

Practice Test One

Tapescripts

PART I

Sample question:

- (A) They're looking out the window.
- (B) They're having a meeting.
- (C) They're eating in a restaurant.
- (D) They're moving the furniture.

1. (A) The fly is flying over our heads.
(B) The flight number has been changed.
(C) The plane is passing over the buildings.
(D) The pilot is playing cards inside.
2. (A) They're wearing eye glasses.
(B) They're putting on their coats to leave.
(C) They're buying a new tie for the meeting.
(D) They're getting a haircut.
3. (A) He's writing an article for publication.
(B) He's reading a newspaper on the train.
(C) He's combing his hair without a mirror.
(D) He's grinding some pepper.
4. (A) Two men are sitting down.
(B) Everyone is wearing a jacket.
(C) All three are holding a pen.
(D) One man is looking out the window.
5. (A) The fireman is putting out the flames.
(B) The customers are reading the menus.
(C) The waiter is serving the soup.
(D) The chefs are preparing the meals.
6. (A) The buildings are surrounded by water.
(B) The bridges cross the river.
(C) Both ridges are steep and long.
(D) The boats are lost at sea.
7. (A) The doctor is examining the patient.
(B) The medicines are being put on the table.
(C) The tailor is holding her arm.
(D) The surgeon is listening to music.
8. (A) He's wiring his office.
(B) He's using the keyboard.
(C) He's repairing the computer.
(D) He's making some notes.
9. (A) Only the woman is carrying a briefcase.
(B) The man in the middle is in shirt sleeves.
(C) The man on the right is the tallest.
(D) The woman is walking between the men.
10. (A) They're standing by the parked car.
(B) They're getting into the back seat of the van.
(C) They're paying the parking fee.
(D) They're opening the suitcase.
11. (A) The signals are in the middle of a traffic circle.
(B) The pedestrian crossings are clearly marked.
(C) The street is closed to the public.
(D) The underpass has been painted with stripes.
12. (A) She's getting ready to take off her hat.
(B) She's carrying the basket in her arms.
(C) She's riding her bicycle down the street.
(D) She's putting air in her tire.
13. (A) The people are eating in a restaurant.
(B) The waitresses are cleaning off the tables.
(C) The caterers are storing the food.
(D) The waiter is ordering the people to leave.
14. (A) The sales associate is arranging the display.
(B) The worker is sorting the office mail.
(C) The carpenter is building some shelves.
(D) The shipping clerk is sealing a package.
15. (A) He's shopping for produce.
(B) He's working in his vegetable garden.
(C) He's stopping his car by the marker.
(D) He's weighing a bunch of carrots.
16. (A) They're pointing out the window.
(B) They're examining work on the table.
(C) They're sharpening their drafting pencils.
(D) They're turning on the overhead light.
17. (A) The gardener is clearing the branches away from the building.
(B) The performer is balancing on one foot on a ladder.
(C) The construction worker is climbing the scaffolding.
(D) The electrician is raising the light pole in the field.
18. (A) The doctor is writing a prescription.
(B) The medicine is packaged in bottles and capsules.
(C) The patient is taking his medication.
(D) The drug company is being sold.
19. (A) She's holding a laptop computer.
(B) She's watching the passing scenery.
(C) She's wearing a hat.
(D) She's getting off the train.

20. (A) Passengers are boarding the bus.
 (B) Motorcycles are racing down the street.
 (C) All of the drivers are in one lane.
 (D) Signs are above the street.

PART II

Sample question:

Good morning, John. How are you?

- (A) I am fine, thank you.
 (B) I am in the living room.
 (C) My name is John.

21. What time does the next bus arrive?
 (A) The driver is over there.
 (B) It stops at the corner.
 (C) It runs every fifteen minutes.
22. Why did he cancel his trip?
 (A) Early this morning.
 (B) He always gives good advice.
 (C) He didn't think it was safe.
23. I received information about the refund. Did you?
 (A) It came yesterday in the mail.
 (B) The receipt shows the amount.
 (C) I'm going to invest the money.
24. What is the latest news on the acquisition?
 (A) I bought that a long time ago.
 (B) Management will make an announcement today.
 (C) I'm ten minutes late.
25. Did you see the new computer model at the show?
 (A) My daughter wants to be a model.
 (B) Yes, I liked it so much that I bought one.
 (C) The show will close in thirty minutes.
26. Where does she live now?
 (A) She needs less time to get to work.
 (B) She leaves in 45 minutes.
 (C) She moved to the suburbs.
27. I didn't hear you. Could you repeat the question?
 (A) I don't know the answer.
 (B) I asked when the report would be released.
 (C) I'll eat over here.
28. When will the telephone bill be mailed?
 (A) You should receive it next week.
 (B) The account representative will send it.
 (C) It must include a stamp.
29. Who donated money for the library?
 (A) An anonymous group raised the funds.
 (B) The librarians work until 8:00 p.m.
 (C) There is a 50 cent fee for late books.
30. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?
 (A) It was sunny, but windy.
 (B) The forecaster is coming too.
 (C) They're predicting a warm day.
31. How many signatures do we need for the contract?
 (A) Just one, the Chairman's.
 (B) Each sign costs more than \$100.
 (C) The contact number is on my desk.
32. Didn't you work with Charles before?
 (A) No, I don't think we should hire him.
 (B) No, she's not at work today.
 (C) No, I worked with his brother.
33. Could you tell me how to get to the bus station?
 (A) It's two blocks from here, just turn right at Main.
 (B) Bus number 42 goes directly to the airport.
 (C) I think 98.7 is a much better station.
34. Will the members approve the budget?
 (A) It won't be easy, but I think they will.
 (B) The improvements were already made.
 (C) They have very high salaries.
35. How can I exchange this product?
 (A) This size is too large.
 (B) They can help you on the second floor.
 (C) We don't accept foreign currency.
36. Have you selected a doctor from the health plan?
 (A) Fortunately, I can use the same physician.
 (B) I had the flu and missed the meeting.
 (C) He won over 50% of the vote.
37. Would you like to share a ride with me to the airport?
 (A) That will be half price.
 (B) Thanks, but I already called a taxi.
 (C) I just missed my plane.
38. Is it true that Joan was fired?
 (A) She gave her assistant a raise.
 (B) Over 500 acres were destroyed by fire.
 (C) That's what everyone says.
39. Has anyone seen our new technology center?
 (A) We need high-speed computer chips.
 (B) I was there last year.
 (C) Put the new chair in the center of the room.

40. Why was the interest rate changed?
 (A) We found it very boring.
 (B) The economy was growing too fast.
 (C) I ate something interesting.
41. Who do you think will win the award?
 (A) Both Ben and Jerry deserve it.
 (B) She only won because of her connections.
 (C) They'll pay a full year's salary.
42. Where will they finish their trip?
 (A) Their last stop is Tokyo.
 (B) On July 30, she leaves for Cairo.
 (C) He's in Geneva for a week.
43. How do they transport the diamonds?
 (A) The port was closed for safety reasons.
 (B) A box was stolen last year.
 (C) They are sent by courier.
44. Are you going to the seminar?
 (A) It was very well organized.
 (B) No, he forgot to register.
 (C) I should, but I have other plans.
45. At what time is the staff meeting?
 (A) After lunch when everyone has returned.
 (B) I expect everyone to attend.
 (C) It should take fifteen minutes.
46. What is the status of the project?
 (A) The manager has a very important meeting.
 (B) We're right on schedule.
 (C) The team likes the assignments.
47. How can they concentrate with all this noise?
 (A) My nose is very sensitive.
 (B) The accident didn't affect his hearing.
 (C) They're used to it.
48. Has she heard about the job?
 (A) The herd of cows is in the field.
 (B) Yes, but she doesn't want it.
 (C) No, I'm not interested in it.
49. When is the parts shipment expected?
 (A) Apparently it has been delayed for several days.
 (B) You can unload it in the back.
 (C) They leave from the regional port.
50. He finished writing the report, didn't he?
 (A) The tape was recorded yesterday.
 (B) No, she doesn't read it.
 (C) Actually, it was done a week ago.

PART III

51.
 Woman Are you finished with the business section?
 Man I haven't started it, but here, take it.
 Woman Thanks, I want to read the article on the merger.
52.
 Man A Does this train go to Pittsburgh?
 Man B No, you have to cross the tracks and go downstairs.
 Man A Thanks! I don't want to get lost on my first day of work.
53.
 Woman A Did you hear about Chin's meeting with Ellen?
 Woman B I know they were talking for a long time.
 Woman A Apparently, he told Ellen that he wouldn't work with Wayne anymore.
54.
 Man My doctor had to cancel my operation for tomorrow.
 Woman Why? I thought it was pretty serious.
 Man It is, but the nurses are going on strike and all non-emergency surgery has been postponed.
55.
 Man I found a great coffee shop this morning.
 Woman Where is it? I can never find good coffee.
 Man It's on the corner of Rose and 12th. They have wonderful breads, too.
56.
 Man You can have my seat; I'm getting off at the next stop.
 Woman That's nice of you. There are never enough seats on this bus.
 Man Well, it's more convenient than looking for a parking space.
57.
 Woman The plans call for large housing developments over the next five years.
 Man I know. Our organization is planning to protest. We don't need any more houses.
 Woman Not to mention all the additional traffic.

58.
Man Look at the present my sister sent me today.
Woman What was the occasion? Your birthday was in February.
Man It was a thank-you for taking care of her pets.
59.
Man A There have been a number of accidents involving pedestrians recently.
Man B I'm not surprised, the way people drive in this city.
Man A Nobody obeys the traffic laws.
60.
Man A I can't believe how expensive that restaurant is.
Man B But you have to admit, the food is excellent.
Man A Yes, but it cost me a week's salary!
61.
Woman Good afternoon, Top Auto Supplies. How can I direct your call?
Man I want to check on a 2000 Volkswagen that I brought in this morning.
Woman Let me transfer you to that department.
62.
Woman Steven, I have a client on the phone. Could you give her directions to our office?
Man Sure, Molly, transfer her to line 10.
Woman Thanks, her name is Kim and she's coming from Mountain View.
63.
Man A group of us are going to buy season tickets to the theater. Are you interested?
Woman What a shame, I bought some last week.
Man Well, we could try to get seats near yours.
64.
Woman I can't believe that the government ordered the company to close.
Man Oh, I don't know. A lot of people saw it coming.
Woman Well, I'm glad I didn't invest in that company!
65.
Man We're having a lunch on Friday for Uta and Rachel.
Woman What's the occasion? Were they promoted?
Man On the contrary. They're both leaving the company. They accepted new jobs.
66.
Man A I didn't expect it to be so cold at this time of year.
Man B You never know in this city. It's hot one day and cold the next.
Man A That's why everyone is sick. They don't know what kind of clothes to wear.
67.
Woman A Jean is starting a technical writing course at City College.
Woman B That's great, then she can help us in the editorial department.
Woman A Our small publishing company needs all the help it can get.
68.
Man A They've started construction on the new highway to the coast.
Man B It's about time! Traffic is getting worse every day.
Man A The city planners certainly haven't done a very good job in balancing business development and transportation needs.
69.
Man Did you hear about the meeting tomorrow at noon?
Woman No, I was visiting a client most of the day.
Man Well, it should be interesting. The new director is going to talk about our retirement and benefits plan.
70.
Woman Clyde and his family are going to Madrid on vacation. Do you have any recommendations for hotels?
Man We stayed in a wonderful, historic hotel the last time we were there. I'll try to find the name.
Woman Thanks, this is his first trip to Europe and he's a little nervous.
71.
Man A Where's Rob? In a meeting? He asked me to fix his computer.
Man B He's in the conference room. You can work at his desk. He won't mind.
Man A Great. It should only take me a few minutes.

72.
 Woman A Victor called the airlines to see if Maggie's flight is on time.
 Woman B If it is, we should leave now to pick her up.
 Woman A Don't worry, we have lots of time. There's a two hour delay.
73.
 Man That new incentive plan is great – getting paid for referring clients.
 Woman Do you think so? The percentage isn't very high.
 Man But imagine if you bring in a large account! That could be a lot of money.
74.
 Man A Have you read Sarah's conference proposal?
 Man B Yes, but it's the same as her proposal last year.
 Man A Well, if it wasn't accepted last year, I doubt that it will be accepted this year.
75.
 Woman Hi Karl! You could sell ice in Iceland! Your monthly numbers have skyrocketed!
 Man I'm a bit surprised myself.
 Woman Well, make sure you write a report so that top management knows.
76.
 Woman I'd like to come by tomorrow and pick up the reports.
 Man That's fine. I'll be in the office after 10 o'clock.
 Woman I'll drive over after my 9:30 meeting with our lawyers.
77.
 Woman The latest study shows that the Volvo is the safest car on the road.
 Man That's why we bought one. With an infant, we don't want to take any chances.
 Woman Do you have time to come with me and check out the latest models?
78.
 Man A So many companies are moving out of the city. It's just too expensive.
 Man B I just learned that Comrext is also planning on leaving.
 Man A The city needs to change the tax laws soon or there won't be any companies left!

79.
 Woman We really need to hire a computer specialist. All of us spend too much time trying to fix our computers.
 Man Hopefully by next month we'll have someone in the office.
 Woman Not a moment too soon. My computer is getting slower every day.
80.
 Man I phoned in a prescription yesterday morning. Is it ready?
 Woman Please give me your name and identification number and I'll check.
 Man My name is Jerry Somers, but I don't have my ID number with me.

PART IV

Questions 81 and 82 refer to the following speech.

Good afternoon and welcome to our offices. Before we start our meeting, I thought it would be nice to show you around and introduce you to some of our employees. If you follow me this way, you'll see our Research and Development Department. We just hired twenty new engineers, bringing our total staff to one hundred. This is where your ideas come to life. Our team designs to your specifications and needs.

Questions 83 and 84 refer to the following announcement.

Attention passengers, we have several announcements. The City Transit Authority asks you to help us keep our transportation system clean. Eating and drinking are prohibited on trains and in the stations. Newspaper recycling containers are located at all exits for your convenience. Thank you for your attention and assistance. Please make sure you have all personal belongings with you before exiting the train. If you should lose or forget any items, you can contact our Lost and Found Department at extension 142.

Questions 85 and 86 refer to the following short talk.

Welcome to the Park Hotel. It will take just a moment to get your room key. For your security, the key does not have a number on it, so please remember your room number. While you're waiting, let me tell you about some of our offerings. We serve a complimentary, buffet-style breakfast in the lobby from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. Make sure to visit our four-star restaurant, *Jane's*, which is open until 11:00 p.m. The concierge can give you recommendations for local restaurants and historical landmarks. The front desk is open 24 hours if you have any questions.

Questions 87 through 89 refer to the following announcement.

Listen carefully for your opportunity to earn extra income. As a new *Visionex* cable subscriber, we're sure that you'll be delighted with our service. Why not spread the good word and earn money? For every person that you refer and who then signs up, we'll pay you \$50. It's that simple. Have your friends and colleagues mention your name when they order their *Visionex* connection and you will receive a check. There are no tricks to the offer. There are no limits. By referring three friends, you could get your entire annual cable bill paid for by us! Imagine, cable, with your favorite programs and movies, for free! This offer runs through the end of the year. Call us for more information.

Questions 90 and 91 refer to the following report.

Another hot day is expected for the metropolitan area. The entire state is experiencing warmer than usual temperatures. Yesterday, records were broken downtown and along the coast. The good news is that we should be getting some relief by the end of the week. It will become cloudy and windy. There is a 60% chance of rain on Friday, which will increase to 80% on Saturday. Temperatures should return to their normal level by the weekend. Stay tuned for an update tonight on *FirstFlash* news.

Questions 92 and 93 refer to the following announcement.

It fits in the palm of your hand. It weighs less than 200 grams. It provides continuous service for more than fifteen hours. What is it? *Thomasson* is pleased to present our NEW MAX line of cellular phones. We've listened to your suggestions and built a new phone just for you. For a limited time, you can receive the phone for free. Everyone who registers for *Thomasson* Cellular Service in the next sixty days will receive a phone at no charge. You can even select the color! And remember, *Thomasson* is the only company that offers a personal service representative for each of its MAX customers.

Questions 94 through 97 refer to the following talk.

The time is 6:30. You're on 92.7. Thanks for tuning in to *It's Your Business*. Today we are talking with Diego Barral. Mr. Barral is the new director of Mexico's Office of Business Development. As you know, Mexico is fast becoming a center of the telecommunications industry. Mr. Barral's job is to try to attract more high tech business to Mexico. At the end of our discussion, we will be taking phone calls from listeners.

Now a little something about you, Mr. Barral. I understand that before coming to the Office of Business Development, you worked in public relations for multinational companies in South America and Europe. It was due to you, I understand, that VenOil Company did not go under during the economic crisis in Venezuela. You've been at the Office of Business Development for 2 months now and already three companies have signed leases in Mexico's new technology district. We're very pleased to have you here with us today, and now, let's start with questions from our guest panelists.

Questions 98 through 100 refer to the following announcement.

Attention, please! We have a very special announcement for all of you. As you know, Tara Perkins, our founder and current president, will be leaving at the end of the year. She plans to spend more time with her family. She will continue to advise and guide us as a board member. While we are very sad to see her go, she is leaving the company in excellent condition. We have exceeded all of our goals for the last five quarters. She's also leaving the company in very good hands. Christian Somers, who has twenty years of experience in the transportation industry, will be stepping in as president on January 1. Until then, he will be working closely with Tara to make sure that we have a smooth transition.