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Oxford Placement Test 1

Grammar Test PART 1

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Look at these examples. The correct answer is ticked.

- a In warm climates people like likes are liking sitting outside in the sun.
- b If it is very hot, they sit at under the shade.

Now the test will begin. Tick the correct answers.

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| 1 | Water <input type="checkbox"/> is to boil <input type="checkbox"/> is boiling <input type="checkbox"/> boils | at a temperature of 100°C. | 1 |
| 2 | In some countries <input type="checkbox"/> there is <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> it is | very hot all the time. | 2 |
| 3 | In cold countries people wear thick clothes <input type="checkbox"/> for keeping <input type="checkbox"/> to keep <input type="checkbox"/> for to keep | warm. | 3 |
| 4 | In England people are always talking about <input type="checkbox"/> a weather <input type="checkbox"/> the weather <input type="checkbox"/> weather | . | 4 |
| 5 | In some places <input type="checkbox"/> it rains <input type="checkbox"/> there rains <input type="checkbox"/> it raining | almost every day. | 5 |
| 6 | In deserts there isn't <input type="checkbox"/> the <input type="checkbox"/> some <input type="checkbox"/> any | grass. | 6 |
| 7 | Places near the Equator have <input type="checkbox"/> a warm <input type="checkbox"/> the warm <input type="checkbox"/> warm | weather even in the cold season. | 7 |
| 8 | In England <input type="checkbox"/> coldest <input type="checkbox"/> the coldest <input type="checkbox"/> colder | time of year is usually from December to February. | 8 |
| 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> The most <input type="checkbox"/> Most of <input type="checkbox"/> Most | people don't know what it's like in other countries. | 9 |
| 10 | Very <input type="checkbox"/> less <input type="checkbox"/> little <input type="checkbox"/> few | people can travel abroad. | 10 |
| 11 | Mohammed Ali <input type="checkbox"/> has won <input type="checkbox"/> won <input type="checkbox"/> is winning | his first world title fight in 1960. | 11 |
| 12 | After he <input type="checkbox"/> had won <input type="checkbox"/> have won <input type="checkbox"/> was winning | an Olympic gold medal he became a professional boxer. | 12 |
| 13 | His religious beliefs <input type="checkbox"/> have made him <input type="checkbox"/> made him to <input type="checkbox"/> made him | change his name when he became champion. | 13 |
| 14 | If he <input type="checkbox"/> has <input type="checkbox"/> would have <input type="checkbox"/> had | lost his first fight with Sonny Liston, no one would have been surprised. | 14 |
| 15 | He has travelled a lot <input type="checkbox"/> both <input type="checkbox"/> and <input type="checkbox"/> or | as a boxer and as a world-famous personality. | 15 |

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- 16 He is very well known **all in** **all over** **in all** the world. 16
- 17 Many people **is believing** **are believing** **believe** he was the greatest boxer of all time. 17
- 18 To be the best **from** **in** **of** the world is not easy. 18
- 19 Like any top sportsman Ali **had to** **must** **should** train very hard. 19
- 20 Even though he has now lost his title, people **would** **will** **did** always remember him as a champion. 20
- The history of **aeroplane** **the aeroplane** **an aeroplane** is 21
quite a **a quite** **quite** short one. For many centuries men 22
are trying **try** **had tried** to fly, but with 23
little **few** **a little** success. In the 19th century a few people 24
succeeded **to fly** **in flying** **into flying** in balloons. But it wasn't until 25
the beginning of **this** **next** **that** century that anybody 26
were **is** **was** able to fly in a machine 27
who **which** **what** was heavier than air, in other words, in 28
who **which** **what** we now call a 'plane'. The first people to achieve 29
'powered flight' were the Wright brothers. **His** **Their** **Theirs** 30
was the machine which was the forerunner of the Jumbo jets
and supersonic airliners that are **such** **such a** **so** common 31
sight today. They **could** **should** **couldn't** hardly have imagined that in 1969, 32
not much **not many** **no much** more than half a century later, 33
a man **will be** **had been** **would be** landed on the moon. 34
Already **a man** **man** **the man** is taking the first steps towards the stars. 35
Although space satellites have existed **since** **during** **for** less 36
than forty years, we are now dependent **from** **of** **on** them for all 37
kinds of **informations** **information** **an information**. Not only 38
are they **they are** **there are** being used for scientific research in 39
space, but also to see what kind of weather **is coming** **comes** **coming**. 40
By 1998 there **would** **must** **will** have been satellites in space for forty 41
years and the 'space superpowers' are planning to **have** **make** **let** 42
massive space stations built. When these **will be** **are** **will have been** 43
completed it will be the first time **when** **where** **that** astronauts will be 44
able to work in space in large numbers. **Apart** **For** **Except** all that, 45
in many ways the most remarkable flight **of** **above** **at** all was 46
it **that** **that one** of the flying bicycle, which the world saw on television, 47
flying **to fly** **fly** across the Channel from England to France, with nothing 48
apart **but** **than** a man to power it. As the bicycle-flyer said, 49
'It's the first time **I realize** **I've realized** **I am realizing** what hard work it is to be a bird!' 50

Grammar Test PART 2

- 51 Many teachers **say to** **say** **tell** their students should learn a foreign language. 51
- 52 Learning a second language is not the same **as** **like** **than** learning a first language. 52
- 53 It takes **long time** **long** **a long time** to learn any language. 53
- 54 It is said that Chinese is perhaps the world's **harder** **hardest** **more hard** language to master. 54
- 55 English is quite difficult because of all the exceptions **who** **which** **what** have to be learnt. 55
- 56 You can learn the basic structures of a language quite quickly, but only if you **are wanting** **will to** **are willing to** make an effort. 56
- 57 A lot of people aren't used **to the study** **to study** **to studying** grammar in their own language. 57
- 58 Many adult students of English wish they **would start** **would have started** **had started** their language studies earlier. 58
- 59 In some countries students have to spend a lot of time working **on** **by** **in** their own. 59
- 60 There aren't **no** **any** **some** easy ways of learning a foreign language in your own country. 60
- 61 Some people try to improve their English by **hearing** **listening** **listening to** the BBC World Service. 61
- 62 **Live** **Life** **Living** with a foreign family can be a good way to learn a language. 62
- 63 It's no use **to try** **trying** **in trying** to learn a language just by studying a dictionary. 63
- 64 Many students of English **would rather not** **would rather prefer not** **would rather not to** take tests. 64
- 65 Some people think it's time we all **learn** **should learn** **learnt** a single international language. 65
- Charles Walker is a teacher at a comprehensive school in Norwich. He **has joined** **joined** **joins** the staff of the school in 1988 and **has been working** **worked** **works** there ever since. 66
- Before **move** **to move** **moving** to Norwich, he taught in Italy and in Wales, 67
- and before that he **has been** **was** **was being** a student at Cambridge 68
- University. So far he **isn't** **wasn't** **hasn't been** in Norwich for as long 69
- as he was in Wales, but he likes the city a lot and **should** **would** **could** 70
- like to stay there for at least another two years, or, **how** **which** **as** he 71
- puts it, until his two children **have** **will have** **will be** grown up a bit. 72
- He met his wife, Kate, in 1982 while he **was to live** **was living** **had been living** 73
- abroad for a while, and they got married in 1986. 74
- Their two children, Mark and Susan, **are** **were** **have been** both born in Norwich. 75

The Walkers' boy, is four, has just started at nursery school, but sister at home for another couple of years, because she is nearly two years than him. Charles and Kate Walker to live in the country, but now that they have children, they into the city. Charles wanted a house the school get to work easily. Unfortunately one the two of them really wanted was too expensive, so they buy one a bit further away. By the time the children to secondary school, Charles and Kate hope will be in Norwich, the Walkers living there for at least fifteen years. They can't be sure if they , but if they , their friends won't be too surprised.

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Look at the following examples of question tags in English. The correct form of the tag is ticked.

- a He's getting the 9.15 train, isn't he hasn't he wasn't he ?
- b She works in a library, isn't she doesn't she doesn't he ?
- c Tom didn't tell you, hasn't he didn't he did he ?
- d Someone's forgotten to switch off the gas, didn't one didn't they haven't they ?

Now tick the correct question tag in the following 10 items:

- 91 John's coming to see you, hasn't he wasn't he isn't he ?
- 92 It's been a long time since you've seen him, hasn't it isn't it haven't you ?
- 93 He's due to arrive tomorrow, won't he isn't he will he ?
- 94 He won't be getting in till about 10.30, isn't he is he will he ?
- 95 You met him while you were on holiday, didn't you weren't you haven't you ?
- 96 I think I'm expected to pick him up, aren't I don't I are you ?
- 97 No doubt you'd rather he stayed in England now, didn't you wouldn't you shouldn't you ?
- 98 Nobody else has been told he's coming, is he has he have they ?
- 99 We'd better not stay up too late tonight, didn't we have we had we ?
- 100 I suppose it's time we called it a day, didn't we isn't it don't I ?

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In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. On your answer sheet indicate the letter A, B, C, or D against the number of each item 1 to 25 for the word or phrase you choose.

- 1 The bank won't lend you the money without some that you will pay it back.
A profit B interest C charge D guarantee
- 2 Don't hurry! There's no need
A running B to run C run D you run
- 3 I am going to have a short rest as I a headache.
A take B have C feel D suffer
- 4 of all the staff, I would like to wish you a happy retirement.
A Instead B In place C On behalf D On account
- 5 Since the accident he has walked with a
A slope B limp C lame D strain
- 6 Mr and Mrs Black were delighted when they to sell their house so quickly.
A succeeded B could C risked D managed
- 7 Just keep on the baby while I cook the supper, will you?
A a look B a glance C an eye D a care
- 8 He his friend to go camping with him.
A attracted B suggested C appealed D persuaded
- 9 Do come instead of standing there on the doorstep in the rain.
A into B in C to D by
- 10 Don't invite John to dinner; I can't stand his bad
A mood B mind C character D temper
- 11 I don't with your decision but I do think that you might have told me last week.
A displease B disagree C dislike D disregard
- 12 I'm sorry I haven't got any money - I've my wallet at home.
A missed B left C let D forgotten

In each question, only one of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer and fill in the square next to it. Fill in only one square for each question. The example shows you what to do.

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Example:

This _____ a book.
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1 Tom is Mrs Black's son.

She is his daughter. He is her son.
 She is her son. He is his son.

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A old woman lives near me. A young woman live near my house.
 An old women lives near my house. The old woman lives near me.

3 Listen to _____ sister!

she and she's her and her
 her and she she and her

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This is two lessons. This is second lesson.
 These are lessons, too. This is lesson the second.

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Pat can to have Jims' hat. Pat can to have Jim's hat.
 Pat can have Jims' hat. Pat can have Jim's hat.

6 _____ the room!

Don't going to Don't go into
 Not to go in Not go into

7 Lynn _____ television every evening.

watches locks
 washes looks

8 Pat and Jane are _____ her.

as clever as clever that
 clever than so clever as

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What age has she? How old is she?
 How many years has she? How old she is?

10 There wasn't _____ in the garden.

some people any people
 anybody no persons

11 Bob's _____.

shorter that I'm the shorter than me
 the shorter than they shorter than them

12 'Are the papers in your room?' 'Yes, my mother _____ yesterday.'

put them there puts them there
 put it there puts it there

13 Last year _____ to Canada.

went Mary did Mary go
 Mary was Mary went

14 Last summer I taught _____ a bicycle.

to my cousin ride my cousin riding
 my cousin ride my cousin to ride

15 Jill, what _____ tomorrow evening?

will you to do are you going do
 are you doing do you

16 When _____ his homework?

Tom usually does does Tom usually
 usually does Tom does Tom usually do

17 I spoke to _____ people at the bus-stop.

a few a pair
 much another

18 What sort of car shall I get?

Get no English! Get none English!
 Don't get any one English! Don't get an English one!

19 _____ these girls do you know?

Which of Who are
 What of How many

20 Yesterday John _____ the bus.

waited for ten minutes was expecting ten minutes
 expected for ten minutes waited ten minutes for

21 Mary bought _____.

to Peter a pen a pen for Peter
 for Peter a pen a pen to Peter

22 _____ work on Saturdays.

Sometimes I didn't Sometimes didn't I
 Never didn't I Never I didn't

23 How many times have you been?

One times. Twice.
 Two months. Quite much.

24 It's five months _____ to our new house.

since we moved since then we moved
 that we moved us that we move

25 Hello, Janice! Tell me what _____ here today.

do you do you do
 you're doing takes you

Writing – 30 minutes

EITHER

You have decided to enter a short story competition. The story must begin or end with the words:

Max rushed down the stairs, laughing happily. In her hand was the letter for which she had been waiting for so long.

Write your **story** for the competition.

OR

You have read this in an English-language newspaper:

Dr Sir,

Young people today watch too much television. When I was a child, we played games outside and had a greater understanding of the world. We had active hobbies when I was young but young people today just sit and watch rubbish on the television.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Canning

Write a **letter** to the newspaper giving your opinion about what this letter says.