STRAIGHTFORWARD UPPER INTERMEDIATE PLACEMENT TEST

The Straightforward Upper Intermediate Placement Test has been designed to help you decide whether the Straightforward Upper Intermediate course would be suitable for your students.

The Straightforward Test has 50 questions, each worth one point. The first 40 are grammar questions and the final 10 are vocabulary questions. The conversion chart below has been designed to assist you in making your decision but please note, however, that these bandings are a guide.

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This test can also be used to diagnose the grammar of the Upper Intermediate level that your students need clarification on.

Grammar

1. The town ____ an important industrial centre in the 1950s  
   a. becomes  
   b. became  
   c. has become  
   d. would become

2. The decision ____ before we arrived at the meeting.  
   a. has been made  
   b. was making  
   c. had been made  
   d. had made

3. How long ____ you had this car?  
   a. did  
   b. do  
   c. have  
   d. were

4. What time ____ they call you last night?  
   a. did  
   b. were  
   c. have  
   d. had

5. He ____ about football which drives me mad!  
   a. forever talk  
   b. is forever talking  
   c. will forever be talking  
   d. has forever been talking

6. She keeps ____ her things all around the place which is so annoying.  
   a. to leave  
   b. leaves  
   c. leave  
   d. leaving

7. He ____ me to the first game when I was only 6.  
   a. used to take  
   b. would take  
   c. took  
   d. has taken
8 At first I ____ starting work so early but this has changed. 
   a didn’t use to  
   b wouldn’t  
   c didn’t have to  
   d wasn’t used to  

9 My new PC, ____ I bought last week, has already broken down. 
   a that  
   b which  
   c whose  
   d —  

10 I’d like to see the photos ____ you took on holiday. 
   a who  
   b whose  
   c where  
   d —  

11 I don’t agree with the article about public transport ____ in last week’s Evening Echo. 
   a which published  
   b published  
   c was published  
   d that was publishing  

12 You’d better take your coat ____ the weather gets worse. 
   a in case  
   b otherwise  
   c so that  
   d in order to  

13 She did a course in touch-typing ____ improve her qualifications. 
   a so that  
   b in order to  
   c although  
   d in case  

14 He ____ in Italy for several years after the war. 
   a has lived  
   b has been living  
   c lived  
   d used to living  

15 She ____ much better since she left the hospital last week. 
   a is feeling  
   b feels  
   c felt  
   d has been feeling  

16 He realized that he ____ his car keys in the office. 
   a left  
   b has left  
   c had left  
   d was leaving  

17 We couldn’t fall asleep because our neighbours ____ a lot of noise. 
   a made  
   b had made  
   c have made  
   d were making  

18 ____ plans you might have for the weekend, you’ll have to change them. 
   a Wherever  
   b Whovever  
   c Whatever  
   d However  

19 They ____ out for a few years before they decided to get married. 
   a had gone  
   b have been going  
   c were going
20 You won't pass the exam _____ you start revising immediately.  Unit 6A
   a as long as
   b provided
   c unless
   d if

21 We wouldn't have missed the bus if you _____ to chat with Mary!  Unit 6A
   a didn't stop
   b hadn't stopped
   c don't stop
   d wouldn't have stopped

22 The party was so boring I wish I _____ there at all.  Unit 6B
   a hadn't gone
   b wouldn't go
   c haven't gone
   d didn't go

23 If only you _____ more time to spend with the family.  Unit 6B
   a would have
   b have had
   c had
   d have

24 Oh, you're busy? I _____ you later, OK?  Unit 7B
   a am calling
   b call
   c have called
   d will call

25 By the time the guests arrive, we _____ everything for the party.  Unit 7C
   a will be preparing
   b will have prepared
   c prepare
   d have prepared

26 During the next meeting we _____ about the problem of drugs.  Unit 7C
   a are talking
   b will have talked
   c will be talking
   d talk

27 I can't find my keys. I _____ them.  Unit 8B
   a may lose
   b must lost
   c might have lost
   d should have lost

28 The police stopped us and said we _____ to enter the building.  Unit 8C
   a can't
   b couldn't
   c didn't allow
   d weren't allowed

29 Admission was free so we _____ any tickets.  Unit 8C
   a needn't buy
   b mustn't buy
   c didn't need to buy
   d mustn't have bought

30 I'm not sure if you're aware _____ the risk.  Unit 9B
   a of
   b to
   c at
   d in

31 The view wasn't just nice! It was _____ astonishing!  Unit 9C
   a extremely
   b absolutely
   c very
32 **d** fairly the weather was horrible, we decided to go out for a short walk. **Unit 9D**
   a Even though  
   b However  
   c In spite of  
   d Despite

33 Whenever I want to reach for a cigarette, I have to remind ____ that I've given up. **Unit 10A**
   a me  
   b —  
   c myself  
   d my

34 His father asked Dan where ____ all day. **Unit 10B**
   a had he been  
   b was he  
   c he had been  
   d he has been

35 She ____ him of having an affair. **Unit 10C**
   a blamed  
   b threatened  
   c admitted  
   d accused

36 She was only 19 when she sailed across ____ Atlantic. **Unit 11A**
   a a  
   b an  
   c the  
   d —

37 Your leg could be broken so you must have ____ X-ray. **Unit 11C**
   a a  
   b an  
   c the  
   d —

38 The square was ____ crowded we couldn't pass. **Unit 11D**
   a so  
   b such  
   c very  
   d as

39 Two climbers are reported to ____ during the storm last night. **Unit 12A**
   a die  
   b have died  
   c had died  
   d died

40 I'll need to have the stairs ____. **Unit 12C**
   a renovate  
   b renovating  
   c to renovate  
   d renovated

**Vocabulary**

41 I only paid £20 for this jacket! It was a real ____.  
   a buy  
   b price  
   c bargain  
   d sale

42 Jane is always poking her nose in other people's business. She's so ____!  
   a inquisitive  
   b obedient  
   c playful  
   d unreliable

43 As far as I'm ____ , I do not support the new government.
44 The firework____ was really amazing.
   a exhibition
   b display
   c collection
   d vision

45 Her boss ____ her the sack last week.
   a did
   b made
   c took
   d gave

46 She doesn't ____ of my decision.
   a agree
   b approve
   c accept
   d support

47 During his stay in Indonesia he went ____ with malaria.
   a up
   b off
   c down
   d over

48 When the customs officers found some illegal goods hidden in the car, he was arrested for ____.
   a assault
   b mugging
   c hijacking
   d smuggling

49 I can't move the sofa. Could you ____ me a hand with it, please?
   a give
   b get
   c take
   d borrow

50 I couldn't get in ____ with you all week! Where have you been?
   a contact
   b call
   c touch
   d talk