C1 Speaking Language Practice Test 2

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

1. A team agrees on the objective but disagrees on implementation. Choose a useful summary.
A. Everyone supports exactly the same method and conditions.
B. The objective has not been mentioned during this discussion.
C. We agree on the aim, but differ on how much discretion staff should have.
D. We disagree about everything and have found no common ground.

2. Complete: 'Delegating tasks works best when we also delegate appropriate ____.'
A. responsibility
B. uncertainty
C. opposition
D. publicity

3. A manager claims a new schedule will benefit every role. Choose a proportionate challenge.
A. Can we announce universal benefits before running a trial?
B. Could the benefits vary between client-facing and independent roles?
C. Should we assume that all roles have identical requirements?
D. Would it be better to avoid asking staff about their roles?

4. You want a clear definition of success before a pilot begins.
A. What outcomes would count as a successful trial?
B. Why should we collect results if success is already certain?
C. Who will write the success announcement before it starts?
D. How can we describe the trial as successful now?

5. Complete: 'The evidence is mixed, so I would be ____ about drawing a firm conclusion.'
A. insistent
B. dismissive
C. indifferent
D. cautious

6. Which sentence gives a nuanced recommendation about university education?
A. Every degree should provide exactly the same kind of practical training.
B. Practical preparation matters, but its balance with broader study should vary by subject.
C. Universities should consider employment and no other purpose.
D. Academic study and useful professional skills can never be combined.

7. You are addressing residents rather than technical specialists. Choose the clearest wording.
A. The architecture facilitates appointment-process operationalisation.
B. The platform enhances appointment-service modality integration.
C. The system optimises appointment-related transactional interfaces.
D. The new system should make it easier to book an appointment.

8. Complete: 'The organisation needs a sustainable ____ rather than constant overtime.'
A. workload
B. consensus
C. stereotype
D. incentive

9. A participant raises a minority concern. Which response advances a fair negotiation?
A. We should abandon the discussion before exploring the concern.
B. The concern must be unimportant because only one person raised it.
C. How could we address that concern without losing the plan's main benefit?
D. Most people agree, so that concern need not be considered.

10. Which sentence distinguishes an immediate result from a broader implication?
A. Processing is faster now than it was during the previous trial.
B. The report includes a section on the time required for processing.
C. Faster processing saves time; it may also change how staff roles are organised.
D. Staff completed more cases during the trial than before.

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

11. Complete: 'An applicant cannot give informed ____ without understanding how the data will be used.'
A. consent
B. oversight
C. feedback
D. judgement

12. You want to revise a proposal in response to evidence, rather than merely defend it.
A. We can remove the evidence from the report and retain the proposal.
B. If those users face barriers, we should adjust the design and test it again.
C. We should keep the design because changing it would admit a problem.
D. The proposal is already written, so the evidence cannot affect it.

13. A colleague says, 'All traditions should remain unchanged.' Choose a response that explores the claim.
A. Why is every tradition completely irrelevant to people today?
B. Should we stop discussing culture because we disagree?
C. How can we prove that traditions have never changed at all?
D. Does preserving a tradition necessarily mean keeping every detail unchanged?

14. Choose the expression meaning 'to the extent that': 'The proposal is useful ____ it addresses the shortage.'
A. irrespective of
B. instead of
C. in case
D. insofar as

15. You are summarising two speakers with conflicting views. Choose a balanced synthesis.
A. Neither thinks access is relevant to the decision.
B. Both value access, but one prioritises low cost while the other stresses personal support.
C. Both agree that low cost matters more than personal support.
D. Both reject the idea of providing any personal support.

16. Which question tests whether an apparent solution transfers a problem elsewhere?
A. Would this reduce our costs by increasing the burden on another service?
B. Would changing the title make the proposal more memorable?
C. Would a shorter meeting let us announce the proposal earlier?
D. Would a different font make the proposal easier to print?

17. Complete: 'A transparent process makes the decision and its reasons open to ____.'
A. delegation
B. consent
C. scrutiny
D. retention

18. You want to suggest a compromise without pretending all differences are resolved.
A. The disagreement will disappear if we avoid mentioning it again.
B. A limited trial could address both priorities while we examine the remaining risks.
C. We should announce full agreement despite the unresolved objections.
D. We can call this a compromise if everyone accepts my original plan.

19. Choose the sentence that accurately expresses a hypothetical alternative in the past.
A. Unless we consult users, we are unlikely to identify every barrier.
B. When we consult users, we usually identify practical barriers.
C. If we consult users next month, we may identify further barriers.
D. Had we consulted users earlier, we might have identified the barrier sooner.

20. A panel has conflicting priorities and limited funds. Which closing statement is most useful?
A. Let's state that the evidence settles issues we have not investigated.
B. Let's avoid choosing a priority so that no trade-off is mentioned.
C. Let's record our agreed priority, the trade-off and the issue requiring further evidence.
D. Let's describe every option as equally affordable and equally effective.

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Answer Key

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. D
6. B
7. D
8. A
9. C
10. C
11. A
12. B
13. D
14. D
15. B
16. A
17. C
18. B
19. D
20. C