
  - c) less than 30 years
  - d) more than 30 years
11. Now, more people can see more of the world because \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) there are more planes
  - b) the people are richer
  - c) there are new airlines that offer cheap flights
  - d) they earn more than in the past

12. Mount Everest \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) is a great challenge for any traveller
  - b) requires great training if you want to climb
  - c) has lots of resorts where you can find luxury food, even coffee
  - d) is now full of tourists
13. In 1996, Sandy Hill Pitman's guides had to carry her \_\_\_\_\_ up to Mount Everest.
- a) mobile phone
  - b) desktop computer
  - c) coffee machine
  - d) washing machine
14. Young people who want to be travel writers \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) should travel a lot, especially to deserts and mountains
  - b) should make time to write and make it a daily habit
  - c) don't have to write in details
  - d) do not look deeper than ordinary people

## LANGUAGE USE SECTION

### A. Grammar

#### **A.1. Choose the best alternative to complete each sentence. (0.5 point each)**

15. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ business suits in his previous job but now he \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable and casual clothes.
- a) used to wear / prefers
  - b) was wearing / prefers
  - c) wore / preferred
  - d) had to wear / preferred
16. Samira is a genius. She \_\_\_\_\_ medical school by the time she \_\_\_\_\_ twenty.
- a) finished / was
  - b) had finished / had been
  - c) had finished / was
  - d) finished / had been
17. You \_\_\_\_\_ take a taxi to the airport. I am not busy at the moment. I \_\_\_\_\_ give you a lift.
- a) mustn't / will
  - b) needn't / will
  - c) needn't / would
  - d) mustn't / would
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ know the exact date of the awards ceremony and \_\_\_\_\_ does my partner.
- a) didn't / neither
  - b) didn't / so
  - c) don't / so
  - d) don't / neither

19. During the meeting one of our colleagues asked the chairperson \_\_\_\_\_; and the chairman replied "as soon as possible"
- a) if we had started the new project      c) when we had started the new project  
b) when we would start the new project      d) if would we start the new project
20. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ London when I was 6 years old and once again I will be there on business next week; I am looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ the city again.
- a) visiting / to see      c) to visit / to see  
b) visiting / to seeing      d) to visit / seeing
21. A: Bruce is going to Tibet to learn yoga!  
B: Oh, that sounds interesting, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- a) doesn't it      c) isn't it  
b) doesn't that      d) isn't that
22. The swimmer was very tired but he \_\_\_\_\_ reach the shore before he \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) can / collapsed      c) could / had collapsed  
b) was able to / had collapsed      d) was able to / collapsed

## **B. Vocabulary**

### **B.1. Choose the best alternative to complete each sentence. (0.5 point each)**

23. We planned to have a three-week holiday but we had to come back a week earlier when we ran \_\_\_\_\_ of money.
- a) over    b) out    c) into    d) after
24. I don't like George at all; he is one of those \_\_\_\_\_ people who think that they are more important than others.
- a) sensitive      b) arrogant      c) stubborn      d) decisive
25. Fred didn't want to re-marry; he never \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of losing his wife.
- a) got over      b) came by      c) took of      d) looked after
26. The boys were \_\_\_\_\_ when they came in from football, so I directly sent them to have a bath.
- a) lousy    b) noisy    c) filthy    d) bossy
27. If you want to spend your winter holiday on the Alps, you should \_\_\_\_\_ a hotel room now because it's very crowded there in the winter season.
- a) book    b) examine    c) reveal    d) decorate

28. The animals which have been kept in \_\_\_\_\_ in zoos for a long time would probably not stay alive if they were set free in the wild today.  
a) danger b) chance c) search d) captivity

## READING SECTION

### **A. SENTENCE COMPLETION: Choose the best alternative that completes each sentence. (1 point each)**

29. You'll not have to pay a fine \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) if you bring the books to the library tomorrow  
b) when you drive over the speed limit  
c) unless you have your driving licence with you  
d) because the library opens at 10 o'clock on Saturdays
30. Remember to take some extra food with you \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) so the children may get hungry  
b) as it was too late to find an open market  
c) in case we have to stay there longer than expected  
d) because of the long and tiring journey
31. Despite his kind and friendly behaviour \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) he is the least liked member of the family  
b) he never lies to anybody on any subject  
c) his family is the biggest in this town  
d) everybody admires him
32. If James had saved enough money last year, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) he still can't pay the bill  
b) he would have gone to Europe for his holiday this year  
c) he had been staying in a big hotel  
d) he might be able to buy a car then

### **B. PARAGRAPH COMPLETION: Choose the best alternative that completes each paragraph. (1 point each)**

33. In China, Japan and other oriental countries, where tea is the national drink, people almost never use sugar in their tea. \_\_\_\_\_. Most people everywhere want their tea very hot, but many Americans drink iced tea, especially in the summer.
- a) Coffee is a favourite drink of people in all parts of the world.  
b) However in England, where tea is also a national drink, many people use sugar.  
c) Some people put cream and sugar in their coffee.  
d) China is famous for its green tea.



34. My most embarrassing experience happened when I had just left university. I had just started teaching in a secondary school. One morning my alarm clock didn't ring because I had forgotten to wind it up. I left home in a hurry and rushed to school. \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) I hadn't noticed that I had put on one black shoe and one brown shoe.
- b) After two or three minutes, the students began laughing at me.
- c) Though I was late, I had taken all my books with me.
- d) I woke up half past eight and school began at nine.

35. Most people in Britain find the prices of good restaurants too expensive. Many people are so busy that they don't have time to cook for themselves. Others live alone and feel it is not worth cooking just for one person. \_\_\_\_\_. The latest statistics show that the British spend 2.2 billion pounds each year on fast food.

- a) Chinese restaurants, Indian restaurants and hamburger bars are becoming more and more popular.
- b) The British spent over 619 million pounds on fish and chips last year.
- c) This has led to incredible increase in the fast food business.
- d) Many people prefer to eat in the comfort of their homes.

36. Over the years many different systems of physical exercise have been designed to improve health and appearance of the body \_\_\_\_\_. It consists of various exercises.

- a) Everybody should do some kind of exercise to be healthy.
- b) One of the best among them is Hatha Yoga.
- c) The best way to live is to be a good sportsman.
- d) All kinds of exercise must be done carefully and regularly.
- e)

**C. TEXT: Choose the best alternative for each question according to the text. (1 pt each) THE DUKE**

Clarence Darrow Tully was a tall, good-looking, and intelligent man. He worked as a reporter at first and eventually became the publisher of two newspapers in Arizona. He was very successful in his career. There was, however, something unusual about Tully that was a secret for a long time.

5 When Clarence Darrow Tully was a young man, he told everyone to call him "Duke." He copied that name from a famous movie actor, whom Americans liked because he was strong, tough, and brave. Tully wanted to be admired for the same reasons as this actor was. He also believed that men in military uniforms, too, looked strong, tough, and brave. Tully wanted very much to make this **impression** on others. His desire for 10 this image got stronger and stronger as time went on.

He tried to join the Air Force, but he had poor vision and couldn't pass the eye test, so he was not accepted. His brother, on the other hand, became a Marine pilot. But he was killed in service two years later. When this happened, Tully began to put his imagination to work: he started to tell his brother's story as if it was his own. At first, he simply claimed he was in the Air Force. And in time, he got a promotion in his career in the imaginary story of himself: he became a second lieutenant, then a first lieutenant, then a major.

When Tully went to military meetings as a reporter, he would dress in a military uniform. As he became more comfortable with the uniform and his stories about the Air Force, he began to wear medals of honour. This imaginary life got to such a point where Tully himself could not tell the difference between fact and fiction.

As Tully was doing well in his reporting business, people trusted and respected him as a soldier, too. He was always careful and consistent when he talked about his "military" adventures; he told believable stories. By doing this, he deceived everyone for many years.

But then something changed Tully's whole life. In his newspaper, he published some negative articles about a well-known lawyer of his city. The lawyer became very angry with Tully and he decided to investigate Tully's personal life. Soon, he discovered that Tully was a liar. He **publicized** the fact that Tully told untrue stories about himself. In this way, everybody learnt about the real Tully.

Tully immediately admitted being dishonest and resigned from his job. He put himself in the care of a psychiatrist in order to discover why he did this. And the fantasy life style of "Duke" Tully ended.

37. Tully as a young man wanted to be called "Duke" because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he wanted to be a famous actor
- b) it was his name in his articles in the paper
- c) it was his desire to become a soldier
- d) he wanted to be admired for his bravery

38. Tully couldn't join the Air Force as he \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) was working as a journalist
- b) couldn't see very well
- c) was already a second lieutenant
- d) was not strong and brave enough

39. Tully put himself in the place of his brother because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) liked the image of a military man
  - b) hated his brother a lot
  - c) was very sorry for his brother
  - d) wanted to get a promotion in the army
40. Everybody believed in his military stories because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) was publishing them in his papers
  - b) knew many important soldiers
  - c) was telling realistic stories
  - d) was using his brother's name
41. When a lawyer discovered the truth about him, Tully \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) wrote negative articles about him in the papers
  - b) accepted something was wrong with himself
  - c) was sent to a psychiatrist by the lawyer
  - d) found a job in another newspaper
42. In line 9, **impression** means \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) effect
  - b) honor
  - c) practice
  - d) courage
43. In line 29, **publicize** means \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) try to change something
  - b) work for a company
  - c) make something widely known
  - d) tell untrue stories about something
44. In line 14, this refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) his brother died
  - b) he was not accepted in the army
  - c) his brother became a Marine pilot
  - d) his eyes were not good
45. In line 24, this refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) telling logical stories
  - b) having adventures
  - c) trusting others
  - d) deceiving people

**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.**  
**DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE THE TASKS IN THE WRITING BOOKLET.**

## WRITING SECTION

Name and Surname	
Class Code	
Student ID Number	
A.1.	_____ /x Points
A.2.	_____ /x Points
WRITING SECTION TOTAL	_____ /20 POINTS

**A.1. Write a PARAGRAPH in 100-120 words on the following topic. Your paragraph should have a clear topic sentence, well-built supporting sentences and a clear concluding sentence. (8 points)**

\* Disadvantages of LIVING ALONE

**A.2. Write a well-organized ESSAY in 200-250 words to discuss the following topic. Your essay should have a clear thesis statement, well-developed body and a clear concluding. (12 points)**

“Uniforms shouldn’t be obligatory in schools.”

**SAMPLE EXAM – ANSWER KEY**

1. D

2. B

3. A

4. C

5. B

6. D

7. B 8. C

9. C

10. D

11. C

12. D

13. C

14. B

15. A

16. C

17. B

18. D

19. B

20. B

21. A

22. D

23. B

24. B

25. A

26. C

27. A

28. D

29. A

30. C

31. A

32. B

33. B

34. A

35. C

36. B

37. D

38. B

39. A

40. C

41. B

42. A

43. C

44. A

45. A