

UPPER ADVANCED 1

BOOK TEST

Common
European
Framework C2

NAME:

Total Score

/ 100

(without writing)

/ 80

You have 60 minutes to complete the test.

EXAMPLE

a b c d

A GRAMMAR

Choose the best answer.

- 1 I love our flat-screen TV. I _____ to go back to our old one.
a must have hated b will hate
c would hate d could hate

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- 2 _____ my electronic dictionary, I wouldn't be able to read an English newspaper.
a Apart from b Within
c But for d But against

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- 3 President Linden is a great man! I _____ hear a word said against him.
a shouldn't b won't
c can't d couldn't

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- 4 The student came late to class, _____ the teacher's gaze as he sat down.
a avoid b to avoid
c avoiding d avoided

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- 5 This mp3 player has too many confusing buttons! I wish I _____ make sense of them.
a should b would
c could d can

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- 6 _____ I signed up for that course, I would have been qualified by now.
a Could b Have
c Had d Should

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- 7 I was so embarrassed after my date with him. I _____ possibly see him again!
a couldn't b wouldn't
c shouldn't d mightn't

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- 8 _____ wanted to be a surgeon since childhood, he immediately applied to medical school.
a He has b Having
c Have d Had

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- 9 If only they _____ make a more reasonably-priced laptop! I want one but I just can't afford it.
a had b will
c can d would

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- 10 If we _____ to ignore remote tribal societies, there would be much less diversity in the world.
a are b was
c were d is

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- 11 Diana, _____ I inquire where you bought that fabulous necklace?
a would b might
c will d won't

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- 12 _____ for his erratic temper, he was offered a part as the film's villain.
a Knew b To know
c Knowing d Known

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- 13 If only they _____ corrected the poor handling on the car.
a could have b have
c could had d would had

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- 14 _____ I understand the ground rules, difficulties of this kind wouldn't arise again.
a Could b Should
c Would d Will

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- 15 I _____ involved in the scandal.
a regret to be b regretting be
c regret be d regret being

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- 16 House prices have been rising year on year. _____ will probably continue for the next decade.
a These b This
c Those d There

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- 17 If you _____ it, let me know.
a should to find
b should finding
c should happen to find
d happen finding

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- 18 The prototype was abysmal, but now it leaves its competitors standing! Someone _____ worked on it!
a ought to b have to
c should has d must have

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- 19 I need an actor who is distinguished and a good comedian. _____ actor is hard to find.
a So b The same
c Such an d The one

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- 20 _____ I flouted the law, what would you say?
a Supposing b Were
c If only d Should

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- 21 It is tomorrow that I am going to _____ my ankle operated on.
 a having b have
 c had d getting
- 22 On no condition _____ lend him money from your nest egg!
 a you are to b are you to
 c must you to d should you to
- 23 Tom _____ that it was he who had stolen the money.
 a has admit b admit
 c admitted d admittance
- 24 _____ is the population explosion that is the cause of our problems.
 a It's b What
 c Who d It
- 25 It was proposed that he _____ a holiday.
 a take b to take
 c taking d should takes
- 26 I'm not leaving the house until I've _____ this novel written and complete.
 a get b had
 c got d have
- 27 Only after I had finished reading the essay _____ that the whole piece had been plagiarised.
 a did I realise b I did realise
 c I realise d am I realising
- 28 Kevin _____ me to lend him some money, but in the end I said no.
 a confessed b insisted
 c recommended d begged
- 29 _____ getting approval, my suggestion still seemed to raise a few eyebrows.
 a Although b However
 c Despite d Yet
- 30 I _____ better with the stress had I not had to deal with the other problems as well.
 a will have coped
 b would have coped
 c must have coped
 d had to have coped
- 31 Crossing the street, he _____ knocked down by a speeding car.
 a has got b has
 c got d was getting
- 32 Little _____ just how many applications were received for the position.
 a applicants did appreciate
 b applicants appreciate
 c did applicants appreciate
 d applicants have appreciated

- 33 _____ the government's debt that they had to pay millions every year in interest alone.
 a It was large b Large it was
 c It was so large d So large was
- 34 _____ was alleged that Frank had hacked into the computer and stolen the data.
 a That b What
 c It d This
- 35 He works long hours in a boring job, and _____ you rarely hear him complain.
 a whereas b despite
 c yet d however
- 36 _____ mention his divorce. It came as an immense shock when I found out.
 a No time he did b At no time did he
 c He at no time d At no time he did
- 37 For years, I have _____ my shares and investments managed by my broker.
 a get b had
 c taken d took
- 38 Never _____ as difficult a language as English.
 a have I studied b I studied
 c I have studied d I didn't study
- 39 My father _____ me not to buy used cars because they break down too often.
 a suggested b threatened
 c said d advised
- 40 What our _____ is maximum profit.
 a goal b goal that
 c goal must be d goal should

Score: ____ /40

B VOCABULARY / PRONUNCIATION

- Choose the best answer.
- 41 The Internet is a powerful tool for _____ information.
 a dissecting b disinfecting
 c disaffecting d disseminating
- 42 The disease originated in Australia but soon became a global _____.
 a endemic b hypodermic
 c intrinsic d pandemic
- 43 The _____ lawyer, Harry Segal, will speak on the subject of the American legal system.
 a muffled b eminent
 c beset d overwhelmed

44 My teacher knows that I am _____ to improve my English. I study every night.
a desperately **b** searching
c striving **d** striking

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45 He is known for his involvement in one of the world's most _____ bank robberies.
a distinguished **b** celebrated
c notorious **d** prominent

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46 If you punch him, he is certain to _____ by punching you back.
a transmit **b** mainstay
c outlet **d** retaliate

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47 Many people believe that if you insist on others speaking the Queen's English, it is _____.
a elitist **b** monastic
c insular **d** igneous

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48 This could not have happened by accident. It must have been _____.
a insular **b** attributive
c deliberate **d** cantankerous

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49 These drugs won't help your depression. If anything, they'll _____ the problem.
a exert **b** exacerbate
c repudiate **d** allege

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50 Whenever we go to the street markets my brother starts _____ for cheaper prices.
a rolling **b** demanding
c jangling **d** haggling

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Which word(s) can replace the underlined word(s) without changing the meaning(s)?

51 This oil company is responsible for a lot of pollution. Their actions are indefensible!
a immutable **b** non-voluntary
c not justifiable **d** controversial

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52 The number of hospitals was not sufficient for the sheer volume of patients.
a all together **b** adequate
c treatable **d** up-to-date

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53 Many philosophers have written about the difference between right and wrong.
a differential **b** consonant
c distinction **d** dilemma

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54 Meeting that poet was the encouragement I needed to start a creative writing course.
a encompassing **b** cheer up
c embrace **d** spur

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55 He approached the mountain with dread, knowing that some had died climbing it.
a animosity **b** trepidation
c resentment **d** reproach

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56 My brother has been dabbling in share market trading for about six months.
a investing **b** scouting
c experimenting **d** losing money

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57 The students could not understand the lecture. They just sat there looking gormless.
a bored **b** unintelligent
c annoyed **d** frustrated

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58 My brother wants to flog off his old car.
a sell **b** give away
c exchange **d** repair

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59 The president's speech to the investors was long and monotonous.
a boring **b** uninterrupted
c loud **d** arbitrary

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60 Share prices plummeted over the weekend.
a went up **b** plunged
c soared **d** surged

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Which word contains the sound?

61 / eɪ / **a** premeditated **b** lethal

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62 / ʃ / **a** sponsorship **b** senseless

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63 / ɒ / **a** regulator **b** exonerated

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64 / iː / **a** competent **b** completely

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65 / ʌ / **a** unscathed **b** popular

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66 / ʃ / **a** reconciling **b** contentious

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67 / aʊ / **a** vow **b** moan

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68 / w / **a** equity **b** endowed

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69 / tʃ / **a** postage **b** exchanged

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70 / aɪ / **a** grimy **b** arid

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Score: ___ /30

C READING

Read the text and answer the questions.

Following the collapse of Hartley's Bank, one of the largest financial institutions on the east coast of the United States, customers and investors in the bank are angry and looking for answers. Never in the entire history of the US financial industry has such a large bank crashed so quickly. It is the ever-weakening value of the US dollar that is said to have caused the sudden bankruptcy of Hartley's Bank as much of its profit was made from foreign currency trading. A previous employee of the bank has admitted in a television interview that the bank had been losing money for much of the previous year due to inadequate financial management, but that the problems had been hidden through dishonesty.

- 71 What are the reasons given for the collapse of the bank?
 a It had been losing money.
 b It had been trading foreign currency.
 c It had been badly managed.
 d all of the above

71 a b c d

- 72 Hartley's Bank was ...
 a the largest bank in the US.
 b the oldest bank in the US.
 c a major US banking institution.
 d none of the above.

72 a b c d

- 73 The collapse of the bank is unusual because ...
 a it happened so fast.
 b it happened so slowly.
 c the bank was so big.
 d a and c

73 a b c d

- 74 Nobody knew about the problems at Hartley's Bank because ...
 a the employees at the bank did not know how to do their jobs.
 b managers lied about the situation.
 c the bank had only just started losing money.
 d a and b

74 a b c d

- 75 The managers at Hartley's Bank ...
 a did not do enough to manage the bank properly.
 b stole funds from the bank.
 c gave themselves pay rises.
 d all of the above

75 a b c d

Score: ___ /10

D WRITING (OPTIONAL)

1 Write 100 words about the use of technology in the world today. What are the benefits?

OR

2 Imagine you are entering a competition to win a trip to the moon. Write 100 words explaining why you want to travel to the moon.

Score: ___ /20
 (Optional)