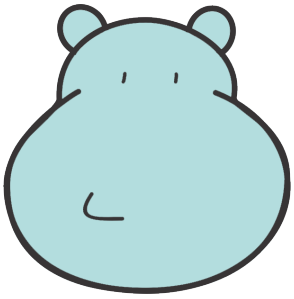
HIPPO 2020

Preliminary Round

HIPPO 5 / S1 Use of English Test

Time allowed: 30 minutes



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1. Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

63. You look very happy _____ yourself.

a) at b) with c) about

64. Could you _____ me some money?

a) borrow b) lend c) offer

65. _____ less you study, _____ less you know.

a) - / - b) a / a c) the / the

66. You must always remember _____ your car locked.

a) keep b) keeping c) to keep

67. Once you _____ with your registration, you may proceed to office 14.

a) finish b) have finished c) are finished

68. Not _____ sharks before, Lee was astonished.

a) having seen b) seeing c) had seen

69. Have you ever been in _____ hospital for _____ serious operation?

a) - / a b) - / - c) the / a

70. 'Travelling light' means travelling without _____.

a) a lot of luggage b) lot of luggage c) a lot of luggages

71. Sergey _____ an idiot. He is teasing his little sister. They usually get along well but...

a) is b) is being c) is behaving

72. Maya looks nice, she looks _____ she is going to a wedding.

a) like b) as c) as if

73. American football _____ more popular in Europe.

a) becomes b) become c) is becoming

74. My cat likes _____ its head stroked.

a) to have b) having c) to getting

3. Decide if the sentences are correct (a) or incorrect (b).

75. The Titanic sank when it struck an iceberg.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

76. I grew three centimetres over the last year.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

77. I had been playing football for ver ten years when I gave it up in 2015.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

78. I had breakfast when I had a shower.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

79. The weather forecast says it's snowing tomorrow.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

80. Gunther will get a ticket for the concert, providing he queues all night.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

81. The soup is smelling nice. It's going to be tasty.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

82. These questions have never been so easy, have they?

a) Correct b) Incorrect

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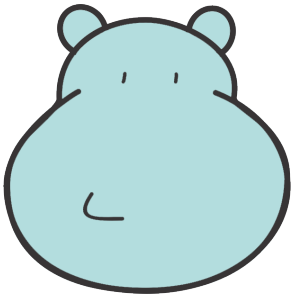

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63. In the last few weeks Ivan _____ so many nice people.

a) met b) has met c) had met

64. I'd rather you _____ smoke in here.

a) no b) didn't c) don't

65. Otto believes that in ten years' time people _____ on Mars.

a) will be living b) will live c) are going to live

66. Our university is not very good. Everything seems to work in a _____ fashion.

a) timely b) jumbled c) haphazard

67. We arrived just _____ time to have dinner before the movie.

a) on b) at c) in

68. Once you _____ the contract, we will send you the goods.

a) sign b) are signing c) have signed

69. Ping Lee, _____ boyfriend is a footballer, wants to be an actress.

a) whom b) whose c) which

70. When Mrs. Lee arrived at work, she realised she _____ her phone at home.

a) left b) was leaving c) had left

71. I feel really sick. If I _____ those mushrooms, I _____ so poorly now.

a) hadn't eaten / wouldn't have felt b) didn't eat / wouldn't feel c) hadn't eaten / wouldn't feel

72. Where do fish keep their money? In a river _____ .

a) bank b) coast c) shoreline

73. I'll book _____ sleeper on _____ Geneva-Paris train tomorrow.

a) a / a b) the / a c) a / the

74. Suzy _____ a hat made for the wedding next month.

a) has b) is having c) designed

3. Decide if the sentences are correct (a) or incorrect (b).

75. I think that people are going to live under the sea in 50 years.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

76. You look exhausted! Have you been working out?

a) Correct b) Incorrect

77. She has claimed employment benefit for over six months.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

78. They say that travel broads the mind.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

79. Tax evasion is one of the biggest problems modern economies meet.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

80. Miss Hassan is very fond on apples.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

81. Ephraim has been a keen fisherman all his life.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

82. Airfare is getting cheaper and cheaper.

a) Correct b) Incorrect

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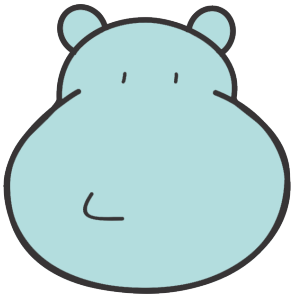

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41. _____ I to tell you that you have the most charming smile, what would you do?

a) If b) Were c) May

42. Brazil beat Chile three - _____ in the last match.

a) nought b) nil c) zero

43. The tennis match was delayed because the _____ fainted.

a) umpire b) referee c) judge

44. It's impossible to change his mind, he is so _____.

a) obstinate b) unmoved c) tough

45. She is sometimes quite _____. She just looks at her feet and avoids saying anything.

a) bashful b) timid c) nervous

46. You know how worried he was, but he went to a doctor and was given a clean _____ of health.

a) state b) report c) bill

47. When I got to the gym, I realised I _____ my bag at home.

a) had left b) left c) was leaving

48. I _____ rather if you didn't tell anyone about it.

a) had b) - c) would

49. The _____ of the Hippo virus was followed by an economic crisis.

a) spreadout b) outbreak c) occurence

50. The _____ fever is killing me. My nose is runny and my eyes are swollen.

a) allergic b) pollen c) hey

51. I think I am _____, I haven't been to the toilet for days.

a) congested b) constipated c) closed

52. Don't forget to _____ the clock or it will stop.

a) round b) roll c) wind

53. I haven't eaten anything since breakfast, I am feeling _____ . Would you like to eat anything?

a) peckish b) starving c) thirsty

54. I am _____ . I will never run a marathon again.

a) weary b) drowsy c) somnolent

55. He is a real Star Wars _____ . He knows everything about them.

a) consultant b) aficionado c) passionate

56. We have installed new double- _____ windows, which have been paid for by our local council.

a) paned b) glazed c) glassed

57. _____ gold from this mine is exported all over _____ world.

a) The / the b) - / the c) The / -

58. After winning the lottery, he _____ all his money in matter of weeks.

a) squandered b) frittered away c) consumed

59. _____ a wolverine before, Jim was astonished by its ravenous appetite.

a) Not seeing b) Never seeing c) Not having seen

60. Slowly grazing the grass, the hippo was unaware of a warthog _____ in the bush.

a) peeing b) lurking c) loitering