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Practice Test 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. I joined this company three years ago and still work here. I ____ here since then.
   A) worked B) had worked C) have worked
2. If we leave now, we ____ the earlier train.
   A) would catch B) had caught C) will catch
3. I didn't recognise the building because it ____ since my last visit.
   A) changes B) had changed C) will change
4. The laptop ____ I bought last month has stopped working.
   A) who B) where C) which
5. When I was a child, I ____ spend summers with my grandparents.
   A) used to B) was used C) use
6. We had to ____ the picnic until the following weekend because of heavy rain.
   A) put off B) give up on C) carry out
7. 'I can't make the meeting at two.' Which reply proposes an alternative?
   A) Would three o'clock work for you instead?
   B) What was discussed at the last meeting?
   C) Why was the meeting room so crowded?
8. The instructions weren't clear, so I asked the organiser to ____ them.
   A) explain B) cancel C) collect
9. Although the course was demanding, ____.
   A) I decided to take it because it was easy
   B) I was glad I had taken it
   C) I found it easy for that reason
10. The notice says, 'Bookings are recommended but not essential.' This means you ____.
    A) must book before you can attend
    B) cannot attend if you have already booked
    C) may attend without booking, though booking is advised

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11. 'Would you mind checking my application?' Which reply politely declines?
    A) Not at all. Send it to me this afternoon.
    B) I'm afraid I won't have time before the deadline.
    C) Of course. Which section worries you?

12. I enjoy ____ new skills, even when progress is slow.
    A) to learning B) learning C) learn

13. The speaker admitted that the plan was ambitious. In this context, 'admitted' means ____.
    A) accepted that something was true
    B) promised that something would happen
    C) asked someone to make a change

14. 'We should ask the people who use the service before changing it.' The speaker recommends ____.
    A) delaying every decision indefinitely
    B) letting only managers comment
    C) consulting users

15. They've already sent the invitations, ____ they?
    A) didn't B) haven't C) aren't

Read the text and answer questions 16 to 20.

An Unexpected Benefit

When a neighbourhood repair club opened, Sara brought in a broken lamp. She expected a volunteer to fix it while she waited. Instead, the volunteer invited her to help identify the problem and explained each step. The repair took longer than Sara had expected, but she left with a working lamp and a better understanding of how it worked. A month later, she returned with a different item and offered to help welcome visitors. She still did not consider herself an expert. However, she could explain the club's approach to newcomers: the aim was not simply to repair objects, but to help people become more confident about maintaining them. Sara now recommended the club to friends who thought they had no practical skills.

16. What did Sara originally expect?
    A) She would teach volunteers to repair lamps.
    B) Someone else would repair her lamp.
    C) The club would replace her lamp with a new one.

17. Why did the repair take longer than expected?
    A) The volunteer refused to examine the lamp.
    B) Sara participated and learned about the process.
    C) The club had lost all its tools.

18. What did Sara offer to do on her next visit?
    A) Repair every electrical item alone
    B) Manage the club's finances
    C) Welcome visitors

19. What was the club's wider aim?
    A) To build people's confidence in maintaining objects
    B) To complete every repair as quickly as possible
    C) To accept only visitors with practical experience

20. How did Sara's view change?
    A) She saw herself as capable of contributing without being an expert.
    B) She decided practical skills could never be learned.
    C) She believed only experts should visit the club.