ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM
LEVEL B1

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Reading

I. Read the text below. For questions 1 to 6, choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

SLEEP CLINIC

A. Personally, I’ve never had any problems getting enough sleep. The only problem I might have is with neighbours that consider the hours I keep a bit strange. I’m not exactly what you call an early bird. I guess it’s mainly because of my work, but I’ve always been more of a night owl. I like the stillness of night, it allows me to connect with my thoughts and relax. I play my music but not too loud because I don’t want complaints from the neighbours. I’m just doing my own thing. I feel great and I’m not hurting anyone so why not?

B. It all started a few months ago, just after I left my last job in fact. I think there must be some issues left unresolved from that time which I still haven’t come to terms with. It’s ironic really when you consider that I’m under a lot less pressure now than I was then. I think I just burnt myself out. The doctor says the nightmares are just my mind’s way of trying to reconcile the loss of my home and have got nothing to do with my work. He could be right. I don’t know. What do you think?

C. There just aren’t enough hours in the day during the week. I’m literally rushed off my feet from the crack of dawn to last thing at night. Then when my head hits the pillow, I’m out like a light. Fortunately, I sleep like a baby most nights. I don’t exactly bounce out of bed in the mornings but I’m alright after I’ve had a shower. Of course, I have to catch up at the weekends otherwise I’d be good for nothing. It’s probably not all that healthy but it all adds up in the end, doesn’t it?

D. At bedtime, my mind is all a buzz, thinking about this and that. To take my mind off things, I sometimes get up and play on the computer until I’m too tired to do even that. If that doesn’t work, I’ll read a book or watch television. My wife says I should just lie still, which is easier said than done. I’ve tried counting sheep but that’s boring as well as ineffective. I’ve started taking herbal teas about an hour before bedtime and although that isn’t totally effective, it does seem to reduce my anxiety levels.

E. I’m what you might call a heavy sleeper. I once woke up to find that there had been a massive storm in the night and just about every tree in the street had been up-ended. Quite a shock that was. It doesn’t present much of a problem except when there’s a break to my routine and I’ve got to get up earlier than usual or something like that. Sleeping through the alarm clock used to be a habit of mine but I think I’ve cured myself of it. I practically lost a job once because I didn’t hear the thing go off.

F. We moved up from London a couple of weeks ago but I still haven’t fully adjusted yet. To save some money we hired a couple of big trucks and moved ourselves, but even then it took us two round trips. It was definitely worth it in the end though. The afternoons are most difficult. I can’t seem to get through them without yawning and wanting to curl up like a kitten. After lunch all I want to do is have a
nap. My neighbour says that’s perfectly natural and that in plenty of other countries that’s what people do.

**Which person talks about…**

1) sometimes not sleeping enough? 
2) having difficulties waking up? 
3) going to bed late? 
4) feeling sleepy during the day? 
5) suffering from insomnia? 
6) having bad dreams?

II. **Read the texts below and decide if the questions 7 to 12 are True (T) or False (F). Circle the correct answer**

**Speedy Delivery 47 Years Later**

A package that sat in a hidden vault since 1945 has finally reached its intended recipient. Kenneth F Perkins received a package last week containing after-shave, talcum powder and hair care lotion. It was postmarked Dec 13, 1945.

Construction workers discovered Perkins’ package during July renovations at the courthouse in Islington. The courthouse once housed the post office and when workers moved a shelf, they discovered the vault containing some undelivered mail.

Officials tracked down Perkins, now 79, through the Ministry of Defence. The package had been sent to him while he was serving in the Navy. Mr Perkins was not able to remember the last time that he heard from the woman who sent him it.

‘She probably got mad at me for not sending her a card thanking her for the gift,’ he said. ‘I hope she gets in touch if she hears about this.’ As for the condition of the gift, Mr Perkins was not in a position to comment. ‘I haven’t opened it yet. I’m waiting for the right moment,’ he said. How much more time does he need?

**Keep your password safe**

A 13-year-old boy has spent about £1 million buying a helicopter, a jet, motorcycles and a pickup truck. He did it over the Internet using a password belonging to a friend’s mother, authorities said. And, he did it in a science class.

Canterbury Police said the boy made the purchases on May 24th on an internet auction website using a computer at his school.

The woman discovered the purchases the day the helicopter’s owner called and asked how she planned to pay for the aircraft. She told reporters she wouldn’t mind owning a helicopter but that she
has no intention of honouring any of the debt. The culprit has been suspended while school governors investigate the case. The boy’s actions are also under review within the county’s juvenile justice system.

7) Mr. Perkins’ package was sent to the wrong address. T / F
8) It was found during repair work. T / F
9) Mr. Perkins intends to contact the woman to explain what happened. T / F
10) The boy used his friend’s mother’s credit card to buy the goods. T / F
11) His friend’s mother is going to cancel the goods he ordered. T / F
12) Thomas is not attending classes at the moment. T / F
Writing

III. Write a short narrative story. Below you have been given the first sentence of the story. You must start from it and continue in your own way. Write about 150 words.

Brian felt that someone was following him as he was taking his usual walk to the nearby park.
Use of English

IV. Rewrite the following sentences. The word in bold cannot be changed and it must be used in
the sentence. There is an example for you 0.

0) Excuse me, is somebody serving you, sir? (being)
   Excuse me, sir, are you being served?

1) I didn’t carry my bags myself. Porters did it for me. (were)
   My bags __________________________

2) I moved to London two years ago. (for)
   I __________________________ five years.

3) If you don’t get up now, you’ll be late. (unless)
   __________________________, you’ll be late.

4) What are you reading now? (asked)
   She __________________________ reading then.

5) They’re fixing my furniture today. (having)
   I’m __________________________ today.

6) It’s all right for me if you open the window. (mind)
   I don’t __________________________

7) When I was a child I loved eating chocolate but I don’t really like it now. (used)
   I __________________________ when I was a child.

8) It’s a pity Sarah can’t come today. (wish)
   I __________________________

9) Is it necessary for me to tell you my name? (have)
   Do __________________________ my name?

10) “Sit down and relax” – my doctor said. (told)
    My doctor __________________________

11) It’s not permitted to drive here anymore as it’s become a ‘pedestrian only’ zone. (must)
    You __________________________ anymore as it’s become a ‘pedestrian
    only’ zone.

12) I’m sure she is out. (be)
    She __________________________ out.
V. Fill the gaps with the given verbs in correct grammar tenses. There is an example for you 0.

A. ‘Do you ________ (0 have) any plans for the evening?’ I ________ (1. be) not sure. I think I ________ (2. drive) to the country to breathe some fresh air. ________ you ________ (3. ever/be) to Rye?’ I don’t think so. I ____________ (4. go) shopping for a new suit. I ____________ (5. have) my job interview next week.’

B. Melanie ________ (6. ride) on her bike to the park nearby when she ________ (7. notice) a small, furry animal shivering for cold on the pavement. She ________ (8. get) off the bike and ________ (9. come) closer to it. She ________ (10. never/see) anything like that before.

11) This time next week Tom ________________ (swim) in the warm sea on his holiday.

12) I ________________ (not/see) you for ages!

13) I ________________ (have) lunch with Rose today. Do you want to come?

14) Right now I ________________ (prefer) to stay at home.

15) These bags look really heavy. ________ I ________________ (carry) them for you?

16) Before he entered the competition Brian ________________ (prepare) himself for at least two years.

17) Ted ________________ (start) in the presidential elections. That’s what they wrote in newspapers.

18) Tina ________________ (always/forget) to lock the door. How annoying!

VI. Choose and circle one correct answer a, b, c or d. There is an example for you 0.

0) I’ve just finished reading Jane Austen. It’s a great story! I found the ______ very ______
   a) story/irritating  b) plot/engaging  c) summary/gripping  d) history/engaging

1) Stay ________ to who you are no matter what.
   a) truthful  b) through  c) true love  d) trackless

2) Mary is a very ___ woman. She loves parachuting and bungee jumping.
   a) advantage  b) anxious  c) adventurous  d) advanced

3) There are ______ good magazines on the market than there used to be.
   a) little  b) fewer  c) much  d) some

4) If only I’d ________ her not to fly than plane!
   a) tell  b) told  c) say  d) said

5) The crisis in many well-developed countries results in growing ______
   a) employment  b) unemployment  c) economy  d) welfare

6) It was announced at the airport that our ______ to Manchester was ________, so we had to say in India for another week waiting for the next plane.
   a) flight/delay  b) flight/cancelled  c) flight/deleted  d) travel/cancelled
7) ________, Ben was my cousin not brother.
   a) Actually          b) However          c) Incredibly         d) Personally
8) Karate in an example of ________arts.
   a) mini           b) martial         c) marital           d) marble
9) Michael suggested ________ in Cornwall instead of Egypt.
   a) surf           b) surfed          c) to surf           d) surfing
10) If the boss ________ away, nobody will do any work.
     a) are             b) was             c) will be          d) is
11) When in Paris, it’s good to go on a ________tour of the city by boat.
     a) sightseeing    b) visiting       c) joyride          d) overlooking
12) ________ creative you are, ________ successful you can be.
     a) the/the        b) more/most      c) the most/more    d) the more/the more
13) They ________ my name on the application form, so they had to sent a new one.
     a) redone         b) misprinted     c) discontinued     d) reused
14) ‘When you buy at the supermarket, don’t forget to take the ________ with you’.
     a) recipe          b) receipt        c) paragon          d) blanket
15) Does this film have English ________? It’s easier to understand when I can listen and read.
     a) sentences      b) subtitles      c) storyline         d) soundtrack
16) ‘I bought these jeans in the sales. They were a real ________’. 
     a) occasion       b) opportunity    c) bargain          d) rip-off
17) If you want to talk about your problems, you can always confide ________ me.
     a) to              b) of             c) up                d) in

VII. Complete the blank spaces in the sentences below with one suitable word. There is an example for you 0.

0) We arrived ________ the station in Wroclaw at 2.30.
1) We checked ________ at our hotel and went for a long walk in mountains.
2) Tina has no money now. In fact, she’s over the neck ________ debt.
3) ________ the way, I can’t come to your party. I’m sorry.
4) According ________ professor Harris, certain drugs may occur good for our health.
5) I’m sorry but I won’t come to your party tonight. I feel a bit ________ the weather and prefer to stay in bed.
6) My friend has a good eye ________ clothes and is always very nicely dressed.
7) Sue lives ________ the south of Britain.
8) Jane lives ________ Oxford street.
9) I don’t like working ________ weekends.
VIII. Match the words in the boxes to form phrasal verbs. Put the phrasal verbs in correct tense forms into the sentences below the box. There is an example for you 0.

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0) The prices have **gone up** by 50% in the last year.

1) They’ve been together for seven years but then something strange happened, they had a quarrel and ____________________

2) My car _______________ in the middle of nowhere and I had to walk 5 miles to the nearest town.

3) Melanie and Lindsay really _______________ well with each. They became close friends.

4) Vanessa’s new book is to _______________ in June this years.

5) If you don’t know that word. ________ it ________ in your dictionary!

6) Ben and Michael were best friends in collage, but then they ________ and lost touch with one another.

7) Haven’t you ever tried bungee jumping? You must _______________ it!

8) Dylan _______________ painting when she was a child and now she is really successful.

9) I’m afraid we’ve _______________ of fuel. I have to stop at the nearest petrol station.

10) What ________you ________ to tonight? Shall we go to the cinema together?

IX. Circle the correct alternative. There is an example for you 0.

0) The film was so **boring/bored** that he fell asleep in front of TV.

1) Watching that film with you was a very **enjoyable/enjoying** experience.

2) When I’m **stressed/stressing** I often get headaches.

3) There is too **little/a little** milk so I can’t make pancakes for you.

4) Who **played/did play** the role of Evita in a film?

5) Tom, **who/whom** I talked to yesterday, was very helpful.

6) The view from my window is **spectacles/spectacular**!

7) Teddy weighs 20 kilos too much. He’s **overweight/underweight**.

8) You shouldn’t be so **sensible/sensitive**: it was only a joke!

9) I know it’s cold **however/but** we still want to go out.

10) Sorry, but we don’t have any **seafood/seafoods**.

11) Will you **remember/remind** to lock the door when you leave?

12) A person’s **appear/appearance** can say a lot about their personality.
Listening

X. Listen to the interview with Marko Kovic, an actor who has appeared in many soap operas. For questions 1-10 choose and circle the correct answer True (T) or False (F). You will hear the recording twice.

1) Marko came to London to be an actor. T / F
2) It was his wife’s idea for him to become an actor. T / F
3) He had to improve his English before he could work as an actor. T / F
4) Walk-on actors sometimes have to speak. T / F
5) Marko was a businessman before he started acting. T / F
6) His accent is sometimes useful the films he plays. T / F
7) He acts in films as well as soap operas. T / F
8) In EastEnders, he mugs a businessman. T / F
9) He has never seen Emmerdale. T / F
10) He wants to give up his acting work. T / F