Holidays and Travel Problems – Test 1

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Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Word meaning

Choose the word or sentence that best fits the meaning.

1. Our flight was _____ by four hours because of the snow.
   A missed **B** delayed **C** cancelled **D** lost
2. When we arrived, the hotel had no record of our _____, so they didn't have a room for us.
   A ticket **B** luggage **C** booking **D** passport
3. A person who is travelling in a car, bus, train or plane but is not driving or flying it is a _____.
   A driver **B** receptionist **C** pilot **D** passenger
4. Which word means "the bags and suitcases you take with you on a journey"?
   A luggage **B** equipment **C** furniture **D** souvenirs
5. We missed the last train, so we took a taxi. What does "missed" mean here?
   A We forgot to buy a ticket for it. **B** We didn't enjoy it.
   C We arrived too late to catch it. **D** We lost it.
6. The beach was so _____ that we couldn't find a place to put our towels.
   A peaceful **B** crowded **C** empty **D** relaxing
7. Where can you change your money into another currency?
   A At the check-in desk **B** At the lost property office
   C At the ticket office **D** At a currency exchange
8. Choose the correct sentence.
   A We went on a two-week travel to Japan. **B** We went on a two-week trip to Japan.
   C We made a two-week travelling to Japan. **D** We did a two-week travel in Japan.

Part 2: Collocations

Choose the word that goes naturally with the other words in the sentence.

9. We need to _____ in at the hotel before 6 p.m.
   A check **B** book **C** stay **D** write
10. Please _____ your seatbelt. The plane is about to take off.
    A close **B** tie **C** fasten **D** lock
11. Our room was dirty, so we _____ a complaint to the manager.
    A did **B** said **C** told **D** made
12. It's a good idea to _____ travel insurance before your holiday.
    A take off **B** put on **C** take out **D** make up

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13. Our car _____ down on the motorway, so we called for help.
A broke **B** fell **C** went **D** turned

14. We got _____ in the old town because our map was out of date.
A missed **B** wrong **C** lost **D** mistaken

15. You can't take that bag on board because it is over the weight _____.
A border **B** limit **C** line **D** edge

16. The hotel apologised and gave us a full _____ for the night we didn't use.
A return **B** receipt **C** change **D** refund

17. Because of the storm, our ferry couldn't leave the _____.
A platform **B** runway **C** port **D** station

18. Let's _____ a table at the restaurant. It gets very busy at weekends.
A order **B** book **C** hold **D** make

Part 3: Word families

Choose the correct form of the word in brackets to complete each sentence.

19. The view from our balcony was absolutely _____. (BEAUTY)
A beauty **B** beautifully **C** beautiful **D** beautify

20. We received no _____ about the change of gate. (INFORM)
A inform **B** information **C** informative **D** informed

21. The hotel staff were very _____ and answered all our questions. (HELP)
A helpful **B** helpless **C** helping **D** helpfully

22. The flight was very _____ because of strong winds. The plane shook all the time. (COMFORT)
A discomfortable **B** incomfortable **C** uncomfortably **D** uncomfortable

23. We had to wait an hour for the _____ of the next bus. (ARRIVE)
A arriving **B** arrival **C** arrive **D** arrived

24. The museum was _____ closed when we got there, so we couldn't go in. (EXPECT)
A unexpected **B** expectation **C** unexpectedly **D** expectedly

Part 4: Vocabulary in context

Read the email and answer the questions.

Hi Sofia,

I'm finally home after the most stressful holiday of my life! Everything started well. Daniel and I got to the airport early, checked in our bags and went through security without any problems. But then our flight was delayed for three hours because of a technical fault, so we missed our connecting flight in Madrid. The airline put us on the next flight, but it didn't leave until the following morning, so we had to spend the night on uncomfortable chairs in the departure lounge.

When we finally reached the island, we discovered that one of our suitcases hadn't arrived. We filled in a form at the lost luggage desk, and the bag was delivered to our hotel two days later. Luckily, I had packed a swimsuit in my hand luggage!

The hotel itself was lovely, but our room overlooked a building site, so it was very noisy from seven o'clock every morning. We complained at reception, and the manager kindly upgraded us to a sea-

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view room at no extra cost.

In the end, we had a great week. Next time, though, I'm going to choose a direct flight!

Love,

Amira

25. Why did Amira and Daniel miss their connecting flight?
    A They arrived at the airport late.
    B Their first flight left late.
    C They had problems at security.
    D Their first flight was cancelled.

26. In the phrase "a technical fault", the word "fault" means:
    A a rule for passengers
    B a person's bad behaviour
    C a wrong answer in a test
    D a problem with a machine or system

27. Where did Amira and Daniel sleep on the first night?
    A In a hotel in Madrid
    B On the plane
    C On chairs at the airport
    D In their hotel on the island

28. What is "hand luggage"?
    A The small bag you take with you onto the plane.
    B The suitcase you check in at the desk.
    C A bag you use at the beach.
    D Luggage that the airline has lost.

29. The room "overlooked a building site". This means:
    A The room was inside the building site.
    B The room was far from the building site.
    C The building site could be seen from the room.
    D The staff forgot about the building site.

30. When the manager "upgraded" them, he:
    A gave them their money back
    B moved them to another hotel
    C asked them to pay more
    D gave them a better room

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Answer key – Holidays and Travel Problems – Test 1

1 B	2 C	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 B	7 D	8 B	9 A	10 C
11 D	12 C	13 A	14 C	15 B	16 D	17 C	18 B	19 C	20 B
21 A	22 D	23 B	24 C	25 B	26 D	27 C	28 A	29 C	30 D

Explanations

1. **B** – A flight that leaves later than planned is 'delayed', and we can say 'delayed by four hours'.
2. **C** – A 'booking' is an arrangement to have a hotel room reserved for you.
3. **D** – A 'passenger' travels in a vehicle but does not control it.
4. **A** – 'Luggage' is the uncountable noun for travellers' bags and suitcases.
5. **C** – To 'miss' a train means to arrive too late to get on it.
6. **B** – 'Crowded' means full of people, which explains why there was no space.
7. **D** – A 'currency exchange' is a place where you change one currency into another.
8. **B** – 'Travel' is usually uncountable, so we say 'go on a trip', not 'a travel'.
9. **A** – 'Check in' is the fixed phrase for registering when you arrive at a hotel.
10. **C** – The natural collocation is 'fasten your seatbelt'.
11. **D** – We say 'make a complaint', not 'do' or 'say' a complaint.
12. **C** – 'Take out insurance' means to buy an insurance policy.
13. **A** – When a car stops working, we say it 'broke down'.
14. **C** – 'Get lost' means to not know where you are or how to find your way.
15. **B** – The 'weight limit' is the maximum weight that is allowed.
16. **D** – A 'refund' is money that is paid back to you.
17. **C** – Ferries and ships leave from a 'port'; platforms and stations are for trains, runways for planes.
18. **B** – We 'book' a table in advance; we 'order' food, not a table.
19. **C** – An adjective is needed after 'was absolutely' to describe the view.
20. **B** – A noun is needed after 'no', and 'information' is the noun form.
21. **A** – 'Helpful' is the adjective meaning willing to help; 'helpless' means unable to help yourself.
22. **D** – The negative adjective is formed with 'un-': 'uncomfortable'.
23. **B** – A noun is needed after 'the', and the noun form of 'arrive' is 'arrival'.
24. **C** – An adverb is needed to describe the adjective 'closed', so 'unexpectedly' is correct.
25. **B** – The email says their first flight was delayed for three hours, so they missed the connection.
26. **D** – A 'technical fault' is something wrong with a machine or system, here the plane.
27. **C** – They spent the night on chairs in the departure lounge, which is part of the airport.
28. **A** – 'Hand luggage' is the bag you carry with you on the plane, which is why Amira still had her swimsuit.
29. **C** – If a room 'overlooks' something, you can see it from the window.
30. **D** – To 'upgrade' someone means to give them something better, here a sea-view room at no extra cost.

Notes for teachers: Use the test as a review after a unit on travel, or as a diagnostic before one. It targets typical B1 errors such as 'a travel' instead of 'a trip', 'do a complaint' instead of 'make a complaint', and confusion between related word forms (arrive/arrival, comfortable/uncomfortable). As a follow-up, ask students to write their own email about a holiday that went wrong, using at least ten words from the test.

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