



English Language Admission Test for Grade 8
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1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (2.5 points/0.25 each item)

Have you ever been to the beach? Did you see a man with a headset pointing a long pole at the ground? If so, you might have seen a person using a metal detector. People use these devices to find metal.

Metal detectors make magnetic waves. These waves go through the ground. The waves change when they hit metal. Then the device beeps. This lets the person with the device know that metal is close.

The first metal detectors were meant to help miners. They were big. They cost a lot of money. They used a lot of power. And worst of all, they didn't work well. People kept trying to make them better.

Metal detectors got smaller. Now they are light and cheap. They also work better. That is why people bring them to the beach. They can look for rings in the water. They can look for phones in the sand. Metal detectors help them find these things. They usually just find junk though.

Metal detectors also protect people. They help to keep guns out of some places. They are in airports. They are in courthouses. Some schools use them. They help guards look for weapons. Guards use special wands to find metal on a person.

These devices save lives in other ways too. During wars, people plant bombs in the ground. When the war ends, they don't clean up their messes. This is unsafe for the people who live in those places. Others use metal detectors to find bombs. They remove them and help the people.

These devices also make clothes safer. It sounds funny, but it's true. Most clothes are made in big factories. There are lots of needles in these places. Needles break from time to time. They get stuck in the clothes. They would poke people trying them on. They don't though. That's because our clothes are scanned for metal. Isn't that nice? Let's hear it for metal detectors. They make the world a safer place.

1. Which was NOT one of the problems with the first metal detectors?

- a. They were too big.
- b. They were too expensive.
- c. They didn't work well.
- d. They were unsafe.

2. Which best describes the main idea of the second paragraph?

- a. It describes the sounds of a metal detector.
- b. It explains how metal detectors work.
- c. It warns about the effects of metal detectors.
- d. It explains how magnetic waves move.

3. Why were metal detectors first used?

- a. To help miners
- b. To help security guards
- c. To help doctors
- d. To help soldiers

4. How do metal detectors make clothing safer?

- a. Metal detectors make sure factory machines are working the right way.
- b. Metal detectors make sure workers don't bring weapons into factories.
- c. Metal detectors make sure that broken needles don't get into clothing.
- d. Metal detectors help people recover lost clothing at the beach.

5. According to the text, metal detectors have been used in all of the following EXCEPT which?

- a. schools
- b. churches
- c. courthouses
- d. airports

6. How do metal detectors help soldiers?

- a. They warn soldiers when bullets are coming.
- b. They help soldiers find hidden bombs.
- c. They find weaknesses in their armor.
- d. They create a relaxing beeping noise.

7. Why do people bring metal detectors to the beach?

- a. Metal detectors help people keep the sand clean and safe.
- b. Metal detectors look cool.
- c. Metal detectors help people find valuable items.
- d. Metal detectors help guards keep weapons away from the beach.

8. Which happens first?

- a. The metal detector beeps alarmingly.
- b. The magnetic waves hit metal and change.
- c. The magnetic waves go through the ground.
- d. The metal detector creates magnetic waves.

9. How did metal detectors get better over time?

- a. They became cheaper.
- b. They became lighter.
- c. They began working better
- d. All of these

10. Which title would best describe the purpose of this text?

- a. *A Day at the Beach: Using Your Metal Detector to Find Things*
- b. *Metal Detectors: A Complete Story of Their Invention*
- c. *Magnetism and More: How a Metal Detector Works*
- d. *Metal Detectors: What They Do and How We Use Them*

2. Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form. (5 points/0.25 each item)

1. I _____ (GIVE) you a book last week. _____
(YOU READ) it yet?
2. John _____ (HAVE) a shower when the doorbell _____
(RING), so he couldn't answer it.
3. I _____ (JUST HEAR) that Thomas is in Australia at the moment.
4. I expect that everyone I have invited _____ to my birthday party.
(COME)
5. My daughter _____ (USUALLY NOT TELL) me where she is, so
I _____ her whereabouts. (NOT KNOW)
6. – What _____ (YOU DO) yesterday afternoon?
– I _____ (REPAIR) the car while my wife _____
(CLEAN) the house.
7. – Do you have a driving license? – Yes, I do, but I _____ a car for ages.
(NOT DRIVE)
8. Why _____ (HE WALK) so fast today? He usually _____
(WALK) much slower.
9. _____ (HE EVER TRAVEL) by plane? – Yes, he _____
(FLY) to America a few years ago.
10. We wanted to stay longer, but we _____ any money left. (NOT HAVE)
11. Howard _____ (SIT) on the sofa and _____
(WATCH) TV since morning. When _____ (HE START) getting ready
for his exam?
12. How long _____ (HENRY LIVE) in New York before he moved to Boston?

3. Use the word at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (2.5 p./0.25)

1. One of the less _____ features of California is the threat of earthquakes.
(attract)
2. A folk band provided the _____. (entertain)
3. We watched our team's _____ struggle to win back the cup. (hero)
4. He received an award for outstanding _____. (brave)
5. Flights should be confirmed 48 hours before _____. (depart)
6. I am sure you have made the right _____. (choose)
7. The course will help you build your _____ and develop your study skills.
(confident)
8. I have established a good working _____ with my boss. (relation)
9. It was a relatively _____ hotel so we didn't have to pay much. (expense)
10. The website turned out to be a really _____ resource. It helped us a lot. (use)

4. Insert the correct prepositions. (2.5points/0.25)

1. Rick is crazy _____ football. He never misses a match.
2. I wasn't too keen _____ going to the party.
3. What are you doing _____ Christmas?
4. It was dark by the time we arrived _____ Barcelona.

5. So how long have you been married _____ Nicky?
6. He had always been very jealous _____ his brother's good looks.
7. You shouldn't take what doesn't belong _____ you.
8. The fire resulted _____ damage to their property.
9. She is planning a nice party with lots of friends _____ her birthday.
10. Never try to fix a broken machine without disconnecting it _____ the electricity supply.

5. Match to make sentences. (2 points/0.25)

1. If you flew with Qatar Airlines, _____	a) her camera wouldn't have been stolen.
2. If you fly from Paris to London at the weekend, _____	b) the camera will be safe.
3. If you flew back home on Wednesday, _____	c) I would have met you at the airport.
4. If you use the airport car park, _____	d) you would miss the end of the conference.
5. If you had flown on a Saturday, _____	e) the car will be safe there.
6. If you had taken an earlier flight, _____	f) the fare would have been less.
7. If she hadn't forgotten to lock her car, _____	g) it is a lot cheaper.
8. If she remembers to lock the car, _____	h) you would have a wonderful experience.

6. Choose the correct option. (4 points/0.25 each item)

1. He's difficult to understand, because he speaks _____ quickly for us.
a) so b) such c) such a
2. I like Peter and Mary. They are _____ nice people.
a) so b) such c) such a
3. It was a great holiday. We had _____ good time.
a) so b) such c) such a
4. There _____ a lot of bad news recently.
a) are b) have been c) has been
5. It is _____ hot today. I can't work outside.
a) more b) too c) enough
6. You should have your hair cut. _____ too long.
a) it is b) they are c) there is
7. The weather is good _____ to have a picnic.
a) too b) enough c) not enough
8. Barbara is _____ than Sarah.
a) intelligenter b) much intelligent c) more intelligent
9. I must _____ for my son's behaviour — he isn't usually this moody.
a) introduce b) recognize c) apologize
10. Thousands of young men came forward, willing to _____ their country from the enemy.
a) divorce b) decorate c) defend
11. It was always very important to me to have my own money and be financially _____.
a) faithful b) independent c) loyal
12. After living in France for a year, I felt much more _____ about my French.
a) close b) confident c) ordinary

13. He was endlessly kind and _____ with children.

- a) patient b) grateful c) private

14. She _____ a few problems with the house that I hadn't noticed.

- a) pointed out b) rubbed out c) ripped up

15. He was _____ for swearing at the referee.

- a) sent off b) joined in c) turned down

16. She couldn't sell her old furniture so she decided to _____ .

- a) give them away b) pay it back c) give it away

7. Make the sentences passive. (1.5 points/0.25)

1. They invited many people to the party.

2. They will tell you when the plane arrives.

3. The fire destroyed the most valuable picture in the museum.

4. We do not see the house from here.

5. They are holding the European Football Championship in Germany this year.

6. You can find this word in the dictionary.

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