

# Advanced English Writing #15

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## I. Writing: 虛主詞

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has been proved that the new policy is not \_\_\_\_\_ successful as the prior one.
2. Designed by C.Y. Lee and Partners, and opened to the public in 2004, Taipei 101 is taller \_\_\_\_\_ any other building in Taiwan.
3. Woodchucks, members of the ground squirrel family, grow faster than \_\_\_\_\_ other species of squirrels.
4. The disabled often suffer from \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties in daily life than their healthy counterparts
5. The water in the Great Salk is \_\_\_\_\_ than seawater. (四倍鹹)
6. The hippopotamus is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest land animal alive today, smaller than the elephant and the rhinoceros.
7. In general, a Hollywood film costs more \_\_\_\_\_ it does when it is produced in other places.
8. Because women typically show symptoms of progressive bone loss, or osteoporosis, earlier than man \_\_\_\_\_, doctors suggest that women use soy estrogens to prevent or lessen these symptoms.
9. Most students have performed less impressively recently than they \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
10. In the navy, a captain is senior \_\_\_\_\_ a commander.



## Section One

### Listening Comprehension

#### Part I: Photographs

Audio/MP3 Track 22

Directions: For each question in this part, you will hear four statements about a picture in your test book. When you hear the statements, you must select the one statement that best describes what you see in the picture. The statements will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time.



#### Part II: Question and Response

Audio/MP3 Track 23

Directions: You will hear a question or statement and three responses spoken in English. They will be spoken only one time and will not be printed in your test book. Select the best response to the question or statement

4-10. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

#### Part III: Conversations

Audio/MP3 Track 24

Directions: You will hear some conversations between two people. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speakers say in each conversation. Select the best response to each question. The conversations will be spoken only one time and will not be printed in your test book.

11. What can we say about the weather during the conversation?

- (A) It is raining.
- (B) It looks fine.
- (C) It is still warm.
- (D) It is still windy.

12. When was the weather nice?

- (A) Yesterday
- (B) This morning
- (C) At the weekend
- (D) Tomorrow

13. Why did Mandy drive to work today?

- (A) Because she will go shopping later
- (B) Because she will get her hair cut
- (C) Because she needs to take her children home
- (D) Because she doesn't like to walk

14. What are they moving?

- (A) Kitchenware
- (B) Sports equipment
- (C) A car
- (D) Office equipment

15. Where are they taking it?

- (A) Alan's office
- (B) To another room
- (C) To the next floor
- (D) Downstairs

16. Who will the woman ask for help?

- (A) Dave
- (B) Alan
- (C) Carl
- (D) Helen

17. What does the woman say about the courses?

- (A) They are very popular.
- (B) They aren't so popular.
- (C) They are expensive.
- (D) She doesn't feel he is interested.

18. When does the black and white photography course start?

- (A) April 16
- (B) April 13
- (C) April 15
- (D) April 20

19. What does the woman say about the course Ken is interested in?

- (A) It is sold out.
- (B) It is close to selling out.
- (C) There are places available.
- (D) She will accept cash only.

## Part IV: Short Talks

### Audio/MP3 Track 25

Directions: You will hear some short talks given by a single speaker. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speaker says in each short talk. Select the best response to each question. The talks will be spoken only one time and will not be printed in your test book.

20. Who is the woman likely to be talking to?

- (A) A doctor
- (B) A shop assistant
- (C) A policeman
- (D) Her mother

21. Where does her sister live?

- (A) Southern Canada
- (B) Northern Canada
- (C) France
- (D) America

22. What can we infer about her sister's personality?

- (A) Friendly
- (B) Bossy
- (C) Awkward
- (D) Kind

23. Where is the speaker?

- (A) In a movie theater
- (B) On a history walk
- (C) In an art gallery
- (D) In a museum

24. Where are the houses mentioned in the speech?

- (A) Greenland
- (B) England
- (C) Scotland
- (D) Ireland

25. Where will they go next?

- (A) They will go to the workshop.
- (B) They will go shopping.
- (C) They will stay indoors.
- (D) They will go to a town.

# Section Two Reading

## Part V: Incomplete Sentences

You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

26. Ron lost his \_\_\_\_\_ when he had difficulty putting together a new wardrobe.  
(A) tempest  
(B) clothes  
(C) anger  
(D) temper
27. Most countries around the world do not have an \_\_\_\_\_ recycling policy.  
(A) affective  
(B) effective  
(C) invective  
(D) elective
28. The Taj Mahal in India was \_\_\_\_\_ built in memory of a king's dead wife.  
(A) always  
(B) before  
(C) originally  
(D) sometimes
29. During his presentation, Lionel \_\_\_\_\_ looked at his notes, which made him look nervous.  
(A) frequency  
(B) frequent  
(C) frequently  
(D) frequencies
30. Sodium Chloride is \_\_\_\_\_ known as "salt."  
(A) most famous  
(B) more commonly  
(C) least important  
(D) less interesting
31. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is requested for a meeting tomorrow at 9 a.m.  
(A) present  
(B) presence  
(C) time  
(D) pleasure
32. Overall, 2012 was a busy \_\_\_\_\_ London; the city held the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.  
(A) month to  
(B) year by  
(C) year for  
(D) month in
33. Customers are \_\_\_\_\_ to fill out a feedback form at the end of the session.  
(A) prohibited  
(B) aggrieved  
(C) devised  
(D) advised
34. Cats are well known \_\_\_\_\_ very territorial, so any changes in their routine can cause lots of problems for their owners.  
(A) to being  
(B) in be  
(C) for being  
(D) in to
35. \_\_\_\_\_, more and more Asian people have been traveling to Europe and spending a lot of money in the local economies.  
(A) Reliably  
(B) Responsibly  
(C) Recently  
(D) Regularly

## Part VI: Fill in the blanks

Read the following text. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Questions 36-38 refer to the following job ad:

Do YOU think you fit the bill?

We are a sales and marketing company specializing in the IT 36, and we are currently recruiting new talent to join our team. If you are 37 a simple 9-5 job with no progression, then please do not apply. We need team players who will work and play hard and always go the extra mile. We offer a basic salary and 38 limitless commission for those who are prepared to put in the hours. Is this you? Call 0989-553-780 for more information.

36. (A) computers  
(B) network  
(C) industry  
(D) hardware
37. (A) looking at  
(B) being with  
(C) hoping to  
(D) looking for
38. (A) always  
(B) everyday  
(C) almost  
(D) foreword

## Part VII: Reading Comprehension

You are to choose the one best answer to each question. Answer all questions following each reading selection on the basis of what is stated or implied in that section.

Questions 39-41 refer to the following poster:

Welcoming all kids and grown-ups to the annual East Finchley Treasure and Easter Egg Hunt!

We will meet at the Town Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday April 14, when you will all be challenged to follow the clues around the village to win some fabulous prizes.

We will limit the size of the teams to a maximum of four people, but you can take part on your own if you wish.

Hunting finishes at 1 p.m. A buffet will then be provided for all our hungry treasure hunters.

39. How often does this event take place?  
(A) Every week  
(B) Every month  
(C) Every year  
(D) Every 10 years
40. How many people are allowed in a team?  
(A) One  
(B) Five  
(C) Three  
(D) Four
41. What is offered after 1 p.m.?  
(A) Lunch  
(B) Music  
(C) Treasure  
(D) Prizes

Questions 42-45 refer to the following book review:

### **Out for a Duck — review by Stan Jeffers**

It has been nearly a decade since Shane Ovet's last major work "In to Bat," which was an international best seller. After that much loved book, Ovet was very quiet for a few years writing newspaper columns in Australia and presumably working away on this book, "Out for a Duck," which is a sequel of sorts to the last one.

In all honesty, things have changed in the book world since we last met Ken Chambers. There have been many similar characters in other stories which make this one feel rather unoriginal. All credit to Shane for trying to go back to his first success, but this is not new or exciting and I'd say this is for major fans only.

On the upside for Shane, this will definitely sell a lot as the movie adaptation of "In to Bat" was so successful last year. I'm sure many people will want to see what happens next. It is just a shame that Ovet couldn't follow up with another interesting read.



**42. What is the name of the author of the book?**

- (A) Stan Jeffers
- (B) Ken Chambers
- (C) Shane Ovet
- (D) Tim Duck

**43. What can we presume about the author's first book?**

- (A) It was very popular.
- (B) It did not sell well
- (C) He wrote it 20 years ago.
- (D) You could buy it only in Australia.

**44. What is the reviewer's opinion of the new book?**

- (A) Unexciting
- (B) Ridiculous
- (C) Silly
- (D) Amazing

**45. What happened last year?**

- (A) A new book was written.
- (B) A movie was made.
- (C) The author moved to Australia.
- (D) The reviewer got this job.

Questions 46-50 refer to the following proposal and e-mail:

We are a successful property development company with offices all over the world and are now looking for a partner to take over our home maintenance and gardens department.

We have some very important clients, including famous celebrities, leading hotels and major corporations, who expect the quality associated with Mackem's. If your company would like to be part of the family, your application needs to show the following:

- i) References demonstrating that you have relevant experience in the home maintenance field
- ii) A clear system of organization within the company
- iii) A strong commitment to service, including detailed statements about how you would approach our clients

There are more stipulations, which we will detail in later e-mails if we feel your proposals are strong enough. Only serious applicants need apply.

Ref No: E-40

E-mail: [jeff@mackems.net](mailto:jeff@mackems.net)

To: [jeff@mackems.net](mailto:jeff@mackems.net)

From: [royfrancis@baggies.com](mailto:royfrancis@baggies.com)

Dear Jeff:

Our company has over 15 years experience in home maintenance and maintains a large presence across Australia, giving a superior service to all our customers. Regarding the three points made in the initial proposal, we can provide references from our clientele which cover these requirements. Attached are a copy of our organizational structure and a detailed company statement.

We are confident we have what it takes to be the perfect partner for Mackem's, and we are hoping for a swift reply.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Francis

**46. What kind of company is Mackem's?**

- (A) Celebrity security
- (B) Catering service
- (C) Renovation of houses
- (D) A bank

**47. Which of these is NOT mentioned as one of Mackem's customers?**

- (A) Famous people
- (B) Big companies
- (C) Hotels
- (D) Sports centers

**48. Who will they consider?**

- (A) Everyone
- (B) Only serious applications
- (C) Past employees
- (D) Small companies

**49. What can we say about Roy's company?**

- (A) It is very new.
- (B) It is not likely to be considered.
- (C) It is a family-run company.
- (D) It is a big company in Australia.

**50. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "clientele"?**

- (A) Customers
- (B) Workers
- (C) Providers
- (D) Realtors