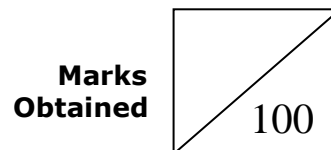


Buddhist College of Singapore
Overseas English Screening Test Sample
Chinese BA

Name: _____ Candidate No: _____

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Duration of paper: 2 hours



Instructions :

- *Answer and write all answers on this paper.*
- *Dictionary or handphone is NOT allowed.*

SECTION A: Grammar (30 marks)

For each question, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Xiao Ping _____ a cat and two dogs.
(1) has
(2) have
(3) having
(4) had been ()

2. Did you _____ your food before coming to school?
(1) ate
(2) eat
(3) eating
(4) eaten ()

3. Liu Yin is good with computers. She likes to _____ out her school notes.
(1) write
(2) sketch
(3) paint
(4) type ()

4. My school is _____ to the public library.
(1) nearby
(2) next
(3) under
(4) in ()

5. The tiger in the zoo is kept _____ a cage.
(1) on
(2) in
(3) under
(4) over ()
6. _____ this computer yours?
(1) Is
(2) Are
(3) Does
(4) Do ()
7. The glass panel was _____ by your basketball.
(1) breaks
(2) broken
(3) broke
(4) breaking ()
8. The lion jumped _____ the ring of fire.
(1) in
(2) through
(3) by
(4) at ()
9. When we were in Disneyland, my father kept _____ photographs for the family.
(1) take
(2) took
(3) taking
(4) taken ()
10. We go to church _____ Sunday morning.
(1) in
(2) over
(3) on
(4) at ()

11. My brother jumps _____ the diving platform into the swimming pool.
(1) in
(2) off
(3) on
(4) to ()
12. Neither Francis nor Alan can _____ Malay.
(1) speaks
(2) spoke
(3) speak
(4) speaking ()
13. Siew Fan _____ every day in the studio.
(1) dance
(2) dances
(3) dancing
(4) dancer ()
14. It is very cold here. I need to put _____ my jacket.
(1) on
(2) by
(3) in
(4) down ()
15. Who _____ the race yesterday?
(1) wins
(2) won
(3) win
(4) winned ()
16. My brother and I _____ extremely well.
(1) sings
(2) singing
(3) sing
(4) sang ()

17. Bee Hiang was scolded by her father _____ she stole a ruler from her classmate.
(1) but
(2) since
(3) because
(4) and ()
18. Do you know who _____ the parcel just now?
(1) sends
(2) sent
(3) send
(4) sending ()
19. Wesley and Danny _____ in the park now.
(1) play
(2) played
(3) are playing
(4) is playing ()
20. Last year, I _____ twenty years old.
(1) am
(2) is
(3) was
(4) are ()
21. It has been _____ for the past week.
(1) rain
(2) raining
(3) rainy
(4) rained ()
22. How many apples did you _____ in the bag?
(1) has
(2) had
(3) have
(4) having ()

23. I went to the shop _____ my friend recommended.
(1) which
(2) when
(3) whom
(4) who ()

24. I would like to sit _____ you in class.
(1) for
(2) beside
(3) after
(4) on ()

25. Do you _____ when you had been to England?
(1) remember
(2) remembers
(3) remembered
(4) remembering ()

26. Kimberly is the _____ among her friends.
(1) hardworking
(2) more hardworking
(3) most hardworking
(4) as hardworking as ()

27. Have you met _____ before?
(1) he
(2) him
(3) his
(4) himself ()

28. _____ are you travelling to?
(1) When
(2) Where
(3) What
(4) Whom ()

29. Miss Ng was my ballet instructress. We know _____ very well.
(1) she
(2) her
(3) hers
(4) herself ()

30. I _____ my homework this morning
(1) complete
(2) completed
(3) completing
(4) completion ()

SECTION B: Vocabulary (30 marks)

For each question, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

31. Meilan eats noodles with a pair of _____
(1) forks
(2) chopsticks
(3) spoons
(4) plates ()

32. Before blowing out the _____ on your birthday cake, you should make a wish.
(1) candles
(2) fire
(3) lights
(4) lighters ()

33. Last night, a _____ broke into our house and stole some money.
(1) burglar
(2) stealer
(3) robber
(4) prisoner ()

34. The young of a cat is called a _____
(1) kitten
(2) kid
(3) puppy
(4) cat ()

35. After sweeping the floor, it is good to _____ with water.
(1) mop
(2) clean
(3) dry
(4) clear ()
36. You must be feeling _____ about the results of your examination.
(1) bored
(2) anxious
(3) tired
(4) careful ()
37. A very strong wind is called a _____.
(1) breeze
(2) blow
(3) gale
(4) storm ()
38. The sponge is _____ with muddy water.
(1) soaked
(2) filled
(3) full
(4) poured ()
39. The young of a duck is called a _____.
(1) chicken
(2) duckling
(3) duck
(4) bird ()
40. Lilin and Siti are good _____. They do everything together.
(1) enemies
(2) foes
(3) friends
(4) rivals ()

41. She has mopped the floor. Be careful not to fall because it is _____.
- (1) slippery
 - (2) frictionless
 - (3) clean
 - (4) sliding
- ()
42. The young of a kangaroo is called a _____.
- (1) chick
 - (2) joey
 - (3) birdie
 - (4) cub
- ()
43. I buy some flowers from the _____ every morning.
- (1) newsagent
 - (2) librarian
 - (3) reporter
 - (4) florist
- ()
44. My puppy was ill, so we brought it to a _____.
- (1) doctor
 - (2) nurse
 - (3) veterinarian
 - (4) dentist
- ()
45. The _____ helped Noraida find the story book in the library.
- (1) servant
 - (2) writer
 - (3) author
 - (4) librarian
- ()
46. After a game of squash, Linda is feeling _____ and she needs some water.
- (1) exhausted
 - (2) tired
 - (3) cold
 - (4) thirsty
- ()

47. The _____ is clearing the forest for a new playground.
(1) lorry
(2) bulldozer
(3) truck
(4) bower ()
48. _____ your food when you eat. Do not swallow it.
(1) Chew
(2) Grind
(3) Bite
(4) Tear ()
49. The young of a frog is called a _____.
(1) piglet
(2) cub
(3) chick
(4) tadpole ()
50. The auditorium is _____ because it is crowded. Please open the windows to let in some fresh air.
(1) stale
(2) stuffy
(3) cool
(4) noisy ()
51. The _____ is a convenient two-wheeled vehicle.
(1) car
(2) bus
(3) motorcycle
(4) truck ()
52. To look at bacteria, we need to magnify with a _____.
(1) binoculars
(2) microscope
(3) telescope
(4) glasses ()
53. Peter's using the _____ and fork to cut the beef into smaller pieces.
(1) knife
(2) spoon
(3) chopsticks
(4) strainer ()

54. During our recent trip to Beijing, we stayed in a _____ in the city centre.
(1) room
(2) hotel
(3) lobby
(4) station ()
55. Sherlyn has a _____ where she grows beautiful flowers.
(1) house
(2) garden
(3) pond
(4) compound ()
56. Inside a computer, there are many _____ .
(1) microchips
(2) cassettes
(3) tapes
(4) records ()
57. The man was _____ because someone scratched his car.
(1) happy
(2) sad
(3) angry
(4) excited ()
58. I love clowns because they are funny and they make me _____.
(1) cry
(2) laugh
(3) sad
(4) angry ()
59. Liu Yang was _____ because he did not pass the driving test.
(1) happy
(2) disappointed
(3) delighted
(4) excited ()
60. The _____ taxi-driver waited for all of us to get off before driving away.
(1) impatient
(2) patient
(3) rude
(4) impolite ()

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SECTION C: Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the 2 passages carefully and answer all questions that follow. Each question carries 2 marks.

Passage 1

Two good friends were travelling together through a mountain pass. Suddenly a huge bear attacked them with a threatening roar.

"Help!" they cried. The skinny traveller quickly climbed up a tree, but his friend could not because he was too fat.

"Hey! Lend me a hand and pull me up, will you?" pleaded the fat man.

"No way! If I help a fat man like you, I will also fall and be eaten by the bear," said the skinny traveller as he continued to climb higher and higher up the tree.

The bear approached and its snarling mouth was getting closer and closer behind the fat man. Suddenly, the man fell flat on the ground.

"I've heard that a bear will not touch a dead man. I'll pretend to be dead," thought the fallen traveller.

He remained motionless, pretending to be dead as the bear nuzzled and smelled him with its large nose. The bear then turned away thinking that the man was really dead.

61. Where did the bear attack the two travellers?

62. Why couldn't the skinny traveller's friend climb the tree?

63. What did the fat traveller plead his friend to do?

64. Why didn't the skinny traveller help his friend?

65. Why did the bear go away without eating the fat traveller?

Passage 2

There was once a miller in a village who had a donkey. The donkey had carried heavy loads every day for many years. When it became too old to work, his master stopped feeding him and said, "We have no food for a useless donkey. Go anywhere you like," and he turned the donkey out. Rather than stay and starve, the donkey left his old village.

"It's sad to grow old," thought the donkey as he walked aimlessly. Then he found an old dog lying by the roadside looking very tired.

"Is anything wrong with you, my friend?" asked the donkey.

"Well," replied the dog, "I used to be called the Hunting King of the country, but now I have grown too old to hunt and my master drove me out when he saw my toothless mouth. I don't know how to make a living except by hunting, so I expect I'll starve."

At that thought, the dog lifted up his head and began to howl mournfully. "You have a beautiful voice, my friend," said the donkey. "Let's go and make a living as musicians." The dog liked the idea and walked with the donkey.

66. What did the miller make the donkey to do all those years?

67. Why did his master stop feeding the donkey?

68. As the donkey was walking aimlessly, he came across a dog. What was the dog doing?

69. Why did the dog howl mournfully?

70. What did the donkey suggest to the dog?

SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (20 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the box.

pull	train	biggest	suddenly	once	seen
garden	together	signal	whistle	turn	sister
puff	path	strange	funnel	birthday	great
squeezed	rope	around	extra	school	rear

Sean received a big toy (71) _____ for his (72) _____. It was the (73) _____ toy engine he had ever (74) _____. So big that Sean and his (75) _____, Kim, could easily get into the back of it and sit there (76) _____.

Sean had a (77) _____ tied round the (78) _____ of the train and he used to (79) _____ it while Kim sat on the train to go (80) _____ the house. Then he would have his (81) _____ at riding and Kim would pull. It was (82) _____ fun.

One day, a very (83) _____ thing happened. While the children were in the (84) _____ and had (85) _____ themselves together on the seat of the train, they heard a loud (86) _____. At (87) _____, the engine of the train gave a start as though it had "heard" the (88) _____ too. Then, it began to (89) _____ away down the garden (90) _____!

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