ESL Placement Practice Test A2 – Test 2

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Read each question carefully and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

Part 1: Sentence Meaning

Choose the sentence that means the same, or the word that best completes the meaning.

1. "The bank is closed on Sundays." Which sentence means the same?
   A You can't go into the bank on Sundays.
   B The bank opens only on Sundays.
   C The bank is open every day of the week.
   D The bank closes early on Sundays.

2. It's raining outside. Don't forget your _____.
   A umbrella **B** sunglasses **C** sandals **D** wallet

3. "Lucy is Tom's sister." Which sentence means the same?
   A Tom is Lucy's brother.
   B Tom is Lucy's father.
   C Lucy is Tom's mother.
   D Lucy and Tom are cousins.

4. I can't read the menu. I left my _____ at home.
   A glasses **B** keys **C** shoes **D** jacket

5. "Diego never drinks coffee." Which sentence means the same?
   A Diego doesn't drink coffee at all.
   B Diego drinks coffee sometimes.
   C Diego drinks coffee every morning.
   D Diego drank a lot of coffee yesterday.

6. The bus was late, so I _____ my train.
   A missed **B** lost **C** forgot **D** left

7. Today is Monday. "The meeting is the day after tomorrow." When is the meeting?
   A On Wednesday **B** On Tuesday **C** On Thursday **D** On Sunday

8. "Could you speak more slowly, please?" What does the speaker want?
   A The other person should not speak so fast.
   B The other person should speak louder.
   C The other person should stop talking.
   D The other person should call again later.

9. My aunt works in a hospital. She takes care of sick people every day. She is a _____.
   A nurse **B** chef **C** mechanic **D** lawyer

10. "This T-shirt is too small for me." Which sentence means the same?
    A I need a bigger T-shirt.
    B I need a smaller T-shirt.
    C This T-shirt is the right size.
    D This T-shirt costs too much.

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11. "Wei used to live in Chicago." Which sentence means the same?
    A Wei lived in Chicago before, but he doesn't live there now.
    B Wei lives in Chicago now and likes it.
    C Wei is going to move to Chicago soon.
    D Wei is used to the weather in Chicago.

12. I want to _____ some money from the bank so I can buy a car.
    A borrow **B** lend **C** spend **D** pay

Part 2: Language Use

Choose the grammatically correct answer to complete each sentence or question.

13. There _____ two windows in my bedroom.
    A are **B** is **C** have **D** be

14. My father _____ TV every evening after work.
    A watches **B** watch **C** watching **D** is watch

15. _____ do you live? — In a small apartment on Oak Street.
    A Where **B** What **C** When **D** Who

16. Which sentence is correct?
    A She can swim very well.
    B She can swims very well.
    C She cans swim very well.
    D She can to swim very well.

17. We _____ at home last night. We went to a movie.
    A weren't **B** didn't **C** wasn't **D** aren't

18. Find the mistake: "My cousin and I goes to the gym on Saturdays."
    A goes **B** My cousin **C** to the gym **D** on Saturdays

19. This is _____ restaurant in town. Everybody loves it.
    A the best **B** the better **C** best **D** the most good

20. Jason is _____ his little brother this afternoon because their parents are at work.
    A looking after **B** looking for **C** looking at **D** looks after

21. Students _____ turn off their phones in the exam room. It's a school rule.
    A must **B** mustn't **C** don't have to **D** can't

22. How long _____ to get to your office from here?
    A does it take **B** it takes **C** does it takes **D** is it take

23. If it _____ tomorrow, we will stay at home.
    A rains **B** will rain **C** rained **D** raining

24. Oh no, I _____ my keys! I can't find them anywhere.
    A have lost **B** lose **C** am losing **D** was lost

25. When I was a child, I _____ play soccer every day after school.
    A used to **B** use to **C** was used **D** am used to

26. The new public library _____ last year.
    A was built **B** built **C** is building **D** has build

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Part 3: Reading – Library Notice

Read the notice. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Welcome to Maple Grove Public Library

A library card is free for everyone who lives in Maple Grove. To get a card, come to the front desk. Bring a photo ID and something with your address on it, like a phone bill or a letter from your bank. Children under 14 need a parent with them.

With your card, you can borrow up to ten books at a time for three weeks. You can also borrow DVDs for one week. If you return something late, you pay 25 cents a day.

The library has twelve computers. You can use one for free for two hours a day. Please reserve a computer at the front desk.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays.

27. Who can get a free library card?

A Anyone who lives in Maple Grove
B Only students in Maple Grove
C Only children under 14
D Anyone with a bank account

28. What do you need to bring to get a card?

A A photo ID and something with your address on it
B Only a phone bill
C 25 cents and a photo
D A letter from your teacher

29. How long can you keep a DVD?

A One week **B** Three weeks **C** Two hours **D** Ten days

30. Sam returns a book three days late. How much does he pay?

A 75 cents **B** 25 cents **C** 3 dollars **D** Nothing

31. Which sentence is true?

A You can visit the library at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday.
B You can visit the library at 7 p.m. on a Saturday.
C You can visit the library on Sunday morning.
D You can visit the library at 9 a.m. on a Friday.

Part 4: Reading – An Email to a Manager

Read the email. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Subject: Schedule change

Hi Mr. Alvarez,

I'm writing to ask about my work schedule for next month. Right now, I work at the front desk of the hotel from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. I really enjoy this shift, and I like working with the morning team.

However, in September I'm starting an English class at Riverside Community College. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11. Because of this, I can't work my usual hours on those days.

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Would it be possible for me to work from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays? I could also work on Saturdays if the hotel needs more people on weekends. I know this is a big change, so I'm happy to talk about it.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

Priya Nair

32. Why is Priya writing to Mr. Alvarez?
    A To ask for a different work schedule
    B To complain about the morning team
    C To ask for a job at the college
    D To invite him to her English class

33. Where does Priya work?
    A At a hotel
    B At a college
    C At a bank
    D At a language school

34. Why can't Priya work her usual hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays?
    A She has an English class on those mornings.
    B She doesn't like the morning team.
    C She works at another job on those days.
    D The hotel is closed on those mornings.

35. What does Priya offer to do?
    A Work on Saturdays
    B Stop going to her class
    C Work only in the mornings
    D Find another person for the front desk

36. Priya writes, "I'm happy to talk about it." What does she mean?
    A She is ready to discuss the change with Mr. Alvarez.
    B She is excited about her new class.
    C She doesn't want to talk about her schedule.
    D She enjoys talking to hotel guests.

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Answer key – ESL Placement Practice Test A2 – Test 2

1 A	2 A	3 A	4 A	5 A	6 A	7 A	8 A	9 A	10 A
11 A	12 A	13 A	14 A	15 A	16 A	17 A	18 A	19 A	20 A
21 A	22 A	23 A	24 A	25 A	26 A	27 A	28 A	29 A	30 A
31 A	32 A	33 A	34 A	35 A	36 A				

Explanations

1. **A** – If the bank is closed, you cannot go into it on that day.
2. **A** – An umbrella keeps you dry in the rain.
3. **A** – If Lucy is Tom's sister, then Tom is her brother.
4. **A** – People use glasses to help them read.
5. **A** – "Never" means not at any time.
6. **A** – You "miss" a train when you arrive too late to get on it.
7. **A** – Tomorrow is Tuesday, so the day after tomorrow is Wednesday.
8. **A** – "More slowly" means less fast.
9. **A** – A nurse takes care of sick people in a hospital.
10. **A** – If something is too small, you need a bigger size.
11. **A** – "Used to" describes a past situation that is no longer true.
12. **A** – You "borrow" money when someone gives it to you and you pay it back later.
13. **A** – Use "there are" with plural nouns like "two windows".
14. **A** – In the present simple, he/she/it takes -s or -es: "watches".
15. **A** – The answer is a place, so the question uses "Where".
16. **A** – After "can", use the base verb without -s or "to".
17. **A** – The past of "be" with "we" is "were", so the negative is "weren't".
18. **A** – "My cousin and I" is plural, so the verb should be "go".
19. **A** – The superlative of "good" is "the best".
20. **A** – "Look after" means take care of, and "is" needs the -ing form.
21. **A** – Use "must" for rules that you have to follow, like a school rule.
22. **A** – Present simple questions use "does" + subject + base verb.
23. **A** – In the first conditional, the if-clause uses the present simple.
24. **A** – The present perfect describes a past action with a result now: the keys are missing.
25. **A** – "Used to" + base verb describes a past habit.
26. **A** – This is a past passive (was + past participle) because someone built the library.
27. **A** – The notice says the card is free for everyone who lives in Maple Grove.
28. **A** – The notice asks for a photo ID and something that shows your address.
29. **A** – The notice says you can borrow DVDs for one week.
30. **A** – The fine is 25 cents a day, and 3 × 25 cents = 75 cents.
31. **A** – From Monday to Thursday, the library is open until 8 p.m.
32. **A** – She writes to ask about changing her work schedule.
33. **A** – She works at the front desk of the hotel.
34. **A** – Her class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11.
35. **A** – She says she could also work on Saturdays if the hotel needs more people.
36. **A** – She knows the change is big, so she offers to discuss it with her manager.

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Notes for teachers: Give learners about 45 minutes and no dictionary. A score of 29 or more (about 80%) suggests the learner is secure at A2 and could try a B1 test. A score of 20–28 suggests A2 with gaps, and a score below 20 suggests the learner may need A1–A2 review. The test targets typical errors such as third-person -s, borrow/lend, used to/use to, will in if-clauses and phrasal verbs with look. You can follow up by asking learners to correct their wrong answers in pairs, or by having them write a short email like the one in Part 4.

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