

Saint Michael's College

English Placement Test

Question paper

Please do not write on this answer paper. All your answers should be written onto the answer sheet provided.

Section 1

Example:

A1. This ___ a book .

A | am

B | here

C | is

D | are

The correct answer is C (This is a book) so on the **answer sheet** you would have crossed the C box (as below).

A1 A B C D

There is only one correct answer for each question

Section 2

Write a short composition about yourself using between approximately 100-120 words

You have approximately 1 hour to complete the test
(Section 1 = 45 minutes / Section 2 = 15 minutes)

DO NOT WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THIS PAPER

Section 1 PART A

A1. Tony is looking at _____ .

- A she B he C her D here

A2. What's that girl?

- A It's a student B She's a student. C She's a student D She's a student girl

A3. 'Whose flowers are they?' 'They're _____' .

- A to Mary B of Mary C Maries D Mary's

A4. Which sentence is correct?

- A Sally's sister pretty and they are, too B Sally's pretty and they're too
 C Sally's pretty and they are, too D Sally's pretty but they are

A5. Which sentence is correct?

- A That girl is some of my friends B This girl is one of my friends
 C That girl is me friend D This girl's are friends

A6. Where _____ on Saturdays?

- A do go John B John goes C does John go D John does go

A7. Which sentence is correct?

- A Go there to they B Go there to them C Go here to we D Go here to us

A8. 'Do you like that shop?' 'Yes, I _____ every week' .

- A come there B come here C go there D go here

A9. I feel very well because I went to bed very early _____ .

- A last night B tonight C this night D in the night

A10. My brother was _____ all week.

- A at the home B at home C in the home D in home

A11. James _____ to play football tomorrow.

- A is going B can C shall D will

A12. Jack is writing _____ .

- A with pen B on paper C by a pen D out of a pen

A13. This is an old photograph of me when I _____.

- A have short hair B had short hairs C have short hair D had short hair
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A14. When we got to school, we _____ the bell.

- A heard B were hearing C listened D were listening
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A15. 'Did you see the man on top of the church last Saturday?' 'No why _____

- A was he here? B has he been here? C was he there D has he been there
-

A16. This is _____ that.

- A the same as B the same that C different that D the different from
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A17. When _____, give her this book.

- A Alison will arrive B is Alison arriving C Alison arrives D Alison arrive
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A18. Which sentence is correct?

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| A What shoes are they made? | B What shoes are made of? |
| C What are shoes made of? | D What are made of shoes? |
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A19. _____ lovely food!

- A What B Which a C Which D What a
-

A20. I'm going to give _____.

- A to him a record B him a record C a record him D some record to him
-

A21. How's the baby?

- A He's Alison's B She's very well. C That's the baby D She's a girl
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A22. His daughter is _____.

- A as old as yours B as old as your one C so old as yours D so old as your one
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A23. Which sentence is correct?

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| A Was the French women old? | B Was the French women an old? |
| C Were the French women some old? | D Were the French women old? |
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A24. He had previously had a car but it _____ several times during the spring.

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| A was breaking down | B was breaking up |
| C had broken down | D had broken up |
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A25. We _____ my cousin since last Christmas.

- A aren't seeing B haven't seen C didn't see D don't see

PART B

B1. There are twelve of us, so _____ get into the car at the same time.

- A we may not all B all we may not C we can't all D all we can't

B2. Her children tell her that _____ old to drive a car.

- A she's getting so B she gets too C she's getting too D she gets so

B3. When there's a public rocket service to the moon, her father has promised _____ her there.

- A bringing B taking C to bring D to take

B4. _____ at the moment, I'll go to the shops.

- A As it doesn't rain B For it doesn't rain
 C As it isn't raining D For it isn't raining

B5. In a shop _____ customers

- A It is important pleasing B It is important to please
 C There is important pleasing D There is important to please

B6. Your bicycle shouldn't be in the house!

- A Get out it ! B Put it off! C Take it out! D Take away it!

B7. He's a good guitarist, but he plays the piano _____

- A quite well B much better C very good D too hardly

B8. Molly doesn't eat fish. _____

- A John doesn't that either. B So doesn't John.
 C Neither does John. D John doesn't too

B9. She always buys _____ my birthday.

- A something awful for B anything nice to
 C something awful to D anything nice for

B10. She hardly ever eats _____ potatoes.

- A neither bread nor B bread or C or bread or D Neither bread or

B11. I _____ to your letter on the 15th.

- A would like to reply B like to reply
 C am wanting to reply D would like replying

B12. Your letter _____.

- A has arrived two days ago B arrived two days ago
 C arrived since two days D has arrived since two days

B13. If I _____ about it earlier, I would have told you.

- A knew B would know C would have known D had known
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B14. I'll ring you as soon as I _____ there.

- A get B shall get C will have got D will get
-

B15. John Marshall is a friend of mine. You _____ him last year when you were in England.

- A may meet B can meet C may have met D can have meet
-

B16. He didn't thank me for the present. That's _____ annoyed me

- A what B the which C the thing what D that which
-

B17. I'll have to buy _____ trousers.

- A two B a couple C a D a pair of
-

B18. She looks _____.

- A To be pleasant B that she's pleasant C pleasant D pleasantly
-

B19. I've been looking for you _____.

- A everywhere B for all places C anywhere D in all places
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B20. Send him to the baker's _____ the bread.

- A for buying B to buy C in order he buy D for to buy
-

B21. He didn't know _____ or go home.

- A if to wait B whether to wait C to wait D if that he should wait
-

B22. If you _____ help you, you only have to ask me.

- A want me to B want that I C want I should D are wanting me to
-

B23. I'm going to the theatre tonight ' . 'So _____' .

- A do I B will I C I will D am I
-

B24. He wants to get a better _____ and earn more money.

- A employ B work C job D employment
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B25. I didn't hear what he was _____.

- A speaking B saying C talking D telling

PART C

C1. I wish I _____ suggest something more suitable, but this is all we have.

- A should B could C can D would

C2. _____ for her birthday.

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| A | \$50 they were given to her | B | She was been given \$50 |
| C | She was given \$50 | D | There were given to her \$50 |

C3. I _____ since breakfast and I'm very tired.

- A travel B am travelling C was travelling D have been travelling

C4. His telegram said, 'I _____ on the 7th.'

- A will be arrive B will be arrived C am arriving D would arrive

C5. I don't think we've met before. You're confusing me with _____.

- A one other B someone else C other person D some other

C6. _____ open the door for you?

- A Do you want that I B Will I C Shall I D Would you like that I

C7. He _____ in his homework.

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| A | did a lot of faults | B | made a lot of mistakes |
| C | did a lot of mistakes | D | made a lot of faults |

C8. Will you be able to come to the meeting?' _____

- A I'm not afraid to B I'm sorry not C I'm afraid not D I'm sorry that 'no'

C9. He was a good runner so he _____ escape from the police.

- A was able to B succeeded to C could D might

C10. _____ a good thing they didn't catch you.

- A That's B It's C What's D There's

C11. That's the course of studies _____.

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|---|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| A | I'm interested in | B | what I'm interested on |
| C | I'm interested on | D | what I'm interested in |

C12. I would like _____ it again.

- A that you read B you to read C you reading D you read

C13. He came to the party, _____ he hadn't been invited.

- A in case B even C in spite of D although

C14. He didn't take the flat because he couldn't afford the _____.

- A rent B hire C salary D fare

C15. He stayed under water for two minutes and then swam to the _____.

- A sea B level C surface D ground

C16. She was sitting _____ on the park bench

- A by herself B for herself C only herself D in her own

C17. We were in the station for at least half an hour, waiting _____ start.

- A for the train B the train to C the train's D for the train to

C18. How long does the train take to _____ to London?

- A make B reach C get D arrive

C19. Everyone in the factory has to be _____ by 8 o'clock.

- A at work B in job C in work D at job

C20. We talked about a lot of things _____ the way to the office.

- A through B on C by D in

C21. I _____ you before now but I've been too busy.

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| A must have rung | B should have rung |
| C had to ring | D ought to ring |

C22. My boss never gives me clear instructions. But you _____ the same problems with yours, too.

- A must have B ought to have C have to have D can have

C23. Dinner will be ready _____ but we have time for a drink before then.

- A currently B lately C suddenly D presently

C24. We have _____ for a new secretary but we haven't had any replies yet.

- A announced B advised C advertised D noticed

C25. 100 competitors had _____ the race.

- A taken part B entered for C put themselves for D put their names for

PART D

D1. I've _____ for the job and I hope I get it.

- A succeeded B presented C applied D appointed
-

D2 I never expected you to turn _____ at the meeting. I thought you were abroad.

- A in B around C up D on
-

D3 As far as he's concerned, one piece of music is very much like _____.

- A an other B one other C other D another
-

D4. She was wearing _____ beautiful clothes that I envied her.

- A a so B so C such D such a
-

D5. I woke up in the middle of the night and couldn't _____ again.

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| A put myself to sleep | B get back to sleep |
| C put myself for sleeping | D get back to sleeping |
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D6. I crossed the room and _____ a light shone through the window.

- A while doing like that B as I did like that C as I did so D at doing so
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D7. I wish I _____ on the time the film started before we came out.

- A would check B had checked C would have checked D have checked
-

D8. I'll ask the waiter for the bill when you _____ your coffee.

- A will have finished B will finish C have finished D shall finish
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D9. There was a suitcase _____ mine on the luggage rack.

- A like B as C similar than D the same that
-

D10. He _____ out of the window for a moment and then went on working.

- A glanced B regarded C viewed D glimpsed
-

D11. I'd like to take _____ of this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation.

- A advantage B occasion C benefit D profit
-

D12. Our main concern is to raise the voters' _____ of living.

- A condition B standard C capacity D degree

D13. For heaven's _____ don't make a noise.

- A behalf B reason C love D sake
-

D14. He reminds me _____ someone I knew in the army.

- A of B to C from D with
-

D15 He was _____ that he called the doctor.

- A having such ache B in such ache C in such pain D with such pain
-

D16. I daren't _____ to upset her.

- A do anything B to do something C do nothing D to do a thing
-

D17. We've _____ sugar. Ask Mrs Jones to lend us some.

- A run away with B run down C run off D run out of
-

D18. I _____ you that the goods will be delivered next week.

- A confirm B undergo C assure D insist
-

D19. The Second World War _____ in 1939.

- A broke off B broke open C broke up D broke out
-

D20. We can never relax in this office. New problems are continually _____

- A coming out B coming up C raising D presenting
-

D21. This test _____ a number of multiple-choice questions.

- A composes of B consists of C composes in D consists in
-

D22. Hot metal _____ as it grows cooler.

- A compresses B contracts C reduces D condenses
-

D23. He thinks about nothing but playing golf. He's completely _____ to it.

- A overcome B ascribed C tempted D addicted
-

D24. He's always _____ the Government but he never votes in the elections.

- A running out B running down C calling off D calling out
-

D25. I'm sorry to _____ you while you're working but I must ask you a question.

- A molest B interfere C bother D intrude