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**PROBA PENTRU EVALUAREA NIVELULUI DE LIMBĂ STRĂINĂ  
- limba engleză -**

**Choose the correct answer:**

***Turning a Hobby into a Career***

**A.**

I had piano lessons when I was young, and I did have some talent. But it soon became obvious I'd never be good enough for a career on the concert stage.

1. Since he was somewhat talented at playing the piano, he thought:

- a) it was obvious he would have a career.
- b) he would progress and be ready for concerts.
- c) a career on the concert stage was unlikely to happen, though.
- d) a career on the concert stage was not the only option.

In a way, I was lucky. If I hadn't realised early on that I'd never make it as a performer, I probably would have carried on dreaming that my big break would come.

2. He was lucky because:

- a) he later realised he would never succeed as a performer.
- b) he trusted his dream in his big break.
- c) he quickly became aware of his no chance of becoming a performer.
- d) he early on realised he had never been a true performer.

3. In the paragraph above, big break means:

- a) success;
- b) failure;
- c) fight;
- d) career.

As it is, I became a music teacher instead, and in my free time I started to dabble in the technical side of music production. Then an aunt died, leaving me some cash, and I suddenly realised I could finally set up my own recording studio!

4. With the cash from his aunt, he realised he could manage to ..... his recording studio.

- a) buy;
- b) establish;
- c) rent;
- d) build.

Of course, there is a downside to turning a hobby into a career. I love my job so much that I used to work seven days a week, but after a while I realised I was getting burnt out - you need to switch off occasionally. My job has definitely added depth to the way I listen to music; now I can really understand why someone's using a certain technique or piece of equipment.

5. What was the consequence of his hobby transforming into a job?
- a) He could work less than seven days a week.
  - b) It improved his understanding about techniques and equipments.
  - c) He started to feel like burning out what he did not like.
  - d) He decreasingly loved his job.

B.

My first job was with an insurance company, but I was hardly a model employee. I loathed my job, and instead of selling insurance, I used to wander around the city's numerous art galleries.

6. While working for an insurance company, she considered herself:
- a) scarcely a model employee.
  - b) the model employee.
  - c) no model employee at all.
  - d) a great model employee.

7. In the paragraph above, to wander means:
- a) to ask questions;
  - b) to stroll;
  - c) to enquire;
  - d) to hover.

I have no creative talent of my own, but I can recognise it in the work of others. I soon picked up quite a lot of knowledge about contemporary art. Then one day I got talking to the manager of an art gallery. She mentioned a new gallery that was going to be opened and suggested I apply for the job of manager. At first, I was doubtful, but I realised I had nothing to lose, so I applied and was asked to go for an interview.

8. After the manager suggested her to apply for the job of manager, she:
- a) thought it would be too much of a challenge.
  - b) she sent her CV and got the job immediately.
  - c) felt confident, applied for the job and was invited for an interview.
  - d) thought she wouldn't lose her previous job and applied anyway.

I think the fact I was so obviously crazy about art impressed the owners. To my surprise, I've turned out to be quite a good saleswoman. Of course, most people come into the gallery just to look around, but when someone shows an interest in one of the works on show, I don't immediately start to persuade them to buy it. I just chat about the work and what makes it interesting to me. People feel reassured when they sense your enthusiasm.



9. What impressed the owners was:

- a) her enthusiasm about art.
- b) her madness when someone talked about arts to her.
- c) her skills as a saleswoman.
- d) her determination to switch jobs.

10. When people who visit the gallery are interested in one of the works, she:

- a) starts persuading them until they finally buy the product.
- b) immediately tells them its value and price.
- c) talks about what makes it attractive to her.
- d) chats about what other clients prefer and buy.

11. In the north of Romania ..... many monasteries that are worth visiting.

- a) exists
- b) there are
- c) there is
- d) there have

12. Do you know where ..... ?

- a) is this writer born
- b) was this writer born
- c) has this writer been born
- d) this writer was born

13. Stop making noise! My little son ..... for half an hour.

- a) sleeps
- b) has been sleeping
- c) has slept
- d) is sleeping

14. I ..... to bed now. Good night!

- a) go
- b) goes
- c) are going
- d) am going

15. They did not know at that time that she ..... music so much.

- a) loved
- b) loves
- c) is loving
- d) was loving

16. I am afraid I ..... what to say now.

- a) am not knowing
- b) know not
- c) do not know
- d) can not know

17. If she ..... , she wouldn't have been lying in bed now!

- a) would have listened to me
- b) listened to me
- c) listens to me
- d) had listened

18. I am older than you, ..... ?

- a) isn't it
- b) am I
- c) aren't I
- d) don't I

19. The stranger asked me where ..... .

- a) is the railway station
- b) the railway station would be
- c) was the railway station
- d) the railway station was

20. When they saw her funny hat, they couldn't help ..... .

- a) smiling
- b) smile
- c) to smile
- d) to be smiling

21. We would rather ..... TV than go to the cinema.

- a) watched
- b) to watch
- c) watching
- d) watch

22. He ..... the train because he left home very early.

- a) can't have missed
- b) can't missed
- c) mustn't miss
- d) wouldn't have missed

23. .... will you manage to pass such a difficult exam.

- a) Only by working hard
- b) By working hard
- c) If you work hard
- d) When you will work hard

24. I wish I ..... so many mistakes last time!

- a) didn't make
- b) hadn't made
- c) haven't made
- d) don't make



25. When we got to the chalet, it ..... for three hours.
- a) had been raining
  - b) was raining
  - c) rained
  - d) has been raining
26. Who was the first student ..... this question?
- a) to answer
  - b) answer
  - c) who answers
  - d) answered
27. The clown made the children .....
- a) to laugh
  - b) laughing
  - c) laugh
  - d) to laughing
28. The doctor insisted that the patient .....
- a) will take that medicine
  - b) must to take that medicine
  - c) would take that medicine
  - d) could take that medicine
29. Never ..... so many tourists as today.
- a) there have come here
  - b) has come here
  - c) have there come here
  - d) do come here
30. The old man was relieved as no charges ..... against his son.
- a) were brought
  - b) are being brought
  - c) have brought
  - d) brought
31. .... there at 5 o'clock if you decide to leave by the morning train.
- a) To be
  - b) Would be
  - c) Will be
  - d) Be
32. Sometimes Michael acts as if money ..... on trees.
- a) grow
  - b) would grow
  - c) grown
  - d) grew

33. The left money ..... into Euros if you think this is a good idea.

- a) are converted
- b) were being converted
- c) had been converted
- d) will be converted

34. Sick people ..... .

- a) should take care of
- b) should be taken care for
- c) should be taken care of
- d) should been taken care for

35. The report ..... more thoroughly. That's what I asked for from the very beginning.

- a) may have been written
- b) should have been written
- c) might been written
- d) can be written

36. She will go on a trip if the weather ..... fine.

- a) is
- b) will be
- c) were
- d) had been

37. The news ..... to be important so we'd better watch it.

- a) said
- b) is said
- c) were being said
- d) were said

38. Much part of the land in the neighbourhood ..... by property developers.

- a) have been built
- b) has been being built
- c) has been build
- d) has been built

39. The little boy leaned forward and he ..... through the window if his mother hadn't been there at that time.

- a) must have fallen
- b) could fallen
- c) could have fallen
- d) may fall





40. I swear you ..... Beatrice in the park last evening. She was with me in the office all the time.

- a) mustn't have seen
- b) shouldn't have seen
- c) wouldn't have seen
- d) can't have seen

41. Peter was ..... in the summer marathon.

- a) the last
- b) lastly
- c) lately
- d) the least

42. The wedding menu tasted ..... .

- a) deliciously
- b) delicious
- c) dellicious
- d) much delicious

43. The medicine was ..... that could be prescribed for that disease.

- a) the less harmful
- b) the least harmful
- c) the least harmful
- d) lest harmful

44. The project is ..... the most ambitious one ever built in our town.

- a) before
- b) rarely
- c) lately
- d) by far

45. Do not disturb the students yet; the exams are ..... progress.

- a) at
- b) over
- c) by
- d) in

46. Although he was ..... middle-aged man, he was quickly noticed for his good looks.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) -
- d) one

47. He ran down three steps .....

- a) threefold
- b) at once
- c) each
- d) at a time

48. I asked him a few questions: first who he was, ..... where he came from.

- a) second
- b) secondly
- c) in the second
- d) twicely

49. Six ..... five is thirty.

- a) divided by
- b) or
- c) multiply
- d) multiplied by

50. To our surprise, his ..... couldn't have been closer to the truth.

- a) thesae
- b) thesises
- c) thesis
- d) these

51. What ..... of transport are available in your area?

- a) mean
- b) meanses
- c) means
- d) meens

52. I did that by .....

- a) oneself
- b) myself
- c) yourself
- d) himself

53. If you don't know the answer, it's best to say .....

- a) anything
- b) something
- c) some things
- d) nothing

54. There's ..... fool like an old fool.

- a) none
- b) nobody
- c) no one
- d) no





55. .... Danube flows into the Black Sea.
- a) The
  - b) A
  - c) An
  - d) -
56. She was a good-looking woman in her .....
- a) forties
  - b) fourties
  - c) fortys
  - d) fortieth
57. Mum bought two ..... eggs this morning.
- a) several
  - b) dozen
  - c) halves
  - d) couples
58. They dance ..... professional dancers.
- a) so good as
  - b) as well as
  - c) as good as
  - d) as better as
59. I honestly cannot say which show was .....
- a) most impressive
  - b) the most impressive
  - c) much impressive
  - d) the more impressive
60. The play was ..... boring so we decided to leave the room after the first act.
- a) quiet
  - b) rather
  - c) fairly
  - d) quitly
61. Your poor English language level ..... your ability to communicate effectively.
- a) infects
  - b) affects
  - c) defects
  - d) effects
62. He earned quite a lot of money from the ..... of the old painting.
- a) restoration
  - b) renewal
  - c) renovation
  - d) reimbursement

63. As a storm warning had been released, we could see a lot of ships drawing near in the .....

- a) beach
- b) dock
- c) pier
- d) harbour

64. Part of her side of the story was plausible but the rest sounded like ..... to me.

- a) fake
- b) untrue
- c) fiction
- d) imagination

65. It is sheer ..... to believe that you could climb that cliff with bare hands.

- a) craziness
- b) nonsense
- c) trouble
- d) madness

66. Her easy-going ..... helps her get on with other people wherever she goes.

- a) reputation
- b) character
- c) personality
- d) humanity

67. Moving to the ..... area was the best decision for them at the time.

- a) industrial
- b) industrious
- c) industry
- d) industriousness

68. I moved closer to the edge of the bridge as I didn't hear what they were .....

- a) telling
- b) speaking
- c) talking
- d) saying

69. That scenery ..... the childhood places where I was running in the fields.

- a) remembers me
- b) restores me
- c) suggests me
- d) reminds me of



70. The athlete impressed everyone with his ..... into the pool.

- a) jump
- b) swim
- c) race
- d) dive

