B2 Speaking Language Practice Test 1

Questions 1 to 10. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

1. You want to acknowledge a benefit before mentioning a drawback.
A. We should reject the proposal without discussing it.
B. The advantages mean there cannot be any drawbacks.
C. The cost is the only thing we need to discuss.
D. I can see the advantages, but it may be expensive.

2. Complete: 'We need to ____ maintenance costs before choosing.'
A. get away from
B. look forward to
C. keep in touch with
D. take into account

3. A: Which option would you choose? B: ____
A. There used to be a library near my primary school.
B. I borrowed two books from the library last week.
C. On balance, I'd choose the library because more people could use it.
D. The library is one of the buildings in the town centre.

4. You want a quiet participant to contribute.
A. Let's move on before we hear any other views.
B. Your view will probably be the same as mine.
C. We haven't heard your view yet. What do you think?
D. I'll explain what you think so you don't have to.

5. Choose a sentence that expresses a possible explanation without certainty.
A. There can be no doubt that transport is the cause.
B. The only explanation is the cost of transport.
C. The cost of transport definitely explains everything.
D. Another explanation might be the cost of transport.

6. Complete: 'If the bus service were more reliable, more people ____ it.'
A. used
B. will use
C. would use
D. had used

7. A: Online study gives learners flexibility. B: ____ Which reply builds on this point?
A. That's true, although some learners find studying alone difficult.
B. That's true, and recorded lessons can help people with unusual working hours.
C. I'm not sure that's true for every learner.
D. Do you mean flexibility about the place or the time?

8. You want to ask what a partner means by 'flexible'.
A. Have you ever worked for a company with flexible hours?
B. Do you think flexibility is more important than salary?
C. Would you prefer a flexible job or a higher salary?
D. When you say 'flexible', do you mean people can choose their hours?

9. Complete: 'The main ____ is that repairs could be expensive.'
A. drawback
B. achievement
C. solution
D. advantage

10. Choose the sentence that gives a specific example of a general point.
A. For instance, a student could watch a difficult step again.
B. Overall, the choice depends on the task and the learner.
C. However, some learners prefer personal explanations.
D. In general, students value a choice of learning methods.

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Questions 11 to 20. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

11. You and your partner favour different plans. What helps you compare them?
A. Why don't we choose mine without considering yours?
B. Is there any reason to listen to another opinion?
C. Which factor matters most: cost, access or long-term use?
D. Can we agree that my choice has no disadvantages?

12. Complete: 'We should ____ the options before making a decision.'
A. put off
B. weigh up
C. carry out
D. turn down

13. A: So you want to combine the two plans? B: ____
A. Exactly. Each would solve a different part of the problem.
B. Perhaps, but I never suggested using either plan.
C. Not really. I haven't heard the second plan yet.
D. Actually, I don't think either plan has been discussed.

14. Which sentence states a condition for supporting a proposal?
A. I'd support it, especially for younger residents.
B. I'd support it despite the cost of the equipment.
C. I'd support it because the community needs it.
D. I'd support it provided that transport is available.

15. Choose the clearest way to reformulate an unclear point.
A. Let's finish before we discuss that point.
B. Let me ask a completely different question.
C. Let me put that another way.
D. Let's assume that everyone understood me.

16. Complete: 'A flexible schedule can help people ____ between work and home life.'
A. make a complaint
B. strike a balance
C. meet a deadline
D. raise awareness

17. You want to compare two learning methods directly.
A. The video lasts ten minutes and was made by a teacher.
B. A video can be replayed, whereas a teacher can give immediate feedback.
C. My teacher recommended several videos to our class.
D. I watched a video about learning a language yesterday.

18. A partner raises a difficulty with your plan. Give a constructive response.
A. That's a useful point. We could change the opening hours.
B. Your concern makes the whole discussion unnecessary.
C. That wasn't my point, so we don't need to discuss it.
D. I've already explained the plan, so let's keep it unchanged.

19. Which sentence gives a consequence?
A. This is different from the previous transport plan.
B. This could lead to fewer people using private cars.
C. This is mainly because bus tickets are cheaper.
D. This is an example of a transport problem.

20. Choose a conclusion that recognises a limitation.
A. Overall, the scheme is promising, though funding remains uncertain.
B. The scheme was first suggested at last month's meeting.
C. Funding is one of the subjects mentioned in the report.
D. The scheme has several features that we discussed earlier.

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Answer Key

1. D
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7. B
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9. A
10. A
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. A
19. B
20. A