IWLP Placement test for English
(Erasmus students)

**Please complete every part of this section**

Student number:  
Name:

E-mail:

Previous qualifications gained in the chosen language and grade:

Years of experience if you have no formal qualification:

Any other detail about your linguistic competence that may help us to place you in the most suitable level (including all other languages known and at what level, experience of living abroad, languages spoken/heard at home):

Follow the instructions given for each language overleaf

REMEMBER: this is not an academic test. Do not use dictionaries or grammars, nor seek any help in doing this – we want a snapshot of what level you have reached so far, so that we can place you in the class most appropriate for your ability.

Please note that, in order to assist us in placing you at the right level, you may be contacted by the Co-ordinator to arrange a short conversation in your chosen language in addition to this test.

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PLACEMENT TEST DO HAND IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE REGISTRATION DESK OR TO THE IWLP ADMINISTRATOR IN HUMSS 204. REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THIS. For any query contact iwlp@reading.ac.uk

THANK YOU
TASK 1 – Language Knowledge

Time: 30 minutes

You have 30 minutes to answer the questions on this test.

There are 50 questions. You will need to work quickly.

Choose the best word or phrase to fill the gap in each question.

MARK ONE ANSWER (a, b, c or d) on the ANSWER PAPER.

EXAMPLE:

Ex

A: Do you like tea?

B: Yes, I ___.

The correct answer is d, so put a cross in the ‘d’ box:

Example Question: □ □ □ ✗
1. Larger cars are not very _____________ to run these days.
   a. economic
   b. economy
   c. economical
   d. economically

2. Last year my father’s company _____________ to purchase more land to extend his factory.
   a. have
   b. has
   c. having
   d. had

3. Had Kenji checked his timetable last night, he _____________ there’s a lecture this morning.
   a. can know
   b. have known
   c. shall know
   d. would know

4. The political situation _____________ even more unstable because of the rapid increase in unemployment.
   a. is becoming
   b. becomes
   c. have become
   d. do become

5. The new research assistant forgot to back _____________ his files so lost everything when his computer crashed.
   a. to
   b. up
   c. down
   d. away

6. If I _____________ so busy I would have repaired my car by now.
   a. hadn’t been
   b. had been
   c. haven’t been
   d. have been

7. It doesn’t _________ whether it’s raining or not I’m still going for a walk.
   a. count
   b. mind
   c. care
   d. matter

8. A: Can I take you out to lunch tomorrow?
   B: That _____________ be lovely.
   a. would
   b. must
   c. can
   d. shall

9. Nothing _____________ metal more quickly than a damp climate.
   a. is eroding
   b. erodes
   c. is eroded
   d. do erode

10. The whole infrastructure of this country needs to be improved _____________ in order to make greater progress.
    a. that
    b. for
    c. to
    d. of
The students are collecting money for a _____________ cause: Help the Aged.

a. worthily
b. wrong
c. worthy
d. worthless

Chang Bo is _____________ Medicine at Cambridge University.
a. learning
b. studying
c. working
d. doctoring

One passenger was _____________ injured when the bus crashed.
a. slightly
b. very
c. unclearly
d. mostly

The bank manager _____________ that he knew nothing about the missing funds.
a. lied
b. told
c. said
d. spoke

Lola is doing _____________ she can to find accommodation for her parents, but it's not easy in London.
a. nothing
b. something
c. anyway
d. everything

Have you _____________ to drive your wife's new car yet?
a. allowed
b. being allowed
c. been allowed
d. had allowed

Everyone but Sarah failed to _____________ the test.
a. achieve
b. pass
c. gain
d. succeed

What two examples _____________ by the writer to explain the advantages of sustainable development.
a. are using
b. is used
c. are used
d. is using

The advertising campaign _____________ resulted in a huge increase in sales.
a. have
b. is
c. has
d. having

Both the people living in the mountains, _____________ those living in the lowland, had to move after the earthquake.
a. or
b. and
c. with
d. together
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<td>Brian has wanted ________ that camera ever since he tried out mine.</td>
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<td>b. buying</td>
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<td><strong>22</strong></td>
<td>Your new mobile phone was a lot more expensive than the last one you ________.</td>
<td>a. owned</td>
<td>b. were owning</td>
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<td>The university had to employ more academic staff ____________ building the new Computer Science block.</td>
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<td>b. because</td>
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<td>The equipment we bought to go in the new building ____________ extremely expensive.</td>
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<td>b. is</td>
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<td><strong>25</strong></td>
<td>Once I’ve finished this course, ____________ here for more than five years.</td>
<td>a. I have studied</td>
<td>b. I’ll have been studying</td>
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<td>I tried driving through London one day, but it was ____________ that I eventually turned around and headed for home.</td>
<td>a. very stressful</td>
<td>b. so stressed</td>
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<td>Meat is high in protein, and ____________ fat content makes it a rich source of energy.</td>
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<td>b. its</td>
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<td>It is very important for students to keep ____________ with assignments during a university course.</td>
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<td>b. up</td>
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<td><strong>29</strong></td>
<td>A: I really don’t understand that new lecturer.</td>
<td>a. Neither do I</td>
<td>b. So do I</td>
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<td>B: ____________, she speaks far too quickly.</td>
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<td><strong>30</strong></td>
<td>Millions of stone tools ____________ from the Old Stone Age and indicate the skills of those ancient stone-workers.</td>
<td>a. do survive</td>
<td>b. are surviving</td>
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31. I am feeling really___________. I think I’ll take a walk down to the park.
   a. bored  b. boring  c. tiresome  d. tiring

32. Would it be possible for you to _______ me some money until Saturday?
   a. offer  b. borrow  c. lend  d. provide

33. The hostages have all been released and are _________ from danger.
   a. sure  b. lost  c. away  d. free

34. A university degree ______________ now not guarantee a better job in the future.
   a. must  b. could  c. may  d. shall

35. According to recent _____________, fear of spiders is the second most common phobia amongst British people.
   a. researching  b. researches  c. researcher  d. research

36. It’s essential for university students to buy the course books, or get hold _____________ them second-hand.
   a. to  b. over  c. of  d. up

37. Many countries in Africa _____________ faced with the problems of limited financial resources.
   a. have  b. are  c. being  d. to be

38. Much has changed _____________ the days when people could only get to the Far East by ship.
   a. since  b. until  c. after  d. while

39. Unfortunately, the stadium that was _____________ constructed has been damaged by the hurricane.
   a. recently  b. presently  c. lately  d. firstly

40. Finland is a country _____________ looking east for foreign investment in countries like China and Japan.
   a. whom  b. what  c. who  d. which
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<td>The existence of oil was known from earliest times but serious</td>
<td>commercial use _____________ until the late 19th century.</td>
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<td>c. had just begun</td>
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<td>d. would only begin</td>
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<td>So far about 40 giant oilfields _____________ discovered, mostly in the</td>
<td>Middle East.</td>
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<td>There are no more major frontier regions left to explore for new oil</td>
<td>deposits _____________ the earth's poles</td>
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<td>Oil prices reached yet _____________ record high this week because of</td>
<td>refining problems in the United States.</td>
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<td>Scientists are barely even _____________ to exploit the full potential of</td>
<td>solar energy according to the latest research.</td>
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<td>The _____________ day world status of English is primarily the result of</td>
<td>the rise of American economic power.</td>
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<td>Annie _____ she can complete her studies before the end of next year.</td>
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<td>Most students are looking forward _____________ the new academic year.</td>
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<td>Historically, languages _____________ or fallen economically or</td>
<td>politically with the powers that have supported them.</td>
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<td>Multinational companies _____________ to exploit the arrival of economic</td>
<td>globalisation are often advised to ‘think global, act local’.</td>
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END OF PART ONE
Read the task instructions and consider the information carefully

- You recently attended an International Careers Conference aimed at undergraduate students in their last year at university. You enjoyed the conference, but you felt that the way it was organised could have been better.
- The conference organiser has written to you in response to a questionnaire you completed at the end of the conference asking you to write up a brief report based on your observations.
- Read the letter from the organiser (EXTRACT A), and the advertisement for the conference (EXTRACT B), on which you had made some notes.
- Then, using the information appropriately, write a report for the conference organiser, telling him what you gained from the conference, outlining the aspects of the conference you enjoyed, describing any problems you had and making suggestions for the next conference.

EXTRACT A

We always ask delegates who have attended our conferences if they would take their time to express their views.

I would grateful if you could write a brief report (no more than 200 words) explaining what you hoped to get from the conference and how far it lived up to your expectations. We would also welcome any suggestions you have for improving the next conference.

Thank you for your help,

Yours sincerely

Michael Jones

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Complete the report to the Conference Organiser (approximately 200 words). Use your own words as much as possible.