



**PROBA DE LIMBĂ STRĂINĂ – LIMBA ENGLEZĂ**

***1. Read the following passages and choose the one best answer to each question.***

Financial careers in the City

A financial career in the City of London with its challenging work and generous pay packets is an attractive proposition for many young people just out of university. It is important, however, that they fully understand what a career in the city involves and the pressures it can create.

1. The purpose of the text is to .....
  - a) convince young people that a career in the City is the best path to take.
  - b) give students a balanced idea of what working in the city really involves.
  - c) recruit students for a career in investment banking.
  - d) separate the serious from the less serious students.
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2. For many young people two attractive aspects of working in the City are .....
  - a) paid overtime and free breakfast in the office.
  - b) travel opportunities and free schooling.
  - c) a friendly social environment and flexible hours.
  - d) challenging work and good pay.

Stress is a fact of life, but in the City it is contagious and can encourage unhealthy habits. Studies have indicated that alcohol and drug abuse, compulsive gambling and depression are much higher among people who work in the City. One 43-year-old consultant who has chronic fatigue syndrome and has just quit the City says: "Many employers offer complete private medical insurance, which includes a free trip to a mental health clinic if you have problems. The drawback is that as soon as you feel better you are back facing the same situations that caused your problems."

3. Which statement is correct?
- a) Most stressed workers feel better when they return to work.
- b) Mental health care is not covered in the insurance offered by employers.
- c) Stress encourages unhealthy habits among those who work in the City.
- d) Few people work in the City after the age of 40.



Working in the city is definitely not for people who are sensitive or for those who value their free time. For investment bankers and market analysts the day starts so early that they practically eat breakfast the night before!

Overtime is obligatory, typically ten to twenty per cent on top of normal working hours, and it's usually unpaid. Then there's the mandatory socializing. Graduate trainees are expected to participate with enthusiasm in team-building exercises and events. These can be great fun or a horrendous prospect, depending on your mood and attitude.

4. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the negative aspects of working in the City?

- a) Beginning the workday very early.
- b) Being forced to socialise.
- c) Aggressive and competitive co-workers.
- d) Not being paid for overtime.

5. According to the text, team-building exercises and events are .....

- a) almost always a waste of time.
- b) the best way to obtain promotions.
- c) good or bad depending on one's attitude.
- d) extremely competitive.

It sounds tough and it is. One man in his late thirties, who recently moved into investment banking, says: "I hear so many graduate trainees say that they're planning to do five or maybe ten years in the City and then leave. The problem is that it's all too easy to get trapped once you're used to the money and the lifestyle — a smart flat, kids in private schools and a spouse who depends on your salary. It might look glamorous from the outside but the reality is that they're financial handcuffs."

6. Many young people initially plan to .....

- a) only work in the City for a few years.
- b) start their own consulting business.
- c) continue their studies in a private school.
- d) get married, have children and live in an expensive flat.

7. Many find it difficult to leave a job in the City because .....

- a) it's all they know how to do.
- b) they have grown accustomed to a certain lifestyle.
- c) they feel loyalty to their co-workers.
- d) they fear being trapped in a dead-end job.

Still interested? Then you should consider doing an internship, which is where you work for your prospective employer in the summer holidays before your final year at university. This type of work experience will help to boost your CV and your job applications, because it will show that you are serious; it will also give you an insight into what life is really like in the sector. Some jobs

require specific qualifications but most top employers will accept any degree subject provided it's from a decent university.



8. Doing an internship is a good idea because .....

- a) it offers holidays and benefits.
- b) it won't show any negative aspects of working in the City.
- c) it shows employers you are serious about your intentions.
- d) the money you earn will help pay for your studies.

9. According to the text, specific qualifications .....

- a) usually result in a higher salary.
- b) can make potential employers feel intimidated.
- c) are essential to getting any job in the City.
- d) are good to have but not always mandatory.

You will also need to show initiative and drive, plus good analytical, communication, literacy and team-working skills. Fitting in with other people is what really counts. The people hiring you think of it as a marriage contract and it could be for life.

10. According to the text, the most important thing is .....

- a) being willing to accept a low salary.
- b) to mix well with colleagues.
- c) to assert your individuality.
- d) to never disagree with your boss.

## ***II. Choose the right answers.***

11. They found her lying ..... on the bathroom floor.

- a) consciousness
- b) inconscient
- c) unconscious
- d) unconscient

12. Your poor English language level ..... your ability to find a better job.

- a) infects
- b) affects
- c) defects
- d) effects



13. Unfortunately the room they were offered was rather ..... so they had to refuse it.

- a) base
- b) basemenet
- c) basically
- d) basic

14. The ..... of cutting prices in the country was never understood by anyone.

- a) luxury
- b) necessity
- c) concordance
- d) concord

15. It is well-known that the ..... and stick policy was never a good option in education.

- a) cabbage
- b) bread
- c) carrot
- d) whip

16. The country suffered a significant ..... after the war.

- a) lost
- b) less
- c) los
- d) loss

17. The high cost of these proposed changes makes them totally ..... .

- a) unacceptable
- b) unaccepted
- c) unacceptable
- d) unacceptably

18. Education from the age of 5 is ..... in Britain and Wales.

- a) obliging
- b) obligating
- c) compulsive
- d) compulsory

19. We set off early so as to avoid the ..... hour.

- a) rush
- b) hasty
- c) hurried
- d) busy



20. A group of Swedish scientists made a ..... study on primates' reaction to violence.

- a) through
- b) thorough
- c) thorow
- d) thoroughly

21. I am not making much progress ..... . Unfortunately, I don't have the necessary information.

- a) these days
- b) so far this months
- c) at the present
- d) lately

22. A poll signals that Romanians ..... their views on healthcare policies.

- a) has been changing
- b) are going to change
- c) change
- d) are changing

23. At the moment, Italian per capita income ..... to be on the decline.

- a) is seeming
- b) should seem
- c) seems
- d) seem

24. I hope this apartment ..... too expensive for their possibilities.

- a) won't be
- b) will be not
- c) is not to be
- d) should not be

25. By the end of the week syndicates ..... whether to start protests or not.

- a) have decided
- b) must have decided
- c) will decide
- d) will have decided

26. We will go out only when all of you ..... your coffee.

- a) be finished
- b) will finish
- c) will be finishing
- d) have finished

27. Everyone was talking but stopped ..... Mrs Jonas arrived.

- a) at that time
- b) while
- c) the moment
- d) that moment

28. A good chef always ..... the food he is cooking.

- a) taste
- b) tastes
- c) is tasting
- d) will be tasting

29. When the Polish President arrived at the palace, journalists ..... for him for three hours.

- a) waited
- b) had been waiting
- c) were waiting
- d) used to wait

30. Psychologists say that laughter ..... the best medicine.

- a) was
- b) has been
- c) have been
- d) is

31. It's not fair! You ..... the truth from her all this time!

- a) hided
- b) have hidden
- c) have been hiding
- d) were hiding

32. I wonder if human cloning ..... yet; nothing was written about this in last week's "Science Journal".

- a) has been attempted
- b) was attempted
- c) attempted
- d) has attempted

33. Chinese ..... mostly in Asia.

- a) is spoken
- b) speaks
- c) has spoken
- d) be spoken





34. The boy who ..... by the dog has already been taken to the hospital.
- a) was beat
  - b) was beaten
  - c) was bitten
  - d) was bit
35. I think the president's assassin .....
- a) is not ever founded
  - b) will never be found
  - c) is never found
  - d) hadn't been ever found
36. Somebody ..... him! He is choking!
- a) helps
  - b) help
  - c) helped
  - d) will help
37. If they ..... about the danger, they would head south.
- a) know
  - b) had known
  - c) knew
  - d) can know
38. Come on! You ..... if you try this new spicy Indian dish.
- a) wouldn't die
  - b) won't die
  - c) shouldn't dye
  - d) won't dye
39. If it ..... for his long hours and personal dedication, this company wouldn't exist!
- a) weren't
  - b) was
  - c) had been
  - d) wouldn't be
40. What would you do if you ..... a million dollars?
- a) won
  - b) win
  - c) would win
  - d) should have won

41. I'll take down your phone number in case you ..... be needed as a witness.

- a) are
- b) did
- c) should
- d) has to

42. .... I use your keys for a minute? Mine are locked inside and I want to see if they fit.

- a) Could
- b) Must
- c) Should
- d) Would

43. You ..... our cover, but I'm glad you finally came up with a credible story.

- a) could have blown
- b) could blow
- c) should blow
- d) should have blown

44. The teacher made it clear to parents that under no ..... would she cancel the trip to the seaside.

- a) time
- b) circumstances
- c) condition
- d) cause

45. .... I don't like about him is his sense of self-sufficiency.

- a) What
- b) Which
- c) That
- d) Well

46. Your kids are lovely. You should see ....., I'm sure they will all get along perfectly.

- a) mines
- b) mine
- c) mine's
- d) my

47. It has been ..... that by 2030 the world population will have exceeded four times the current number.

- a) predicted
- b) prophesied
- c) foresee
- d) recommended





48. He ..... her that the James Bond series was profitable business for the publisher.
- a) said
  - b) told
  - c) told on
  - d) told off
49. Authorities have announced that pensions ..... by 5 percent.
- a) would be cutting
  - b) would cut
  - c) will be cutted
  - d) will be cut
50. She is seldom available, .....?
- a) isn't it
  - b) is it
  - c) is she
  - d) isn't she
51. Let's go to the cafe, ..... we?
- a) shall
  - b) do
  - c) don't
  - d) will
52. He never works on Saturdays, ..... he?
- a) doesn't
  - b) does
  - c) hasn't
  - d) is
53. Honestly, I didn't end up ..... back home. I took a taxi.
- a) walking
  - b) to walk
  - c) walk
  - d) walked
54. He conquered her with the famous line: I can't help ..... in love with you.
- a) to fall
  - b) falling
  - c) but to fall
  - d) fell

55. Nutritionists always say it is essential ..... healthy food.

- a) eating
- b) to be eating
- c) to eat
- d) to have eaten

56. .... present, there is no real solution to the global environmental crisis.

- a) At
- b) For
- c) In
- d) By

57. .... the time I got at the airport, I realized that I had left my passport home.

- a) On
- b) By
- c) In
- d) At

58. I looked this word ..... the dictionary, but I still don't get its meaning.

- a) up from
- b) on into
- c) up in
- d) over in

59. It is my mother who looks ..... the children while I am at work.

- a) after
- b) at
- c) up
- d) into

60. Unfortunately, more and more teenagers drop ..... school at early ages.

- a) out of
- b) out
- c) off
- d) of

61. We don't actually need so ..... furniture in the office; a desk, a chair and a plant would suffice.

- a) much many
- b) many
- c) much
- d) not more





62. I don't really think her daughter is ..... than yours.

- a) more smart
- b) most smart
- c) as smart
- d) smarter

63. She suddenly felt fed up with all those ..... opinions.

- a) Americans old
- b) old Americanos
- c) old American
- d) American olds

64. She visits her grandparents once in a ..... moon.

- a) blood
- b) blue
- c) yellow
- d) pink

65. Corgis are very sociable and easy to train dogs. .... they can get lonely, irascible and bored sometimes.

- a) In the first place
- b) Furthermore
- c) To some extent
- d) Even so

66. .... I agree with your proposal, but still I have some doubts about certain points.

- a) As a whole
- b) On the whole
- c) Hence
- d) As a consequence

67. According to the instructions, the lamp is ..... to install.

- a) pretty easily
- b) easily enough
- c) rather easily
- d) pretty easy

68. That nosy journalist is a friend .....

- a) of mine
- b) of my
- c) of me
- d) of I

69. I want them ..... to be happy and content.

- a) they
- b) every
- c) each
- d) some

70. She must be feeling lonely or perhaps she's just crazy. She talks to ..... quite a lot.

- a) herself
- b) her self
- c) himself
- d) him self

71. Darn! The balloon has just ..... away!

- a) flown
- b) flew
- c) flowed
- d) been flying

72. The PM, accompanied by the governor, ..... the President up to the official residence.

- a) lead
- b) led
- c) leded
- d) leaded

73. By 8.30, ..... was almost closing time, nearly all the wedding dresses had been sold.

- a) than
- b) that
- c) -
- d) which

74. Several tourists ..... rooms had been broken into complained to the manager.

- a) whose
- b) who's
- c) which
- d) that

75. First, let's buy some popcorn ..... let's see a horror movie.

- a) that
- b) when
- c) then
- d) than





76. The only person ..... I should be mad at is Ben.

- a) who
- b) which
- c) -
- d) whose

77. James said he has never met a ..... before.

- a) Birmingham man
- b) Birmingham's man
- c) man in Birmingham
- d) Birmingham man's

78. She sometimes just stays in front of a ..... and stares at shoes.

- a) window shop
- b) shop window
- c) window's shop
- d) shop's window

79. She's staying at a hotel in ..... small town in Durnshire.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) any
- d) an

80. The Atlantic Ocean is not the largest body of water on ..... Earth.

- a) that
- b) an
- c) the
- d) -

81. .... may be unacceptable, but it seems the right one.

- a) Professor Richardson's answer
- b) Professor's Richardson answer
- c) The answer of Professor Richardson
- d) The Professor's Richardson' answer

82. A ..... boy started playing on the computer that was left on the table.

- a) six-year-old
- b) six-years-old
- c) six-years-olds
- d) six-year-olds

83. George is a trainer, coach, manager, and driver .....

- a) one at a time
- b) one by one
- c) all in one
- d) one-way

84. The ..... was slowly sinking in the harbour as dozens of photographers were taking photos.

- a) ship
- b) sheep
- c) sheap
- d) skip

85. The government has issued a pessimistic ..... forecast for the next three years.

- a) economical
- b) economic
- c) economycal
- d) economyc

86. A lot of these chemicals are potentially extremely ..... to the environment.

- a) harmless
- b) hurtful
- c) harmful
- d) harming

87. The government decided to boost investments in ..... industry.

- a) energy
- b) energetic
- c) energetical
- d) energetyc

88. These computers are out of stock ..... the time being.

- a) at
- b) until
- c) in
- d) for

89. One of the most heated issues of the summit was .....

- a) women rights
- b) women's rights
- c) women of rights
- d) rights of women's





90. How ..... to get to London by train?

- a) long time does it take
- b) long does it take
- c) long it take
- d) much time it takes

91. Would you mind .....? It's rather cold in here.

- a) to shut the window
- b) if you shutted the window
- c) I shutting the window
- d) shutting the window

92. Would you like some more cake? There .....

- a) is some left
- b) is left little
- c) is a few left
- d) are some left

93. How long have you been living in Madrid? ..... if I remember right.

- a) For 5 years
- b) Since 5 years
- c) 5 years ago
- d) In 5 years

94. There isn't a good restaurant ..... in this town.

- a) nowhere
- b) somewhere
- c) anywhere
- d) everywhere

95. I'm looking forward ..... my friends in Braşov.

- a) seeing
- b) to seeing
- c) to see
- d) see

96. I decided to take a ..... course on diamonds during the summer vacation because diamonds are a girl's best friend.

- a) three-week's
- b) three-week'
- c) three-weeks
- d) three-week

97. There are ..... French speakers in Montreal.

- a) a lot of
- b) too much
- c) a little
- d) not much

98. The three brothers are very much ..... .

- a) big like
- b) likely
- c) unlike
- d) alike

99. She did a course in confidence building ..... overcome her phobia of speaking in public.

- a) so that
- b) in order to
- c) although
- d) in case

100. .... books are in the other section of this library.

- a) Childrens'
- b) Childs'
- c) Children's
- d) Child's