**ENGLISH PRACTICE 66**

# A. Grammar

**I . Complete the following sentences with a correct preposition. (15 points)**

1. The bomb went ..........when he rang the bell.

2. I’ve just received an invitation......... a wedding next week.

3. We have permission to go .......with the plan.

4. There was an accident this morning. A bus collided .........a car.

5. I was shocked.......what you said. You should be ashamed ....... ....... yourself.

6. The boy left his bicycle leaning.........the wall.

7. He broke his leg.........a skiing accident. It is still........plaster.

8. I see that your house is built .......wood. Are you insured..........fire?

9. It was a windy morning but they hired a boat and went...... a sail ..... the coast.

10. In the afternoon the wind increased and they soon found themselves......difficulties.

**II. Use the correct form of verbs in brackets. (15 points)**

1. It rained, which spoiled our picnic; but if it (not rain) it (be) a great success.

2. I live in a pleasant room (overlook) the garden.

3. I hope they (repair) this road by the time we come back next summer.

4. The book is divided into five parts and each of these (have) three sections.

5. Can you be at the station to meet us? We (travel) on the 10 a.m train, which (arrive) in Edinburgh at 15.30.

6. I hate (wait) for buses. You (wait) for ages and then three (come) at the same time.

7. John was exhausted because he (work) in the garden all day.

8. I (not be) at work tomorrow. I’m taking the day off.

9. Did you remember (send) your aunt Mary a card when you (be) on holiday?

10. Sorry. I didn’t mean (stand) on your foot.

**III. Supply the correct form of word in brackets. (15 points)**

1. Peter’s ........got worse as he returned to wear glasses. (eye)

2. I’m not used to smoking. A few puffs on a cigarette make me feel quite ... (light).

3. Apparently, eating fish and lots of vegetables greatly increases your life ... (expect).

4. The thing I hate most about him is his ......... . (selfish)

5. The local TV company was stopping.........to ask their opinion about the new shopping center. (pass)

6. She was very ............to me when my husband died. (sympathize)

7. A lot of people keep up their English by listening to radio......... (broad).

8. You’d better read the government ..........on setting up a business abroad. (guide)

9. Global ........., or “ the greenhouse effect”, is due to a build up of gasses in the stratosphere. (warm)

10. I was born at home but most babies are born in hospitals ....... (now).

11. I make this.........for your birthday. (special)

12. The meeting ended and some questions remained ........ . (ask)

13. I have never known such a ........person. (quarrel)

14. The teacher explained his ideas with great............. . (clear)

15. The conservation of forests and water resources must be taken into ...... (consider)

IV. Find out one mistake in each sentence and correct them. (10 points)

1. People are taking the train to Paris, must go to platform three.

2. Having looking through my drawers, I found an album.

3. My team didn’t win despite of playing very well.

4. The reason he makes poor grade is because he never studies.

5. I’m going to try and get some sleep tonight.

6. It’s time for the children went to bed.

7. The window was dirty enough to see through.

8. Jim has got more many books than his brother

9. Let’s not say nothing about it till we hear the facts.

10. She borrowed $ 100 from me but she forgot returning it.

**B. Reading :**

**V. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with one suitable word. (15 points)**

**a.** Dr. Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964. Dr King was awarded the peace prize for helping Americans change .....1.....laws against African-American people. He organized many ...2... mass demonstrations throughout the Southern United States and in Washington. Dr King developed his ......3.....through his own experience, as well as through reading books by the American writer Henry David Thoreau and the Russian writer Lev Tolstoy. He.....4....admired the example of Mahatma Gandhi, who had ...5...led a nonviolent revolution to free India of British rule. At 35 years of age Dr King was the youngest man to ever receive the Nobel Peace prize.

**b.** For many young people sport is a popular part of school life and ......1...... in one of the school teams and playing in matches is very important. ......2......someone is in a team it means a lot of extra practice and often spending a Saturday or Sunday away ......3......home, as many matches are played then.

It .....4..... also envolve travelling to other towns to play against teams and then .....5.....on after the match for a meal or a drink. Sometimes parents, friends or other students will travel with the team to support .....6..... own side.

When a school team wins a match, it is the whole school which feels proud ......7.....only the players. It can also mean that a school ......8......well-known for being good at certain sports and pupils from that school may end up playing .....9......national and international teams so that the school has some really ....10.... names associated with it.

**VI. Read the text and choose the best answers. (5 points)**

“Oh, you’re so lucky living in Bath, It’s such a wonderful, lovely, historical place,” people say enthusiastically, and all you can think of is the awful parking, the crowds of tourists, the expensive shops, the narrow-minded council, and the terrible traffic....

Luckily, I don’t live in Bath but nearly ten miles away in a village called Limpley Stoke in the Avon valley. It seems to be normal in the countryside these days for professional people who work in the town prefer to live in the villages, this makes the housing so expensive that the villagers and agricultural workers have to live in the cheaper accommodation in town, with the result that the farmers commute out to the farm and everyone else commutes in. Certainly, there is nobody in the village could be called an old style villager. The people nearest to me include a pilot, an accountant, a British Rail manager, a retired teacher... not a farm worker among them. But I don’t think there is anything wrong with that- it’s just that the nature of villages is changing and there is still quite a strong sense of community here. A lot of this sense of community comes from the Post Office, which is a center for all the gossip and information. I find out what is going on while I am there, pretending to control my two-year-old son. My feeling is that if my son took the money collected for the children, it would go directly where it was needed but they don’t see it like that.

Working at home I tend to wander round the village at times when other people are at the office, which has given me a reputation for being incredibly lazy or unbelievably rich but I still don’t get enough time to look after the garden we bought. My wife had a good idea for the first year. “ Let’s just leave it and see what comes up” There were some nice plants among the weeds. She had a good idea for the second year as well. “Why don’t we leave it and see if it all comes up again?” We did, and that is why we need to hire a full-time gardener this year.

1. What is the author’s attitude to Bath?

A. It is a wonderful place to live in B. It has far too many disadvantages.

C. He feels fortunate to live there D. It has many good shops.

2. The people who live in the village

A. tend to work on the farms

B. are mostly professionals who work in the town

C. are able to afford houses in the town

D. don’t like the old-style villagers.

3. It would appear from the text that the Post Office

1. sells a wide range of cards

B. is where most of the charity work is organized

C. is a place where villagers can talk to each other

D. sells a range of tinned food as well as stamps

4. The garden is not in good condition because

A. the author is too lazy to look after it

B. the author can’t afford to pay a gardener

C. the author’s no interest in it

D. nobody has worked on it for over two years

5. The author feels that living in the village

1. is better than living in Bath B. has a number of disadvantages

C. tends to be rather dull D. is something that everyone would enjoy.

**VII. Choose the best answer to complete sentence. (25 points)**

1. Amy hurriedly unwrapped her Christmas present to see what her parents.......her.

A. bought B. were buying C. had bought D. would buy.

1. Human searched all over the house ........could not find her notes.
   1. but B. although C. however D. because.

3.The man ........by the dustbin stopped us and asked us for some money.

1. stands B. stood C. standing D. was standing.

4. “ With .........do you wish to speak?” the receptionist asked.

A. what B. who C. whom D. which.

5.When Josephine reaches the age of twenty one, she will........a large fortune left by her late grandfather.

A. come about B. come across C. come round D. come into.

6. Gopal .........currently.......as an engineer in a big company.

A. will / working B. has / worked C. will / work D. is / working.

7. Seldom do we .......such an unusual bird in Singapore.

A. see B. saw C. seeing D. seen.

8. It takes about half an hour to travel........here to the Jargon Bird Park.

A. over B. by C. through D. from.

9. It’s difficult to pay one’s bills when prices keep.......... .

A. rising B. growing C. gaining D. raising.

10. As soon as the fire bell rang everyone walked quickly downstairs and out of the building..........gathered in the car park.

A. while B. then C. before D. to.

11. I don’t know him but he looks as if he ..........be her brother.

A. can B. could C. would D. shall.

12. From the house, there a good.....of the mountains.

A. vision B. sight C. picture D. view.

13. Before you start cooking, you should gather together all the necessary ........ .

1. components B. constituents C. elements D. ingredients.

14. His reaction took me .........surprise.

1. off B. for C. by D. in.

15. It’s ........how difficult it is , considering how easy it looks.

A. surprising B. shocking C. starling D. stunning.

16. Minxian and I were told that the meeting place........to room A.

A. had changed B. had been changed C. is changing D. is being changing.

17. I......my old friend whenI was shopping down town yesterday.

A. came around B. ran into C. stopped by D. dropped in

18. I think the weather is ......nice today. I don’t want to stay at home and watch TV.

A. very B. too C. so D. less

19. I’m going to the dentist to have a tooth.........out.

A. washed B. seen C. rebuilt D. taken

20. I .......my boss’s work after he left.

A. got on B. pulled over C. ran over D. took over

1. ......... the morning news, many houses on the island were destroyed.

A. According to B. In addition to C. In contrast to D. In spite of

1. Jack has a lot of clothes, but most of them are out of ........ .

A. age B. fashion C. order D. time

1. The police signaled the driver to ........and stop.

A. pull over B. put in C. pass by D. pick up

1. Your room is messy. Please........as much junk as possible and clean it up.

A. get rid of B. make clean up C. give out D. carry out.

1. Have you heard when the conference to select the site of the next World Auto Race will........... ?

A. hold on B. take on C. take place D. hold place.

**C. Writing** :

VIII. a. Rewrite each of these sentences in such way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. (10 points)

1. People can sometimes be disappointed when they know each other well.

- It can ................................................................

2. I’m sure she didn’t do it on purpose.

- She can’t .............................................................

3. A child can not sit for 15 minutes.

- It’s ...................................................... ?

4. What time do we have to get up in the morning ?

- Could you ......................................... ?

5. I’d like to make a phone call.

- I wonder ......................................

6. The patient recovered more rapidly than expected.

- The patient made ................................

7. My boss works better when he’s pressed for time.

- The less ............................................

8. We left quietly, so that we wouldn’t disturb the children.

- So as ............................................

9. Because time is constrained, I am not going deep into the analysis of this dimension.

- Due to ...........................................

10. I gave myself no concern about whether he will come to power or not.

- It makes no difference ..........................................

**b. Rewrite each of these sentences in such way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it using the word given. (5 points)** *(Do not change the word given)*

1.Why are you interested in taking up a new hobby ?

- Why................................up a new hobby ? ( want )

2. “ Have you ever seen my gloves anywhere, Eric ?” asked Mrs. Noble.

- Mrs. Noble asked Eric........................her gloves anywhere. ( seen )

3. “ I will complete the workonly if you pay me $ 500 extra,” said Frank.

- “ I will ........................you pay me $ 500 extra,” said Frank. ( not )

4. Robert has not had a job for two years.

- Robert has........................for two years. ( out )

5. The thief ran right past you so I’m sure you saw his face.

- The thief ran .........................his face. ( must )

**IX- (5 points)Write a passage ( about 150 words ) on the topic:**

**“ What can we do to protect the environment ?”**

----------------------------------- The end ------------------------------------

KEYS

I. 1. off 6. against

2. to 7. in - in

3. ahead 8. of - against

4. with 9. for - long

5. at - by- of 10. in

II.

1. hadn’t rained - would have been 6. waiting - wait - come

2. overlooking 7. had been working

3. will have repaired 8. won’t be

4. has 9. to send - were

5. will be travelling / will arrive 10. to stand

III.

1. eyesight 11. specially

2. light-headed 12. unasked

3. expectancy 13. quarrelsome

4. selfishness 14. clearness / clarity

5. passers 15. consideration

6. sympathetic

7. broadcasts

8. guidelines

9. warming

10. nowadays

IV. 1. take out “are”

2. take out “Having”

3. take out “of ”

4. is because Is that because

5. try and get try to get

6. take out “for”

7. dirty enough too dirty

8. more many books many more books

9. nothing anything

10. returning to return

V.

a- 1. unfair 2. peaceful 3. idea 4. especially 5. successfully

b- 1. being 2. If 3. from 4. can 5. staying

6.their 7. not 8. becomes 9. for 10. common.

VI. 1.B 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. D.

VII. 1. C 11. B 21. A

2. A 12. D 22. B

3. C 13. D 23. A

4. C 14. C 24. A

5. D 15. A 25. C

6. D 16. B

7. A 17. B

8. D 18. A

9. A 19. D

10. B 20. D

VIII.

**a.** 1. It can sometimes be disappointing when they know each other well.

2. She can’t have done it on purpose.

3. It’s impossible for a child to sit for 15 minutes.

4. Could you please wake us in the morning?

5. I wonder if it would be possible for me to make a phone call.

6. The patient made quicker recovery than expected.

7. The less hurried he is the worse he works.

8. So as not to dusturb the children, we left quietly.

9. Due to time constraint, I am not going deep into the analysic of this dimension.

10. It makes no difference to me whether he comes to power or not.

**b.** 1. Why do you want to take up a new holiday ?

2. Mrs. Noble asked Eric if / wether she / he had seen her gloves anywhere.

3. “ I will not complete the work unless you pay me 500 extra”...

4. Robert has been out of work / job for 2 years.

5. The thief ran right past you so you must have seen his face.