

Brookline Adult and Community Education  
English As a Second Language Placement Test

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**Part I. Please CIRCLE the correct answer.**

**Example** *They \_\_\_\_\_ over there.*

- (a) *am*
- (b) *is*
- (c) *are*

1. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:00 every day.

- (a) get up
- (b) gets up
- (c) is getting up

2. You always \_\_\_\_\_ when you are angry.

- (a) shouted
- (b) shouting
- (c) shout

3. When my children are hungry, I feed \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) they
- (b) them
- (c) their

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jane work on Saturday?

- (a) Do
- (b) Was
- (c) Does

5. Did you see Bob last night? No, but I \_\_\_\_ his wife.
- (a) seed
  - (b) saw
  - (c) see
6. I \_\_\_\_ here tomorrow.
- (a) will be
  - (b) am be
  - (c) be
7. How \_\_\_\_ bread do we need?
- (a) much
  - (b) many
  - (c) few
8. Is that book \_\_\_\_ ?
- (a) my
  - (b) hers
  - (c) your
9. Please read the instructions \_\_\_\_ .
- (a) careful
  - (b) carefully
  - (c) more careful
10. The police officer told her she \_\_\_\_ drive fast because it's dangerous.
- (a) mustn't
  - (b) doesn't have to
  - (c) has to
11. I \_\_\_\_ her since 2004.
- (a) didn't see
  - (b) don't seen
  - (c) haven't seen

12. Where has he \_\_\_\_ ?
- (a) gone
  - (b) went
  - (c) go
13. Jerry went to the party, and Andy \_\_\_\_ .
- (a) did either
  - (b) did neither
  - (c) did too
14. When are you going to stop \_\_\_\_ so much?
- (a) to smoke
  - (b) smoke
  - (c) smoking
15. By the time we got to the theater, the movie \_\_\_\_ .
- (a) had started
  - (b) started
  - (c) has started
16. Mr. Anderson's car was \_\_\_\_ last night.
- (a) steal
  - (b) stole
  - (c) stolen
17. I'm not sure who took the book. Paul \_\_\_\_ .
- (a) may
  - (b) might have
  - (c) could
18. Can you tell me when \_\_\_\_ ?
- (a) did they leave
  - (b) did they left
  - (c) they left

19. If Sandy had known it was going to snow, she \_\_\_\_ her boots.

- (a) would have worn
- (b) would wear
- (c) will wear

20. He sang that song last week, \_\_\_\_ ?

- (a) does he
- (b) did he
- (c) didn't he

**Part II. Please read the story and CIRCLE the correct answer.**

**Example** My name is Lori. I work during 

<i>the</i>
<i>an</i>
<i>a</i>

 day and go 

in
at
to

 school at night. I 

work
works
working

23. Her 

Her
My
His

 boss is very kind. Everybody likes 

her
them
his

 very much. I study 

work
works
working

24. 

her
them
his

 very much. I study 

work
works
working

25. I like 

go
to go
to going

 to school early so I can 

work
works
working

 study by 

herself
himself
myself

 before

26. 

herself
himself
myself

 before

27. The class is difficult, so I 

must
might
can

 study hard if I 

will
wanted
want

 to do well.

28. 

will
wanted
want

 to do well.

29. After class, 

any
the
my

 friends and I usually go out for something to eat. Last night we 

went
go
gone

30. 

went
go
gone

31. We go 

across to
across
across from

 out school. We like to go there because it's 

the cheapest
too cheap
cheaper

32. 

the cheapest
too cheap
cheaper

33. This is a 

was
good
is

 place in the neighborhood and the food 

was
good
is

 very good. I usually order 

cup of coffee
a cup coffee
a cup of coffee

34. 

cup of coffee
a cup coffee
a cup of coffee

35. I also order 

have
has
had

 and a hamburger. This restaurant 

have
has
had

 the best hamburgers in town!

Steve and Jean recently moved to an apartment in the city. They have lived in their new apartment 

for
since
during

 two weeks. Before that they 

had
have
were

 lived in a house in

the country. Since they moved into their new apartment, they 38. have been  
are  
were very busy.

Although they enjoy 39. live  
to live  
living in the city, they sometimes wish they 40. stay  
stayed  
had stayed in the

country. Yesterday, Jean received a birthday card. It was 41. sent  
sending  
send by her friends Linda

and Paul.

Today is her birthday and she is sad. If they were still living in the country,

42. have  
will have  
would have they a party. Jean told Steve that she 43. will miss  
missed  
miss their old friends.

Steve said he would 44. call them up.  
call up them.  
them call up. “I hope they 45. are  
be  
were home,” said Jean as Steve di-

aled the number. “No one answers,” Steve said. “They must 46. have gone  
be go  
gone out.” Steve

called another friend, but he wasn’t at home 47. neither.  
too.  
either. “Keep on 48. to try,”  
trying,”  
try,” Jean said.

Steve called all their friends, but no one was at home. “I don’t know where 49. they are,”  
are they,”  
they be,”

said Steve. Suddenly they heard a knock. Jean opened the door and saw Paul, Linda,

and their other friends. “We 50. could  
can  
must have called, but we wanted to surprise you,” said

Linda. “Happy Birthday!”

## ESL Placement Test Answers

1. **b**
2. **c**
3. **b**
4. **c**
5. **b**
6. **a**
7. **a**
8. **b**
9. **b**
10. **a**
11. **c**
12. **a**
13. **c**
14. **c**
15. **a**
16. **c**
17. **b**
18. **c**
19. **a**
20. **c**
21. **to**
22. **work**
23. **my**
24. **her**
25. **to go**
26. **myself**
27. **must**
28. **want**
29. **my**
30. **went**
31. **across from**
32. **the cheapest**
33. **is**
34. **a cup of coffee**
35. **has**
36. **for**
37. **had**
38. **have been**
39. **living**
40. **had stayed**
41. **sent**
42. **would have**
43. **missed**
44. **call them up**

45. **are**
46. **have gone**
47. **either**
48. **trying**
49. **they are**
50. **could**

### Score:

0-19 correct answers = Beginning English

20-30 correct answers = Intermediate English

30-42 correct answers = High Intermediate English

42-50 correct answers = Advanced English