

All sections of the exam are illustrated here.

The vocabulary section of the exam has 25 items and is similar to Part I.

Part I: Vocabulary

Instructions: Choose the letter of the word that BEST fills the blank in the sentence.

1. My parents were ____ when I received the music prize at graduation.
a) scary b) bitter c) proud d) deadly
2. In business, if you are ____ to customers, you won't make any money.
a) wonderful b) blonde c) sweet d) rude
3. When I got home and saw the broken window, I knew something was ____.
a) familiar b) poisonous c) wrong d) close
4. Cyanide is a ____ poison.
a) deadly b) foreign c) thin d) frozen
5. We went to a ____ movie; I have never been so frightened in my life.
a) light b) scary c) frozen d) high
6. He looks so _____. I think I have seen him before.
a) familiar b) poisonous c) wrong d) quick
7. My cell phone is _____. I need to find it.
a) embarrassing b) missing c) wrong d) certain
8. I don't like vegetables very much. In fact, I ____ them.
a. touch b. win c. hate d. greet
9. If you ____ to foreign countries, you will probably have to eat new foods.
a. advise b. task c. breathe d. travel
10. An explosion killed the ____ of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.
a) strangers b) foreigners c) crew d) settlers
11. Dark clouds are a ____ of bad weather.
a) strip b) sign c) meaning d) mixture
12. Coins and bills are ____.
a) weapons b) jobs c) currency d) customs
13. Farmers lost a lot of their ____ in the hurricane.
a) clues b) crops c) trips d) gifts
14. The hurricane caused terrible ____ to houses. Many buildings were ruined.
a) amount b) disease c) ground d) damage
15. The chairs in most classrooms are organized in ____
a) races b) trips c) rows d) meals
16. My roommate and I ____ all costs 50-50.
a. agree b. argue c. share d. worry
17. Ana has to have surgery. She is ____ of the operation; she doesn't know what will happen to her.
a. afraid b. lazy c. single d. dangerous
18. I want a cheap medicine; I don't have much money to _____.
a. find out b. spend c. fight d. stare
19. A hurricane is coming. All ships must ____ in port.
a) take place b) touch c) stay d) save
20. Many religions ____ their members to drink alcohol.
a) forbid b) realize c) remain d) pour
21. The purpose of an umbrella is to ____ you dry or cool.
a) keep b) stay c) touch d) push
22. The mechanic had to ____ the front end of the car to find the problem.
a) take care of b) call out c) take apart d) take place

23. When the horse jumped, the rider _____.
 a) knocked out b) burned up c) took away d) fell off
24. One things that made early zippers embarrassing is that they _____ easily.
 a) came apart b) stepped aside c) took off d) put together
25. I'm in trouble. I ___ my book at home, and the test is open book.
 a) met b) took c) caught d) left
26. One mass marketing technique is to _____ free samples of a product.
 a) get paid b) give away c) come across d) put on
27. The critics say it's a good movie, but I don't _____. I didn't like it.
 a) agree b) catch c) avoid d) show
28. Room 213 is ___ Rooms 212 and 214.
 a. above b. through c. during d. between
29. ___ the latest weather report, it will rain tomorrow.
 a. Including b. Instead of c. Toward d. According to
30. It is always hard to _____ a bad habit.
 a. break b. realize c. remain d. taste
31. Some people eat _____ food and others eat junk food.
 a. boring b. healthy c. scarce d. lazy

New Instructions: Darken the letter of the word that goes in the blank and makes the second sentence mean the same thing as the first sentence.

32. When you have a cold, I suggest that you drink a lot of liquids.
 When you have a cold, you _____ drink a lot of liquids.
 a) can b) should c) could d) must
33. Professor, I will not be able to come to class Friday because I have a dentist appointment.
 Professor, I _____ come to class Friday because I have a dentist appointment.
 a) can't b) shouldn't c) won't to d) must not
34. You have to take a written test to get a driver's license.
 You _____ take a written test to get a driver's license.
 a) can b) should c) could d) must
35. Professor: We may have a test on Friday.
 Professor: We _____ have a test on Friday.
 a) might b) should c) will d) must
36. It has rained a lot, but the weather is going to get better.
 a) bury b) pray c) improve d) develop
37. Observers were interested in what was taking place in the classroom.
 a. occupying space b. participating c. happening d. substituting
38. In times of war, food is often limited.
 a. high b. quick c. thin d. scarce

The grammar section has 25 points and is similar to Part II.

Part II: Grammar Section

1. José is taking 12 credits this semester, but he usually _____ 18.
 a) is taking b) take c) are taking d) takes
2. The sun _____ in the east and _____ in the west.
 a) rises, sets b) rising, setting c) will rise, will set d) rise, set
3. A: How's the game?
 B: Well, we _____ right now, but who knows what will happen in the second half.
 a) wins b) is winning c) winning d) are winning
4. My mother _____ basketball when she was a teenager.
 a) plays b) is playing c) play d) played
5. The women students are wearing skirts today, but they usually _____ jeans.
 a) is wearing b) wear c) are wearing d) wears

6. I was sick so I _____ home.
a) stays b) is staying c) stay d) stayed
7. Roberto _____ to the beach yesterday with his family.
a) go b) goed c) went d) goes
8. The Marie Celeste _____ in the Atlantic Ocean.
a) sinked b) sinks c) sank d) is sinking
9. Sorry, but Ana can't talk to you right now. She _____ to her Mom on the other line.
a) talks b) is talking c) talking d) are talking
10. In the future, scientists _____ a cure for cancer.
a) will discover b) discover c) discovered d) are discovering
a) will discover b) are discover c) going to discover d) are discovering
11. Luis _____ a letter to his mother last Saturday.
a) send b) is sending c) sends d) sent
12. My roommate and I are going to San Juan tomorrow. I know we _____ a good time.
a) will have b) going to have c) have d) are having
13. Scientists studied the Tungus Plateau, but they _____ the mystery.
a) didn't solved b) doesn't solve c) won't solve d) didn't solve
14. The Tarzans played hard, but they _____ the game.
a) didn't won b) doesn't win c) won't won d) didn't win
15. My roommates and I are going shopping, but I _____ buy anything..
a) isn't going to buy c) am going to not buy
b) not going to buy d) am not going to buy
16. My roommates and I are going to the Halloween party, but we _____ a costume.
a) isn't going to wear c) are going to not wear
b) not going to wear d) are not going to wear
17. The students are very careful. They _____ many mistakes very often.
a) don't make b) doesn't make c) aren't making d) isn't making
18. I bought _____ interesting magazines.
a) a b) an c) one d) some
19. _____ many people at the concert.
a) There is b) It is c) There are d) They are
20. _____ a calendar on the wall.
a) There is b) It is c) There are d) They are
21. _____ late, and we must get to bed.
a) There's b) It's c) Is d) There're
22. Why are there _____ people outside that building?
a) so much b) so many c) a d) much
23. We have ten chairs for 30 people. We don't have _____ chairs.
a) much b) a few c) a little d) enough

New Instruction: Choose the word that correctly refers to the underlined person/people.

24. The Sotos plan to visit _____ daughter in the hospital this afternoon.
a. her b. she c. them d. their
25. Bob wants to use _____ parents' car this weekend.
a. your b. his c. her d. their
26. When Bill goes to San Juan, I always go with _____.
a) they b) us c) them d) him
27. I have two dogs; _____ are both collies.
a) he b) she c) they d) its
28. My brother and I are both at RUM. Our parents are in Ponce. They visit ____ once a month.
a) me b) us c) them d) her
29. Elena's boyfriend lives in Aguada. She has lunch at _____ house on Sundays.
a) they b) them c) me d) his

30. Olga usually asks _____ father for permission to go out.
a) he b) her c) him d) she's
31. Jose's sister lives in Mayagüez, but she doesn't visit _____ a lot.
a) he b) she c) him d) her
32. My parents are going to St. Thomas. I would like to go with _____.
a) they b) us c) them d) its

New Instruction: Choose the question that is both meaningful and grammatically correct for the answer given.

33) Q: _____.
A: I'm from Lares.

- a. What your hometown?
- b. Where do you come from?
- c. When were you born?
- d. Who are you?

34) Q: _____.
A: I have an apartment on Bosque Street.

- a. Where did you go to high school?
- b. Where do you come from?
- c. Where are you living now?
- d. Where you live?

35) Q: _____.
A: Music and geology.

- a. What do you like to do on weekends?
- b. What kind of person are you?
- c. What are you interested in?
- d. Where do you like to study?

36) Q: _____.
A: About 2 1/2 hours.

- a. When do you travel home?
- b. How often do you travel home?
- c. Where is San Juan?
- d. How long does it take to get to San Juan?

37) Q: _____.
A: A Compac.

- a. What kind of computer do you have?
- b. How old is your computer?
- c. Where did you get your computer?
- d. Why did you buy a computer?

38) Q: _____.
A: Last night.

- a. When did they go to the movies?
- b. Where did they go to the movies?
- c. What movie did they see?
- d. How was the movie?

39). Q: _____.

A: So so. Not very good.

- a. What are you doing?
- b. How are you feeling?
- c. When are you leaving?
- d. How often do you get sick?

40) Q: _____.

A: Two.

- a. Do you have brothers and sisters?
- b. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
- c. How much time do you spend with your brother and sister?
- d. How often do you see your brother and sister?

Part III: Reading Comprehension

There are two reading selections on the test. They are approximately 300-400 words long. This selection has 520 words so it is a little longer than the ones on the test.

Culture Shock

¶1 Sometimes people say that Americans live on a big island. Canada is to the north and Mexico to the south, but other countries are far away. Therefore, many Americans never travel outside the US. Americans can travel 3000 miles east to west without making any major adjustment for language, food, money and other matters of culture, such as the way business is done. Therefore, it is not uncommon for many Americans to be shocked by customs in other parts of the world when they first travel abroad.

¶2 Of course, Americans expect certain kinds of difference, for example in food and money, but they are definitely not prepared for all of the differences they find. They are not prepared for differences such as how people stand in line. In some countries people stand far apart, in others close together and in some they are orderly and in others they push and shove.

¶3 Americans are not prepared for the attitudes toward pets in other countries. In general, Americans take care of their pets, especially dogs and cats, and permit them to live in their homes. They give them special food, groom them and take them to the veterinarian when they are sick. In other countries, however, animals do not live in people's homes. They live in the streets and take care of themselves. Americans do not understand this attitude toward animals.

¶4 Americans definitely do not know that sanitary facilities are not the same around the world. Abroad they have to get used to toilets that require a person to stand up and bathe without toilet paper and hand towels. Great or small, differences like these cause culture shock, the feeling of disorientation, bewilderment and disgust that people feel when they are out of their milieu.

¶5 One thing that most Americans have never thought much about is that people from other countries feel culture shock in the US. Here are two examples:

¶6 "My name is Naomi. I am attending a large American University. I have been in the US for six months. Here is my personal experience with culture shock. One day I was looking at the messages on the school bulletin board. One message caught my eye. It said: 'Wanted: Roommate. Male/female OK. Nonsmoker.' I wondered what it meant. In Japan we don't have the custom of choosing a roommate by advertising in this way. People who live together are good friends or couples. I could never think of living with a stranger, and sharing an apartment with a male is out of the question."

¶7 "My name is Arafat. I am from Lebanon, and I am pursuing a graduate degree at the American University in Washington DC. I did my undergraduate work at the American University in Beirut. When I came to the US, I had never been out of my country. One thing I still haven't adjusted to is the informal climate in American classrooms. I just can't call my professor by his or her first name, and I would never think of criticizing his or her ideas. Americans just don't have any respect for their professors when they do that."

¶8 So whether we are talking about what Americans know about other cultures or about how other people view the American culture, the conclusion is the same. Americans who have never left the United States are likely to be quite ethnocentric and ignorant of the great variety in the cultures of the world.

Comprehension

There will be one or two multiple choice questions about the main idea(s) of the selection. Other ideas will be checked with True/False questions. There will be a few questions testing to see if you can infer (make an intelligent guess about) the meaning of certain words in the selection.

1. What is the best statement of the main idea of this selection?
 - a. The world will be a better place if we all learn to understand other cultures.
 - b. It is not easy to understand other cultures.
 - c. People from other countries don't understand American culture.
 - d. Americans have limited knowledge of other cultures and how people view their culture.

2. From what is said in this selection, which is the best definition of *culture shock (CS)*?
 - a. CS is a set of negative attitudes toward other countries and their cultures.
 - b. CS is the feeling of surprise and disbelief people have when they experience different customs.
 - c. CS is hatred for foreigners living in one's country.
 - d. CS is expecting certain kinds of difference when you travel abroad.

Circle T if the sentence about the reading is true; circle F if it is false.

- T F 3. Americans, in general, travel outside their country a lot.
T F 4. It is common for many Americans to be shocked by customs in other parts of the world.
T F 5. Americans are prepared for differences in how people stand in line.
T F 6. Many Americans probably feel that people in other countries don't take care of their animals well.
T F 7. People feel culture shock when they experience customs that are different from those they know.
T F 8. Japanese people use newspapers to find people to live with.
T F 9. Arafat has traveled a lot.
T F 10. According to Arafat, classrooms in Lebanon are formal compared to those in the US.
T F 11. Arafat would find it easy to disagree with an American professor.

Select the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word.

12. adjustment ¶ 1

- a) change b) purchase c) dislike d) memory

13. abroad ¶ 1, 4

- a) fast b) outside their country c) far d) on vacation

14. get used to ¶ 4

- a) use often b) stop using c) think are usual d) become accustomed to

15. milieu ¶ 4

- a) minds b) work c) environment d) time