

English Mock Test 2

Name: _____

Date: _____

Time allowed: **50 minutes**

50 questions, 1 mark each

Answer **every** question. Each question has five options, **A** to **E**, and exactly one is correct. Work out the answer and mark the letter you have chosen. Marks are not taken away for a wrong answer, so it is worth having a go at every question.

Read this passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

The Call of the Wild

by Jack London

This extract is the opening of The Call of the Wild, first published in 1903. Buck is a large, proud dog living on a rich judge's estate in California. Far to the north, in the Klondike, gold has just been discovered. The extract has been shortened.

1 Buck did not read the newspapers, or he would have known that trouble was brewing, not alone for himself, but for every tide-water dog, strong of muscle and with warm, long hair, from Puget Sound to San Diego. Because men, groping in the Arctic darkness, had found a
5 yellow metal, and because steamship and transportation companies were booming the find, thousands of men were rushing into the Northland. These men wanted dogs, and the dogs they wanted were heavy dogs, with strong muscles by which to toil, and furry coats to protect them from the frost.

10 Buck lived at a big house in the sun-kissed Santa Clara Valley. Judge Miller's place, it was called. There were great stables, where a dozen grooms and boys held forth, rows of vine-clad servants' cottages, an endless and orderly array of outhouses, long grape arbors, green pastures, orchards, and berry patches.

15 And over this great demesne Buck ruled. Here he was born, and here he had lived the four years of his life. It was true, there were other dogs. There could not but be other dogs on so vast a place, but they did not count. They came and went, resided in the populous kennels, or lived obscurely in the recesses of the house after the
20 fashion of Toots, the Japanese pug, or Ysabel, the Mexican hairless,—strange creatures that rarely put nose out of doors or set foot to ground.

But Buck was neither house-dog nor kennel-dog. The whole realm was his. He plunged into the swimming tank or went hunting with the Judge's sons; he escorted Mollie and Alice, the Judge's daughters, on long twilight or early morning rambles; on wintry nights he lay at the Judge's feet before the roaring library fire; he carried the Judge's grandsons on his back, or rolled them in the grass, and guarded their footsteps through wild adventures down to the fountain in the stable yard, and even beyond, where the paddocks were, and the berry patches. Among the terriers he stalked imperiously, and Toots and Ysabel he utterly ignored, for he was king,—king over all creeping, crawling, flying things of Judge Miller's place, humans included.

His father, Elmo, a huge St. Bernard, had been the Judge's inseparable companion, and Buck bid fair to follow in the way of his father. He was not so large,—he weighed only one hundred and forty pounds,—for his mother, Shep, had been a Scotch shepherd dog. During the four years since his puppyhood he had lived the life of a sated aristocrat; he had a fine pride in himself, was even a trifle egotistical, as country gentlemen sometimes become because of their insular situation. But he had saved himself by not becoming a mere pampered house-dog.

And this was the manner of dog Buck was in the fall of 1897, when the Klondike strike dragged men from all the world into the frozen North. But Buck did not read the newspapers, and he did not know that Manuel, one of the gardener's helpers, was an undesirable acquaintance.

The Judge was at a meeting of the Raisin Growers' Association, and the boys were busy organizing an athletic club, on the memorable night of Manuel's treachery. No one saw him and Buck go off through the orchard on what Buck imagined was merely a stroll. And with the exception of a solitary man, no one saw them arrive at the little flag station known as College Park. This man talked with Manuel, and money chinked between them.

"You might wrap up the goods before you deliver 'em," the stranger said gruffly, and Manuel doubled a piece of stout rope around Buck's neck under the collar.

Buck had accepted the rope with quiet dignity. To be sure, it was an unwonted performance: but he had learned to trust in men he knew, and to give them credit for a wisdom that outreached his own. But when the ends of the rope were placed in the stranger's hands, he growled menacingly. He had merely intimated his displeasure, in his

pride believing that to intimate was to command. But to his surprise
65 the rope tightened around his neck, shutting off his breath. In
quick rage he sprang at the man, who met him halfway, grappled him
close by the throat, and with a deft twist threw him over on his
back. Never in all his life had he been so vilely treated, and never
in all his life had he been so angry. But his strength ebbed, his
70 eyes glazed, and he knew nothing when the train was flagged and the
two men threw him into the baggage car.

Please answer these questions. (Look at the passage again if you need to.) You should choose the best answer and mark its letter.

Q1. According to lines 7-9, what kind of dogs did the men rushing into the Northland want?

- A. small, quick dogs that could hunt for food
- B. heavy dogs with strong muscles and furry coats
- C. dogs that were used to living in big houses
- D. dogs that could guard gold from thieves
- E. light dogs with short hair that could run fast

Q2. 'Buck did not read the newspapers, or he would have known that trouble was brewing' (lines 1-2)

Why might the author have begun the story in this way?

- A. to show that Buck was clever enough almost to read
- B. to explain that the newspapers had printed a story about Buck
- C. to tell us that Buck was bored by the news
- D. to make the reader smile, since no dog reads, while warning that trouble is coming for Buck
- E. to show that Buck had already been stolen when the story begins

Q3. 'had found a yellow metal' (lines 4-5)

What is the 'yellow metal'?

- A. gold
- B. copper
- C. brass
- D. bronze
- E. tin

Q4. Where did Buck live?

- A. in a kennel at College Park
- B. in a small house in San Diego
- C. at Judge Miller's place in the Santa Clara Valley
- D. on a farm beside Puget Sound
- E. in the Northland

Q5. 'an endless and orderly array of outhouses' (line 13)

What does this tell us about the outhouses?

- A. They went on for ever and were never finished.
- B. They were untidy and falling down.
- C. There were only a few, but each was very large.
- D. They were where the dogs were kept.
- E. There were a great many of them, set out neatly.

Q6. 'And over this great demesne Buck ruled.' (line 15)

Using the paragraph before, what is a 'demesne'?

- A. a large estate, with its house, buildings and land
- B. a kingdom ruled by a king
- C. a grand house, without its gardens
- D. a group of dog kennels
- E. a valley surrounded by hills

Q7. 'There could not but be other dogs on so vast a place, but they did not count.' (lines 17-18)

What does 'they did not count' mean here?

- A. Nobody knew how many dogs there were.
- B. The other dogs were too young to be counted.
- C. The other dogs were not allowed on the estate.
- D. The other dogs did not matter, compared with Buck.
- E. The other dogs could not count.

Q8. What kind of dog was Toots?

- A. a Mexican hairless
- B. a Japanese pug
- C. a St. Bernard
- D. a Scotch shepherd dog
- E. a fox terrier

Q9. What type of words are the following? populous (line 18), strange (line 21), wintry (line 26), inseparable (line 36)

- A. nouns
- B. verbs
- C. adjectives
- D. adverbs
- E. prepositions

Q10. Which of these is NOT something Buck did at Judge Miller's place?

- A. He went hunting with the Judge's sons.
- B. He lay at the Judge's feet before the library fire.
- C. He carried the Judge's grandsons on his back.
- D. He went on walks with the Judge's daughters.
- E. He slept in the kennels with the other dogs.

Q11. In lines 24-31 the author lists many things that Buck did, one after another, in a single long sentence. What is the effect of this?

- A. It shows that Buck did all these things at the same time.
- B. It suggests that Buck was worn out by his busy life.
- C. It shows that the Judge's family ordered Buck about all day.
- D. It shows how full and free Buck's life was, with the whole estate his to enjoy.
- E. It shows that Buck did these things only in winter.

Q12. 'Among the terriers he stalked imperiously' (line 31)
Which word or phrase is closest in meaning to 'imperiously'?

- A. silently, like a hunter
- B. proudly, like a ruler
- C. nervously
- D. playfully
- E. slowly, because he was tired

Q13. 'king over all creeping, crawling, flying things' (lines 32-33)

The words 'creeping, crawling' are an example of...

- A. a simile
- B. a metaphor
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. personification
- E. alliteration

Q14. 'humans included' (lines 33-34)

Why has the author added these words?

- A. to add humour, as it suggests Buck believed he ruled even the people
- B. to show that the people on the estate were afraid of Buck
- C. to show that the humans also crept and crawled about
- D. to explain that the Judge had made Buck king
- E. to warn that Buck sometimes attacked people

Q15. What breed of dog was Buck's father, Elmo?

- A. a Scotch shepherd dog
- B. a fox terrier
- C. a St. Bernard
- D. a Japanese pug
- E. a husky

Q16. Why was Buck not as large as his father? (lines 37-38)

- A. He had not been given enough to eat.
- B. His mother was a smaller breed of dog.
- C. He was still only a puppy.
- D. He had been ill as a puppy.
- E. He took too much exercise.

Q17. 'he had lived the life of a sated aristocrat' (lines 39-40)

What does this suggest about Buck's life?

- A. He had worked hard to earn his place in the family.
- B. He had often gone hungry.
- C. He had lived alone, away from other dogs.
- D. He had been treated like a servant.
- E. He had lived like a rich nobleman who had everything he could want.

Q18. 'Manuel, one of the gardener's helpers, was an undesirable acquaintance' (lines 47-48)

What does this tell us about Manuel?

- A. He was someone it would be better not to know.
- B. He was a stranger whom nobody had met.
- C. He was Buck's closest friend on the estate.
- D. He was a gardener who disliked all dogs.
- E. He wanted to become the Judge's friend.

Q19. Where was the Judge on the night that Manuel took Buck away?

- A. at the little flag station at College Park
- B. helping the boys organise an athletic club
- C. sitting by the library fire
- D. at a meeting of the Raisin Growers' Association
- E. travelling north to the Klondike

Q20. 'money chinked between them' (line 55)

What is most likely to have happened?

- A. Manuel paid the stranger to look after Buck.
- B. The two men bought train tickets.
- C. The stranger paid Manuel for Buck.
- D. The two men gambled for money.
- E. Manuel gave the stranger some change.

Q21. 'wrap up the goods' (line 56)

What does the stranger's choice of words show about how he thinks of Buck?

- A. He is fond of Buck and wants to keep him warm.
- B. He sees Buck as something bought and sold, not as a living creature.
- C. He does not realise that Buck is a dog.
- D. He thinks Buck is a present for somebody.
- E. He is afraid of Buck and wants him hidden.

Q22. 'To be sure, it was an unwonted performance' (lines 59-60)

What does 'unwonted' mean?

- A. unwanted
- B. cruel and painful
- C. carefully practised
- D. loud and showy
- E. unusual; not what he was used to

Q23. 'in his pride believing that to intimate was to command' (lines 63-64)

What did Buck expect to happen when he growled?

- A. that the stranger would do as he wished and let him go
- B. that the stranger would attack him
- C. that Manuel would come to his rescue
- D. that the Judge would hear him and come
- E. that the rope would snap

Q24. Which of these would make the best alternative title for this extract?

- A. The Great Gold Rush
- B. A Day in the Life of Judge Miller
- C. Buck Runs Away
- D. A King Betrayed
- E. Toots and Ysabel

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Spelling

In these sentences there are some **spelling** mistakes. In each sentence there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q25.

Our dog Max is the biggest dog in the whole street.

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A

B

C

D

- A. Our dog Max is
- B. the biggest dog
- C. in the whole
- D. street.
- E. No mistake

Q26.

My stomache ached after I ate three large slices of cake.

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A

B

C

D

- A. My stomache ached
- B. after I ate
- C. three large
- D. slices of cake.
- E. No mistake

Q27.

Mum found the missing keys in the cupboard under the sink.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Mum found the
- B. missing keys
- C. in the cupboard
- D. under the sink.
- E. No mistake

Q28.

The receipt for my new trainers was stuck to the bottom of the bag.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The receipt for
- B. my new trainers
- C. was stuck to the
- D. bottom of the bag.
- E. No mistake

Q29.

A large spider was hanging from the kitchen cieling by a thread.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. A large spider
- B. was hanging from
- C. the kitchen
- D. cieling by a thread.
- E. No mistake

Q30.

The farm dog gave a viscious growl as we walked past the gate.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The farm dog
- B. gave a viscious
- C. growl as we
- D. walked past the gate.
- E. No mistake

Q31.

The sergeant described the dangerous mission in great detail.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The sergeant
- B. described the
- C. dangerous mission
- D. in great detail.
- E. No mistake

Q32.

Nobody could pass because a large vehical had broken down in the lane.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Nobody could pass
- B. because a large
- C. vehical had broken
- D. down in the lane.
- E. No mistake



Q33.

We stayed indoors all weekend because of the persistant rain.

A

B

C

D

- A. We stayed
B. indoors all weekend
C. because of the
D. persistant rain.
E. No mistake

Gold Fever

In these sentences there are some **punctuation and grammar** mistakes. The nine numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q34.

In 1896, gold was discovered beside a creek in the far north of canada.

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A	B	C	D

- A. In 1896, gold was
- B. discovered beside a
- C. creek in the far
- D. north of canada.
- E. No mistake

Q35.

At first, few heard the news, it took a year to spread south.

┌──────────┐	┌──────────┐	┌──────────┐	┌──────────┐
A	B	C	D

- A. At first, few
- B. heard the news, it took
- C. a year
- D. to spread south.
- E. No mistake

Q36.

When a ship with two tons of gold were seen in Seattle, crowds cheered.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. When a ship with
- B. two tons of gold
- C. were seen in Seattle,
- D. crowds cheered.
- E. No mistake

Q37.

Shopkeepers, clerks teachers and even the town mayor set off north.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Shopkeepers, clerks
- B. teachers and even
- C. the town mayor
- D. set off north.
- E. No mistake

Q38.

Most miners' had never seen deep snow, and few knew how to survive it.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Most miners' had
- B. never seen deep
- C. snow, and few knew
- D. how to survive it.
- E. No mistake

Q39.

The Canadian police made men bring a year's food, which weighed a ton.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The Canadian police
- B. made men bring
- C. a year's food,
- D. which weighed a ton.
- E. No mistake

Q40.

Each man needed three things strength, patience and plenty of luck.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Each man needed
- B. three things strength,
- C. patience and
- D. plenty of luck.
- E. No mistake

Q41.

Many of them were exhausted and could of turned back, but struggled on.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Many of them
- B. were exhausted and
- C. could of turned back,
- D. but struggled on.
- E. No mistake

Q42.

When most arrived, the best land was gone, and many mens' hopes faded.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. When most arrived,
- B. the best land
- C. was gone, and
- D. many mens' hopes faded.
- E. No mistake

Into the Snow

In this passage you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. The numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage, so read them in order. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Q43. Before our husky ride in Lapland, our guide Aino told us to _____ three layers of warm clothes.

- A. where
- B. were
- C. wear
- D. we're
- E. ware

Q44. She even let us _____ her spare fur hats, which were much warmer than ours.

- A. borrow
- B. lend
- C. lent
- D. borrowed
- E. lending

Q45. Long icicles _____ from the kennel roof, glittering like glass in the low sun.

- A. hanged
- B. hangs
- C. hunged
- D. hung
- E. hanging

Q46. The moment Aino opened the gate, the barking dogs fell _____ and sat down in the snow.

- A. quite
- B. quiet
- C. quietly
- D. quit
- E. quietness

Q47. Our sledge sped _____ a frozen lake, where a reindeer stood watching us.

- A. passed
- B. pass
- C. pasted
- D. passing
- E. past

Q48. Halfway round, my fingers were so numb that I wished we _____ packed a flask of hot chocolate.

- A. have
- B. would
- C. has
- D. had
- E. of

Q49. 'Hold on tight!' called Aino, for the trail ahead was steeper _____ any hill we had ever climbed at home.

- A. then
- B. than
- C. that
- D. as
- E. from

Q50. We tipped into a snowdrift and missed the last trail home, but it proved a blessing _____ disguise, for that night we saw the Northern Lights.

- A. in
- B. of
- C. under
- D. with
- E. by

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