

# English Sample test

## A. Reading Comprehension and writing

Read the text and answer the questions, only include information from the text, write complete sentences, not just short answers. (The numbers e.g. 1., 2. represent the item of information needed)

### Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo was born near the Tuscan hill-town of Vinci. As being an out of wedlock child, his he was raised by his paternal grandfather. His father was a lawyer in Florence, where Leonardo received his early artistic training. He also learnt sculpture and decorative metalwork as well as paintings.

Leonardo was not only a painter and sculptor but also an architect, designer, theorist, engineer and scientist. In 1472 he began to work in Florence and made numerous drawings, and he was interested in geometry, anatomy and engineering.

In 1483, Leonardo decided to move to Milan therefore he wrote to the ruling family, the Sforzas, asking for employment as he was an expert in military engineering.

At this time Leonardo created *The Virgin of the Rocks* and *The Last Supper*. He kept notebooks of his research into science, biology, anatomy, engineering and art. He was keen on flying machines, and came up with a design for a type of helicopter. The books were filled with drawings and diagrams, and covered with notes written in mirror handwriting. He kept them for the rest of his life.

In 1499 Leonardo returned to Florence. He loved the mystery of the face and the possibility of reading through facial expressions. One of the representatives of this time is the portrait of the wife of a Florentine official, known as '*Mona Lisa*'.

In 1508 he went back to Milan, and began to work on a series of compositions of the *Virgin and Child*. Leonardo's second stay in Milan lasted until 1513 and was followed by three years in Rome. During this period he was offered to be the 'first painter and engineer' at the royal court. Leonardo accepted the offer and moved to France where he spent the rest of his life.

Towards the end of his life, Leonardo got a stroke that left him paralysed down the right side of his body. Despite this, he was still active, though probably his assistants carried out most of the physical work.

At the age of 67, Leonardo drew up his will. He left most of his works to his adored pupil and companion, Francesco Melzi. He died later that year and was buried in Amboise.

## Questions

**What can we get to know about Leonardo's early years? (1., 2., 3., 4.)** (4 p.)

**What did he do to get a job in Milan? (1., 2.)** (4 p.)

**What things was he particularly interested in? (1., 2., 3., 4.)** (4 p.)

**What problem did he have when he was getting older?** (4 p.)

**Give the names some of his masterpieces, which are mentioned in the text! (1., 2., 3., 4.)**  
(4 p.)

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## **B. Multiply choice test: Grammar and vocabulary**

*Mark the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.*

1. My brother ..... play tennis regularly.  
A doesn't                      B don't                      C isn't
  
2. I ..... the washing up right now.  
A do                              B am doing                      C is doing
  
3. The philosopher Socrates ..... poison and died.  
A drank                      B drunk                      C drank
  
4. While I ..... a bath, somebody knocked on the door.  
A had                              B was having                      C were having
  
5. I have been ..... Spain three times.  
A in                              B to                              C at
  
6. Steve ..... the violin for five years.  
A is learning                      B have been learning                      C has been learning.
  
7. By the time we arrived, they ..... all the cakes.  
A ate                              B eated                              C had eaten
  
8. My ..... is a teacher and her students respect her.  
A uncle                              B aunt                              C brother
  
9. Look! That volcano ..... erupt.

A will                      B shall                      C is going to

10. There ..... a lot of people at the rock concert.

A is                      B was                      C were

11. .... unicorns really exist once?

A Do                      B Does                      C Did

12. After the school-leaving exam, I decided ..... to university.

A to go                      B going                      C go

13. Are you interested in ..... a tennis club?

A to join                      B joining                      C join

14. If you ..... the fish on the table, the cat ..... it.

A leave, eat                      B will leave, will eat                      C leave, will eat

15. Take my advice. You ..... feel so tired, if you ..... less.

A would, smoked                      B wouldn't, smoked                      C would, would smoke

16. Aztec boys ..... to fight.

A were trained                      B was trained                      C is trained

17. His sister ..... walk when she was one year old.

A was                      B could                      C should

18. If you want to be healthier, think more about ..... you eat.

A food                      B the food                      C a food

19. There isn't ..... water left.

A some

B no

C any

20. We managed to see ..... tigers in the distance.

A a few

B a little

C much

21. This CD belongs to me. This CD is .....

A me

B my

C mine

22. This car is ..... than a tortoise.

A more slow

B slowest

C slower

23. Jim Carry in the main role is ..... funny.

A unbelievably

B unbelievable

C unbelievable

24. Both ships arrived ..... Lisbon

A on

B in

C to

25. I've been waiting ..... two hours.

A since

B from

C for

26. We have run out ..... milk, we need to buy some.

A of

B down

C of

27. According ..... Freud, we learn through fairy tales.

A of

B to

C from

28. That was the man ..... car was stolen

A which

B who's

C whose

29. We saw some interesting metal statues made by a French .....

A painter

B musician

C sculptor

30. You can always trust in Susan, she is very .....

A reliable

B tolerable

C miserable

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## Answer keys

### A. Reading Comprehension and writing

**What can we get to know about Leonardo's early years?**

(1.) He was born out of wedlock.

(2.) He was brought up by his father's father (paternal grandfather).

(3.) Since his father lived in Florence, he spent his early years there.

(4.) He studied arts (painting, sculpture, decorative metalwork). (4 p.)

**What did he do to get a job in Milan?**

He wrote a letter to the Sforzas, - the ruling family of Milan, - asking for a job. He offered himself as a specialist of military engineering.

(4 p.)

**What things was he particularly interested in?**

He was interested in (1.) science, biology, anatomy, (2.) engineering, (3.) flying machine, helicopter, (4.) reading through facial expressions.

(4 p.)

**What problem did he have when he was getting older?**

He got a stroke which paralyzed his right side of his body. His assistants had to carry out his physical work.

(4 p.)

**Give the names some of his masterpieces, which are mentioned in the text!**

(1.) The Virgin of the Rocks, (2.) The Last Supper, (3.) 'Mona Lisa, (4.) The Virgin and Child.

(4 p.)

**B. Multiply choice test: Grammar and vocabulary Answer Key:**

1A

2B

3C

4B

5B

6C

7C

8B

9C

10C

11C

12A

13B

14C

15B

16A

17B

18B

19C

20A

21C

22C

23A

24B

25C

26A

27B

28C

29C

30A