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Structure of English #2 exam
BBK – Spring 2009

Multiple-choice test. Choose the best alternative. 40 pts.

1. Which is a synonym for *ungrammatical*?

a. incorrect	c. ill-formed
b. grammatical	d. badly-formed

2. A verb which requires two objects is called...

a. intransitive	c. ditransitive
b. copular	d. complex transitive

3. A verb which is followed by a subject complement is called...

a. intransitive	c. ditransitive
b. copular	d. complex transitive

4. Which is a sentence element (grammatical function)?

a. pronoun	c. article
b. adverb	d. adverbial

5. Which is a closed-class word?

a. noun	c. preposition
b. adjective	d. main verb

6. Which is a modal auxiliary?

a. should	c. be
b. have	d. do

7. Which of these can function as a past tense verb form?

a. done	c. must
b. would	d. being

8. Modal auxiliaries are always followed by which verb form?

a. past tense	c. present participle
b. past participle	d. infinitive

9. Which is a reflexive pronoun?

a. himself	c. us
b. mine	d. each other

10. Which verb form never follows an auxiliary verb?

a. past tense	c. present participle
b. past participle	d. infinitive

11. In *Ann and James are American*, the underlined string is ...

a. the subject	c. a direct object
b. a noun	d. a subject complement

12. In *He gave the girl an apple*, the underlined string is ...

a. a direct object	c. an object complement
b. an indirect object	d. not a constituent

13. In *They make him the chairman every year*, the underlined string is ...

a. a direct object	c. an object complement
b. an indirect object	d. an adverbial

14. In *They make him the chairman every year*, the underlined string is ...

a. an adverb	c. an indirect object
b. an adverb phrase	d. an adverbial

15. In *Slowly is exactly how Jeremy speaks*, the underlined string is ...

a. an adjective	c. an adverbial
b. the subject	d. ungrammatical

Answers

	A	B	C	D
1.			X	
2.			X	
3.		X		
4.				X
5.			X	
6.	X			
7.		X		
8.				X
9.	X			
10.	X			
11.				X
12.		X		
13.			X	
14.				X
15.		X		

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16. *Dynamic, finite, full, transitive* all describe which word class?

a. adjective	c. verb
b. adverb	d. determiner

17. Which adjective is used predicatively?

a. I'm <u>afraid</u> of spiders	c. <u>Honest</u> people never lie
b. I met a <u>sick</u> boy	d. That's an <u>old</u> house

18. Which underlined string is a finite subclause?

a. I thoroughly enjoyed <u>meeting June again</u>	c. <u>The man who has just spoken</u> is Benjamin Hall
b. The strange thing is <u>that we never heard of him again</u>	d. They suddenly decided <u>to christen the bell Big Ben</u>

19. Which wh-phrase functions as object complement?

a. <u>How wide</u> did they make the bookcase?	c. <u>Who</u> is coming to the party?
b. <u>How often</u> do you visit New York?	d. <u>Whose beautiful antiques</u> are these?

20. Which is NOT an aspect?

a. perfective	c. indicative
b. progressive	d. continuous

21. Which is NOT a mood?

a. imperative	c. indicative
b. passive	d. subjunctive

22. The name of the clausal element which inverts with the subject in the question word order is ...

a. verb	c. conjunction
b. operator	d. determiner

23. The expression *God bless you!* illustrates the ...

a. mandative subjunctive	c. past subjunctive
b. formulaic subjunctive	d. indicative

24. Which word is NOT negative in meaning?

a. seldom	c. barely
b. hard	d. little

25. Which is assertive?

a. never	c. at all
b. any	d. either

26. Which statement is NOT true?

- a. Local negation negates a word or phrase without making the clause negative.
- b. In wh-questions there is no inversion when the wh-element is subject.
- c. Directives never contain an overt subject.
- d. Block language reflects pressure on space.

27. Which is a pro-form for NPs?

a. do so	c. so
b. there	d. one

28. Ellipsis is ...

a. grammatical omission	c. repetition
b. substitution	d. ungrammatical

29. In *I want this watch repaired immediately* the underlined verb is ...

a. finite	c. past tense
b. a non-modal	d. passive

	A	B	C	D
16.			X	
17.	X			
18.		X		
19.	X			
20.			X	
21.		X		
22.		X		
23.		X		
24.		X		
25.	X			
26.			X	
27.				X
28.	X			
29.				X

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30. The underlined string in *The governors like all parents to visit the school* is ...

a. a verbless clause	c. a complex NP
b. a non-finite VP	d. the direct object

31. Finish the following with a suitable tag question: *You'd better not leave the radio in the car, ...?*

a. had you	c. will you
b. wouldn't you	d. do you

32. The underlined string in *I promised Howard to write the essay for him* is ...

a. direct object	c. subject of subclause
b. indirect object	d. object complement

33. The underlined string in *This book will be sent to all children who are fond of dogs* is NOT ...

a. a relative clause	c. restrictive/defining
b. finite	d. a nominal clause

34. The underlined constituent in *This book will be sent to all children who are fond of dogs* is NOT ...

a. the subject	c. an interrogative pronoun
b. an NP	d. the first element in the subclause

35. Which underlined string is a finite subclause?

- a. She denied being a member of the group
- b. To visit Paris was a wonderful experience
- c. It depends on whether they like playing snooker
- d. It depends on whether they like playing snooker

36. The sentence *I found the bed rather hard* belongs to which sentence type?

a. SVOC	c. SVOA
b. SVOO	d. SVO

37. Which underlined string is a verbless clause?

- a. Carrying my luggage, I headed for Customs
- b. Met by friends, I felt safe and happy
- c. With my luggage in the car, I relaxed
- d. At the end of my journey, I found peace and quiet

38. Which underlined clause is a relative clause?

- a. Where I go is my business
- b. I don't want to tell anyone where I go
- c. Otherwise everyone would go where I go
- d. The place where I go is quiet and unfashionable

39. Which underlined clause is adverbial (conditional)?

- a. I'm wondering if you'll be in town
- b. If you're in town, do ring me
- c. *Both*
- d. *Neither*

40. Which sentence contains a comparative verbless clause?

- a. I go away as often as possible
- b. You never seem to relax enough to enjoy yourself
- c. A hotel offering peace and quiet is my idea of bliss
- d. I know that she loves you more than I do

	A	B	C	D
30.				X
31.			X	
32.		X		
33.				X
34.			X	
35.			X	
36.	X			
37.			X	
38.				X
39.		X		
40.	X			