#### TEST 9

#### She can only join us for lunch ......

- A) even knowing that she hasn't got as much money as us
- B) as we've forgotten to tell her which restaurant to go to
- C) since she'd been given an extra hour off in the afternoon
- D) after the boss had asked her to remain in the office
- when she's completed typing the letter given by the manager just now

### Even though it depends on individual's ability, it usually takes a lot of time .......

- and you can learn faster on your
- but the talented ones found it easier
- C) to master driving in heavy traffic
- D) moreover, the results are instant
- E) while studying to become proficient in a language

### ....., so at any time you get a warning about your time-keeping.

- A) The more you continue to arrive late
- B) It doesn't matter too much if occasionally you're not on time
- Everyone oversleeps from time to time
- The manager is very firm about punctuality
- E) He'd waited patiently for over an hour

#### Having been lost in a city totally strange to him, .........

- A) he was extremely pleased to happen upon an information office
- B) the sense of frustration and anger could be plainly seen on his race
- C) the situation got worse when his not knowing the language was added to this
- D) it was fortunate when a passer-by realised his problem and pointed him in the right direction
- E) the roads all seemed to lead nowhere and the buildings looked the same

### You can simply tell him that he can't come with you ..... .

- A) whereas he was invited weeks ago
- B) if he should insist on taking his dog
- C) rearranging things doesn't prove difficultD) despite his cancelling earlier
- E) providing he hadn't taken offence

#### ...... but others are content with a minimum performance.

- A) The musicians stayed on stage for over three hours
- Our new car handles well and Is very economical
- C) Nobody has yet beaten my brother's score on the computer game
- Some students go far beyond the requirements of the assignment
- The coach thinks that the team will play well tomorrow

#### Although standard English differs in different situations, ......

- it has certain conventions observed by all the people who use it
- B) the accents vary enormously across the country
- C) it is important for a learner to be aware of these
- D) no two writing styles can really be compared
- E) it makes it a very difficult language to master

### A person is most likely to ignore danger

A) unless he's certain in his own mind that it's safe

- B) if he hasn't been warned by trusted authorities
- C) in case they are faced with an emergency
- providing he called for help as soon as it happened
- even though he was completely unaware of the hazards

### ....., I started giving her a lot more encouragement.

- A) As soon as I realised how shy the new student was
- B) Although the girl would need more praise than punishment
- C) As they have always been the most nervous in the class
- D) Ever since I found out that she needed to increase her confidence
- E) By the time the student got used to my method of teaching

### 10. The new regulations in the office didn't prove to be so convenient .........

- that almost all of the staff adapted to them immediately
- B) they were immediately dropped find the old ones reinstated
- because they had been meticulously thought out and tested
- as the manager considered them to be when devising them
- E) when they hadn't yet been put into operation

## 11. ....., while it is not rare among domesticated ones.

- A) Mushrooms picked in the forest are usually quite delicious
- B) Many birds migrate south for winter
- Street cats and dogs frequently appear to live quite harmoniously
- D) There are many different varieties of this plant
- E) Wild animals do not seem to develop diabetes very often

## 12. According the popular belief, at the moment a person is about to die, ......

- A) his family all gathered at his bedside
- it was in his power to pull himself back from death
- C) the vultures were circling ominously overhead
- D) his final words have clarified his will
- E) his entire life will flash before his eyes

## 13. Only a few of the students could have passed the exam.....

- A) when the results were finally made public
- B) even if they found it a lot harder
- C) despite not having studied sufficiently over the year
- D) if the questions had been as difficult as claimed
- E) because they won't be given enough revision time

### 14. Since the manager was rather inefficient,

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- A) the staff trusted him to get the best results
- B) there was a dramatic decrease in the firm's sales
- he's been awarded a prize for productivity
- he successfully put his plan into operation
- E) the company's fortunes had improved overnight

#### 15. ..... no matter how great the provocation.

- She has the worst moods of anyone I know
- B) You should really have told her exactly what you thought
- C) I really wonder how he manages to keep his temper
- D) His altitude lo us never ceases to me
- E) They are constantly finding something to quarrel about

#### 16. Someone from the senior staff thinks ......

- A) if productivity doesn't grow during the next few months
- B) how can they change the current award system
- whether the blame can be shared equally or not
- giving a reception in honour of his retirement
- that a number of redundancies are inevitable under the circumstances

#### 17. The census-takers asked all sorts of questions

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- A) in order to find out who we were and where we came from
- B) for the tourists could not understand them at all
- although we could not go outside until evening
- D) unless we did not know the answers
- E) whether we had been born here or emigrated from the countryside

### 18. ..... since you are not interested in history.

- A) There is a good new book about the Russian Revolution
- B) Your sister was thinking of studying literature
- C) I won't bother to explain the battle in detail
- D) I've heard you know all about Byzantine customs
- E) I would not expect you to remember me

## 19. Though the month from mid-June to mid-July in Japan is called the rainy season, .........

- in winter, Japan is under the influence of cold air masses moving out of Siberia
- B) there are actually a lot of sunny days during the period
- Japan has no land border with any other country
- D) floods are common, especially during the typhoon season, and are highly destructive
- E) farmers depend on the rain for the survival of their crops

## 20. Had the tour guide not told us what we were looking at, .......

- he was very good at explaining the history of the place
- we were able to figure more or less everything out for ourselves
- I agree that it was pretty obvious nobody was that interested
- we had to pay him a lot of money for his services
- E) I don't think I would have understood half of what we saw

## 21. ...... and this is causing a lot of resentment especially among those who are older than him.

- All of the employees at the company I now work for are really competent
- B) The boss had promised to give everyone a bonus and a pay rise
- C) The new supervisor is the youngest person on the staff
- The whole staff have decided not to work overtime this week
- E) New graduates have a lot of theoretical knowledge but no practical experience

## 22. ..... when we finally arrived, we felt it had all been worthwhile.

- A) Since we'd had a pleasant flight with excellent food and drink
- B) Although the journey to southern Portugal was long and exhausting
- C) While I usually can't stand waiting in the arrivals hall
- D) Even after I'm told it takes more than twenty hours to get to Sydney
- E) If we had travelled by plane instead of on such an uncomfortable coach

# 23. Having not eaten or drunk anything for three days, ........

- A) the travellers were relieved to see camp fires in the distance
- B) the cooks prepared a really fantastic meal for the climbers
- C) there was not even a drop of water in their flasks
- ber diet was very strict as she wanted to fit into her new dress quickly
- E) crossing the desert seemed almost impossible in the circumstances

# 24. It is important to realise that you must spend many years studying hard .........

- A) so it's better to live in the country where the language is spoken
- B) if only you had studied harder when you had the chance
- C) yet still you were able to learn both languages well
- if you wish to really master a second language
- E) since you can speak the language just like a native

### 25. It was not until she'd been gone for well over a week ...... .

- even if the police were notified about her disappearance
- B) that anyone noticed that Frances seemed to be missing
- C) when in fact Mary has already been dead for a month
- D) despite having filed a missing persons' report with the police
- E) even though she told her mum that she would be leaving

### 26. In order to run a business enterprise successfully, .........

- you must not only understand the present but also predict the future
- B) it can be extremely difficult, especially in the first year or two
- C) the firm taken over by an immense international company
- D) some people try three or four times and still
- E) the work can be much harder than working for someone else

### 27. ....... and just then, he remembered that it was a bank holiday.

- We had been planning to go to the beach as we had the day off
- B) On the day after Easter, most businesses in England are closed
- C) Larry rushed out of the house and took a taxi directly to his office
- D) Hank had hoped to travel out of town for the three-day weekend
- E) Matthew slept quite late and didn't go into work at all yesterday

## 28. As air pollution laws become more and more strict, ........

- a catalytic converter is a device attached to the exhaust system of a car to cut out noxious gases
- B) a car not serviced regularly is likely to pollute more than one regularly tuned
- C) most older vehicles still cannot meet pollution standards
- D) a new kind of non-polluting engine will have to be developed
- E) all the cars on the road are creating terrible traffic problems

## 29. Just as the townspeople were celebrating their narrow escape from the typhoon, ........

- A) having caused massive destruction less than fifty miles to the north
- B) they were hit by a gigantic tidal wave that completely destroyed the place
- they know the people who live in a neighbouring town are not so lucky
- the storm had actually caused a significant amount of property damage
- E) they have a point though, as it could have caused great damage

## 30. ....... which does not live anywhere in the United States and tends to grow much bigger.

- A) Florida is well known for its alligator, a reptile often confused with the crocodile
- B) Though the 100-metre-tall California redwood tree is the world's largest living thing
- C) The Tyrannosaurus Rex, though huge, was much smaller than the Brontosaurus
- D) The mountain lions of Arizona and Mexico are distant cousins of India's Bengal tigers
- E) The Empire State Building is a lot shorter than the famous towers of Kuala Lumpur

### 31. ...... why the landlord doubled my rent last month.

- A) He must have been very greedy
- B) It was, indeed, much cheaper than the others'
- C) His solicitor could not satisfactorily explain
- D) It's only a one-bedroom apartment with no central heating
- E) I'm getting more and more upset

### 32. ...... if you are considering visiting Southeast Asia.

- I've heard you are soon leaving for a roundthe-world trip
- B) There were still a lot of political problems
- C) Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia
- D) You would really enjoy yourself
- E) You should buy the "Lonely Planet" guidebook

### 33. Although there was no one at the party that I knew, ........

- A) I would, obviously, not enjoy myself at all
- B) I didn't want to stay long
- C) some of them were acquaintances from town
- D) I still had a really good time
- E) a lot of people from work were there

## 34. ...... travelling in once dangerous parts of the world is now generally quite safe.

- Unless you respect local customs and traditions
- B) As long as you take a few basic precautions
- C) Had you remembered to take sufficient money
- D) Since it is an adventure
- E) Until you learn to take care of yourself

#### 35. A man stopped me on the street to ask ........

- A) how did I feel after the operation
- B) though I hadn't seen him before
- C) if there was a good restaurant nearby
- D) provided he had missed the bus
- E) whereas I was in a hurry to catch the bus

#### 36. Indonesia is the place ...... .

- A) where there has been so much political violence lately
- B) whichever news report you listen to on television or on the radio
- C) whether it has a huge Muslim population
- that there are so many bloody demonstrations
- E) when its dictator was overthrown last year

### 37. ...... why the Mongols spread over such a wide area.

- A) Historians can state a number of reasons
- B) Every war had several causes and effects
- C) More than a million people abandoned the country
- D) There are a lot of well-prepared books
- E) The countries had been misgoverned for years

#### 38. Industry observers are wondering ...... .

- A) whenever their product does not sell very well
- B) whether environmentalists will force them to stop operations
- C) unless there is another bad period in the market
- D) that production has been lower this year than in the previous year
- E) provided that they observe the environmental protection laws

### 39. Although we were already late for the party,

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- A) we were really worried about it
- B) the driver was responsible for the delay
- C) he refused to drive any faster
- D) it had probably started on time
- E) he was in a hurry to get there

#### many of the world's deserts would still be cultivable.

- A) Since the growing world population has put such pressure on the land
- B) Unless something is 'done to preserve them
- C) Provided they are well cared for
- D) Until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- E) If their fertility hadn't been destroyed by overfarming

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