

## PhD. Entrance Test in English Language

### **A. Choose the best answer – A, B, C or D**

1. She saved a lot of money because she bought a cut ..... ticket.  
A ..... cost   **B** ..... price   C ..... value   D ..... expense
2. There wasn't enough snow ..... skiing.  
A ..... for to go   B ..... for us going   **C** ..... for us to go   D .. that we could go
3. I had to put ..... having the party because I fell ill.  
A ..... up with   B ..... through   **C** ..... off   D ..... away
4. He wanted to help his mother, so he ..... the table.  
A ..... lay   B ..... lain   C ..... lied   **D** ..... laid
5. Peter went to work ..... he felt unwell.  
**A** ..... although   B ..... despite   C ..... in spite   D ..... except
6. I thought this suit looked really nice in the shop, but now I wish I ..... it  
A ..... would buy   B ..... had bought   C ..... wouldn't buy   **D** ..... hadn't bought
7. The customs officer asked us where ..... come from.  
A ..... had we   B ..... have we   **C** ..... we had   D ..... did we
8. Do you know that someone succeeded ..... across the Channel in a bicycle-powered aeroplane?  
A ..... to fly   B ..... to flying   **C** ..... in flying   D ..... at flying
9. I was driving along the motorway when I saw a restaurant, so I stopped ..... something.  
A ..... eating   B ..... to eating   **C** ..... to eat   D ..... to have eaten
10. The secretary remembers ..... the letter a week ago.  
**A** ..... posting   B ..... to posting   C ..... to post   D ..... to have posted
11. You have to pay more if you have ..... baggage.  
A ..... enough   **B** ..... excess   C ..... several   D ..... many
12. I must ..... to the bank before it closes.  
**A** ..... dash   B ..... leave   C ..... speed   D ..... crash
13. It is an expensive car, but it ..... every penny.  
A ..... values   B ..... costs   **C** ..... is worth   D ..... is priced
14. In the end he made his parents ..... the boat.  
A ..... to buy   **B** ..... buy   C ..... buying   D ..... for buying

15. We were both taken ..... by the computer salesman, who turned out to be a crook.  
 A .....out B..... up **C**..... in D.....down
16. The good thing is the village is very quiet, but on the other ..... there aren't any shops.  
 A ..... way B..... side **C**.....hand D..... point of view
17. Before going to India my father ..... for an American bank for three years.  
 A .....has worked **B** ..... worked C..... works D.has been working
18. Jane was going to reply to his letter, but for various reasons she never got ..... it.  
 A .....up to **B** .....round to C..... over D..... out of
19. They tried to prevent me ..... going with them because they thought I had measles.  
 A ..... to **B** ..... from C..... by D.....for
20. I'd rather you ..... use that wine glass to mix paint in, if you don't mind.  
 A ..... won't B.....couldn't **C**.....didn't D..... wouldn't

**B. Read the text, then tick the correct answer A, B, C or D**

A Japanese construction company plans to build a huge independent city-state, akin to the legendary Atlantis, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The city, dubbed „Marinnation“, would have about one million inhabitants, two airports, and possibly Line even a spaceport. Marinnation, if built, would be a separate country but could serve as a home for international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank. Aside from the many political and social problems that would have to be solved, the engineering task envisaged is monumental. The initial stage requires the building of a circular dam 18 miles in diameter attached to the seabed in a relatively shallow place in international waters. Then, several hundred pumps, operating for more than a year, would suck out the seawater from within the dam. When empty and dry, the area would have a city constructed on it. The actual land would be about 300 feet below sea level. According to designers, the hardest task from an engineering point of view would be to ensure that the dam is leak proof and earthquake proof. If all goes well, it is hoped that Marinnation could be ready for habitation at the end of the second decade of the twenty-first century. Whether anyone would want to live in such an isolated and artificial community, however, will remain an open question until that time.

21. What does the passage mainly discuss?  
 A) ..... The uses of a city like Marinnation  
**B)** .....The construction of an independent city-state  
 C) ..... The inhabitants of a city built in the ocean  
 D).....The engineering feats needed for building an oceanic city
22. What kind of city will Marinnation be?  
 A) .....Underground  
 B) .....Underwater  
**C)** .....Marine  
 D)..... Legendary

23. In line 2, to what does the phrase „the city“ refer?  
A) ..... A Japanese construction company  
B) ..... Atlantis  
C) ..... The United Nations  
**D)** ..... A future city
24. In line 6, the word „envisaged“ is closest in meaning to  
A) ..... undertaken  
**B)** ..... conceived  
C) ..... completed  
D) ..... implicated
25. The phrase „suck out“ in line 9 is closest in meaning to  
**A)** ..... draw out  
B) ..... evaporate  
C) ..... dry up  
D) ..... haul
26. The problems of Marinnation focused on here are mainly  
A) ..... human  
**B)** ..... engineering  
C) ..... political  
D) ..... social
27. In line 12, the word „ensure“ is closest in meaning  
A) ..... foresee  
B) ..... recommend  
**C)** ..... guarantee  
D) ..... demonstrate
28. The author mentions that Marinnation would be all the following EXCEPT  
A) ..... a circular city attached to be  
B) ..... a home for international organizations  
C) ..... a monumental engineering task  
**D)** ..... a place where people will want to live
29. In lines 13 – 15, the author implies that  
A) ..... Marinnation could never be built  
**B)** ..... people might never live in Marinnation  
C) ..... people don´t believe Marinnation could ever be constructed  
D) ..... people ask many questions about how they can live in Marinnation