



## SAMPLE English Admission Exam

### Section 1: Reading

Read the passage below and choose the best answer.

#### Teenage Social Media Millionaires

Many kids dream of becoming millionaires before they're twenty, but few realize their dreams. Some do, however. Harnessing new technology, their ideas become thriving multi-million-dollar businesses that inspire others. Let's see how some of them did it.

Dominic McVey

Dominic became a millionaire at the age of 13 due to a simple misspelling. He had been searching on the internet for information about Visa credit cards but mistakenly spelt it Viza. This took him to the website of an American company that sold scooters. Dominic had always wanted a scooter but couldn't afford one. So he contacted the site and offered to sell their scooters in the UK. The company gave him a deal: if he could sell five scooters, he would get one free. He scraped the money together, ordered the five scooters and sold them easily. After that, demand for scooters went up, and before long, he was selling thousands per week. He was later honoured by the queen as a young entrepreneur.

Maddie Bradshaw

10-year old Maddie wanted to decorate her school locker, but couldn't find exactly what she wanted in the stores. So instead, she came up with her own idea. She had recently been given 50 bottle caps by her uncle, who had an old Coke machine that didn't work. She decorated these, added magnets to the back, and soon the handy, attractive magnets on her locker were attracting attention from all over the school. Her ideas didn't stop there, though. With help from her mother and a few hundred dollars' investment, she converted her bottle-cap idea into jewellery. At the age of 12, she created 'Snap-cap' necklaces with exchangeable magnetic pendants and add-ons, allowing girls to make custom designs that reflected their personalities. She made her first million when she was 13.

Nick D'Aloisio

15-year-old Nick was struggling with the amount of news on the internet. Despite his intention to keep up-to-date with current affairs, there just seemed no end to the stream of information. So he came up with 'Trimit', an app that compressed news articles into short summaries. Trimit was pretty basic, and summaries were mostly gibberish. However, the app attracted the attention of a Hong Kong investment company, which gave Nick \$300,000 to develop his idea. He improved the app and re-launched it under the name 'Summly'. This version was very successful and later sold to Yahoo! for 30 million dollars. Now Nick runs a team of programmers who work on algorithms and language processing intricacies while he focuses on design.



Sean Belnick

As a young teenager, Sean made money by selling Pokemon cards and mowing lawns. But he also had an eye for business and paid curious attention to his stepfather's work as a manufacturer's representative for office furniture. He noticed that customers generally had no need for face to face contact with suppliers, so he invested \$500, learned HTML programming and created a website from which he sold mid-price office chairs. He sourced these directly from the manufacturer and stored them in his bedroom. His timing was perfect, as his business launched when companies were looking to cut costs. Sean, a millionaire by the age of 16, continues to work with his stepfather in a partnership that brings together experience gained over time and youthful, fresh ideas. Their company has won an award for its efforts to reduce energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions.

**Choose the correct answer**

1. The main idea of the passage is to:
  - a) give information about the use of the internet
  - b) encourage youngsters to pursue different careers
  - c) highlight teenagers' peculiar behaviors
  - d) give examples of ineffective entrepreneurs
2. Although his/her first product didn't function adequately, it was noticed and admired.
  - a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
3. An odd gift inspired this person to come up with his/her idea.
  - a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
4. This person's product enabled him and other people to save time.
  - a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
5. This person's business involved importing products.
  - a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
6. This person's artistic designs and products became popular among his/her peers.
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  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
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  - d) Sean Belnick



7. This person's product allowed people to skip a step in the shopping process.
- a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
8. This person started selling in order to acquire something he/she wanted.
- a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
9. This person's business has been recognized for minimizing environmental damage.
- a) Dominic McVey
  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick
10. This person's business took advantage of the fact that people like to express their individuality.
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  - b) Maddie Bradshaw
  - c) Nick D'Aloisio
  - d) Sean Belnick

## Section 2: Grammar and Structure

11. Sheila put in \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- a) any
  - b) so much
  - c) few
  - d) enough of
12. I'll talk to Mary when \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- a) has she
  - b) she has
  - c) she have
  - d) she'll have
13. Is Mary doing her homework?
- a) No, she doesn't.
  - b) No, she isn't doing.
  - c) No, she doesn't do.
  - d) No, she isn't.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ me what happened.
- a) would like you tell
  - b) would like you to tell
  - c) would like you telling
  - d) would like that tell



15. I \_\_\_\_\_ photographs.  
a) enjoy taking  
b) enjoy to take  
c) amuse taking  
d) amuse to take
16. He needs a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) few days' rest  
b) few days rest  
c) little days' rest  
d) little days rest
17. You \_\_\_\_\_ another job pretty soon. I have a feeling that you're going to get fired before long.  
a) would have started to look for  
b) had better to start looking for  
c) would start looking for  
d) 'd better start looking for
18. The boss urged the staff \_\_\_\_\_ this splendid opportunity he was offering them.  
a) to miss  
b) why not miss  
c) not to miss  
d) about missing
19. \_\_\_\_\_ economic development projects in developing countries are carefully thought out and implemented, they can actually contribute to environmental deterioration.  
a) Provided that  
b) Unless  
c) Since  
d) So long as
20. Indeed, the situation is such that the chairman has finally promised to implement \_\_\_\_\_ the committee recommends.  
a) whoever  
b) however  
c) as ever  
d) whatever
21. I have two boys, but \_\_\_\_\_ of them likes pop music.  
a) either  
b) both  
c) neither  
d) none



22. This isn't \_\_\_\_\_ bottle.  
a) a big enough  
b) big enough  
c) big enough a  
d) enough big a
23. Rome isn't \_\_\_\_\_ as Milan is.  
a) as near to us  
b) as near us  
c) near us to  
d) to us near
24. The migration of the ducks was due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of colder weather.  
a) arriving  
b) arrive  
c) arrival  
d) arrived
25. Annie \_\_\_\_\_ lives in London. She moved to Bristol.  
a) any more  
b) any longer  
c) no longer  
d) any better

### Section 3: Vocabulary

26. It takes a lot of patience to ..... hyperactive children because of their low level of concentration.  
a) describe  
b) discover  
c) teach  
d) joke with
27. The concert was called ..... because of the heavy rain.  
a) out  
b) aside  
c) off  
d) down
28. Do you really ..... to go there tonight?  
a) neglect  
b) intend  
c) ignore  
d) involve



29. Millions of people are out of ..... in times of an economic depression. In other words, ..... quickly rises to record levels.

- a) employment / business
- b) work / unemployment
- c) job / hard-working
- d) labour / strikes

30. Previous experience is certainly a(n) ..... when you're applying for a job.

- a) payment
- b) promotion
- c) advantage
- d) profit

31. If you were a more \_\_\_\_\_ person, you would not have left me waiting in the rain for an hour.

- a) polite
- b) considerate
- c) kind
- d) humorous

32. Oh I am so \_\_\_\_\_ ! Let's go and rent a video or something.

- a) bored
- b) fed up
- c) tired
- d) unhappy

33. The company didn't gain any \_\_\_\_\_ opening shops in Paris and Marseilles. So they closed after only three month.

- a) profit
- b) successful
- c) victory
- d) winnings

34. I don't think Alan is \_\_\_\_\_. Sherie is at home with him.

- a) lonely
- b) solitary
- c) unsociable
- d) alone

35. As we were travelling alone, we didn't have many \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

- a) suitcase
- b) luggage
- c) bags
- d) boxes

36. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in this part of the country, so the new factory is very welcome.

- a) unemployed
- b) poor
- c) unemployment
- d) ignore



37. Both of the \_\_\_\_\_ you suggest will improve the situation. We must discuss it all further.  
a) proposals  
b) solution  
c) example  
d) help
38. Every once in a \_\_\_\_\_ , a new sports star comes along to beat all the world records.  
a) period  
b) while  
c) time  
d) duration
39. What is that wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ coming from the kitchen? Is someone making bread?  
a) smell  
b) sniff  
c) taste  
d) sense
40. I went to see the bank manager this morning to see if I could \_\_\_\_\_ \$5000 and he said no!!  
a) lend  
b) borrow  
c) give  
d) take

#### Section 4: Writing Mechanics

41. John is funny. He is \_\_\_\_\_ cheerful.  
a) also                      b) and                      c) but                      d) nonetheless
42. Anna loves dancing, \_\_\_\_\_ she doesn't have the time to practice.  
a) when                      b) and                      c) but                      d) despite
43. We will go to the beach \_\_\_\_\_ it is summertime.  
a) and                      b) but                      c) however                      d) when
44. He likes to play tennis \_\_\_\_\_, his favourite sport is football.  
a) and                      b) yet                      c) as                      d) so
45. Which is the sentence with the correct punctuation?  
a) We are meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m  
b) We are meeting next tuesday at 5:00 p.m.  
c) We are meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.  
d) We are meeting Next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.



46. Which is the sentence with the correct punctuation?

- a) Unless you finish editing the book by midnight you won't get tomorrow off.
- b) Unless you finish editing the book by midnight, you won't get tomorrow off
- c) Unless you finish editing the book by midnight, you won't get tomorrow off.
- d) Unless you finish editing the book by midnight, You won't get tomorrow off.

47. Which is the best topic sentence of this paragraph?

'I like most types of books, and the ones I enjoy the most are travel books. I like reading about different countries and the famous places there. When I go on holiday, I always buy lots of books about the place I am visiting. They help you to understand how people live in a place, and what you can do if you visit as a tourist. It's enjoyable to read and imagine how life in a country is.'

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- b) I like reading about different countries and the famous places there.
- c) When I go on holiday, I always buy lots of books about the place I am visiting.
- d) It's enjoyable to read and imagine how life in a country is.

48. Which is the best topic sentence of this paragraph?

'Poetry is deemed boring and untrendy for so many young people. They don't realize that every time they hear a song sung, they are hearing poetry in the form of song lyrics. Just like many written poems, many song lyrics use rhythm, rhyme, and literary imagery. It turns out that poetry isn't old-fashioned; it's as modern as the latest hit song!'

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- d) It turns out that poetry isn't old-fashioned; it's as modern as the latest hit song!

49. Japan produces many cars, such as Toyotas and Nissans, which it sells all over the world. It also produces electrical goods such as televisions and DVDs. Tokyo, the capital of Japan, is one of the biggest and most modern cities in the world. \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Actually, Japan is a very beautiful country.
- b) Actually, Japan is a very important country.
- c) Actually, Japan makes cars and DVDs.
- d) Actually, Japan is a country located in Asia.





50. \_\_\_\_\_. The board has nine rows of nine squares and it is divided into nine boxes of nine squares. The player is given a few numbers to start with (no more than 32) and then has to fill in the grid so that each row and each box contains the numbers one to nine once only. The puzzle requires no mathematical skills – there's no need for them; actually, it is a test of pure logic and concentration.

- a) Called 'the fastest growing puzzle in the world', Sudoku was virtually unheard of in Europe until a few years ago.
- b) Sudoku is an abbreviation of a Japanese phrase, and it means the number game.
- c) The rules of Sudoku are simple enough, but the puzzle itself can be considered difficult enough to solve.
- d) Sudoku is a Japanese game that has spread into the world in no time.

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