

English Mock Test 25

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 Glad Game

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This extract comes from Pollyanna, first published in America in 1913. Pollyanna, who is eleven, has lost both her parents. Her father was a poor minister, and the Ladies' Aid, a group of women from his church, helped to look after her. She has been sent to live with her aunt, Miss Polly, a strict, wealthy woman who has given her a bare little room in the attic. On her first evening Pollyanna climbed out of the window to look at the view and missed supper, so as a punishment she must eat bread and milk in the kitchen with Nancy, the maid. Pollyanna has just said that she is glad about this. A missionary barrel was a barrel of gifts sent to poor families. Nancy's words are written as she says them: ter means to, and 'em means them. The extract has been shortened.

1 "You don't seem ter see any trouble bein' glad about everythin'," retorted Nancy, choking a little over her remembrance of Pollyanna's brave attempts to like the bare little attic room.

Pollyanna laughed softly.

5 "Well, that's the game, you know, anyway."

"The-game?"

"Yes; the 'just being glad' game."

"Whatever in the world are you talkin' about?"

10 "Why, it's a game. Father told it to me, and it's lovely," rejoined Pollyanna. "We've played it always, ever since I was a little, little girl. I told the Ladies' Aid, and they played it—some of them."

Pollyanna laughed again, but she sighed, too; and in the gathering twilight her face looked thin and wistful.

15 "Why, we began it on some crutches that came in a missionary barrel."

"Crutches!"

"Yes. You see I'd wanted a doll, and father had written them so; but when the barrel came the lady wrote that there hadn't any dolls come
20 in, but the little crutches had. So she sent 'em along as they might come in handy for some child, sometime. And that's when we began it."

"Well, I must say I can't see any game about that, about that," declared Nancy, almost irritably.

25 "Oh, yes; the game was to just find something about everything to be glad about—no matter what 'twas," rejoined Pollyanna, earnestly. "And we began right then—on the crutches."

"Well, goodness me! I can't see anythin' ter be glad about—gettin' a pair of crutches when you wanted a doll!"

30 "There is—there is," she crowed. "But I couldn't see it, either, Nancy, at first," she added, with quick honesty. "Father had to tell it to me."

"Well, then, suppose you tell me," almost snapped Nancy.

35 "Goosey! Why, just be glad because you don't—need—'em!" exulted Pollyanna, triumphantly. "You see it's just as easy—when you know how!"

"Well, of all the queer doin's!" breathed Nancy, regarding Pollyanna with almost fearful eyes.

40 "Oh, but it isn't queer—it's lovely," maintained Pollyanna enthusiastically. "And we've played it ever since. And the harder 'tis, the more fun 'tis to get 'em out; only—only sometimes it's almost too hard—like when your father goes to Heaven, and there isn't anybody but a Ladies' Aid left."

45 "Yes, or when you're put in a snippy little room 'way at the top of the house with nothin' in it," growled Nancy.

"That was a hard one, at first," she admitted, "specially when I was so kind of lonesome. I just didn't feel like playing the game, anyway, and I *had* been wanting pretty things, so! Then I

50 happened to think how I hated to see my freckles in the looking-glass, and I saw that lovely picture out the window, too; so then I knew I'd found the things to be glad about. You see, when you're hunting for the glad things, you sort of forget the other kind-like the doll you wanted, you know."

55 "Humph!" choked Nancy, trying to swallow the lump in her throat.

"Most generally it doesn't take so long," sighed Pollyanna; "and lots of times now I just think of them *without* thinking, you know. I've got so used to playing it. It's a lovely game. F-father and I used to like it so much," she faltered. "I suppose, though, 60 it-it'll be a little harder now, as long as I haven't anybody to play it with. Maybe Aunt Polly will play it, though," she added, as an after-thought.

"My stars and stockings!-her!" breathed Nancy, behind her teeth. Then, aloud, she said doggedly: "See here, Miss Pollyanna, I 65 ain't sayin' that I'll play it very well, and I ain't sayin' that I know how, anyway; but I'll play it with ye, after a fashion-I just will, I will!"

Pollyanna ate her bread and milk with good appetite; then, at Nancy's suggestion, she went into the sitting room, where her aunt 70 sat reading. Miss Polly looked up coldly.

"I'm very sorry, Pollyanna, to have been obliged so soon to send you into the kitchen to eat bread and milk."

"But I was real glad you did it, Aunt Polly. I like bread and milk, and Nancy, too. You mustn't feel bad about that one bit."

75 Aunt Polly sat suddenly a little more erect in her chair.

Quite as a matter of course, Pollyanna came straight to her aunt's side and gave her an affectionate hug.

"I've had such a beautiful time, so far," she sighed happily. "I know I'm going to just love living with you but then, I knew I 80 should before I came. Good-night," she called cheerfully, as she ran from the room.

"Well, upon my soul!" ejaculated Miss Polly, half aloud. "What a

most extraordinary child!" Then she frowned. "She's 'glad' I punished her, and I 'mustn't feel bad one bit,' and she's going to
85 'love to live' with me! Well, upon my soul!" ejaculated Miss Polly again, as she took up her book.

Fifteen minutes later, in the attic room, a lonely little girl sobbed into the tightly-clutched sheet:

"I know, father-among-the-angels, I'm not playing the game one bit
90 now-not one bit; but I don't believe even you could find anything to be glad about sleeping all alone 'way off up here in the dark-like this. If only I was near Nancy or Aunt Polly, or even a Ladies' Aider, it would be easier!"

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

Q1. 'retorted Nancy' (line 2)

What does 'retorted' mean?

- A. asked quietly
- B. shouted angrily
- C. replied sharply
- D. whispered
- E. agreed

Q2. 'choking a little over her remembrance of Pollyanna's brave attempts to like the bare little attic room' (lines 2-3)

What does this show about Nancy?

- A. She is moved almost to tears by how hard Pollyanna tries to be cheerful.
- B. She is eating too quickly.
- C. She is angry with Pollyanna for complaining.
- D. She thinks the attic room is too good for Pollyanna.
- E. She has a cold and cannot speak clearly.

Q3. Who first taught Pollyanna the 'just being glad' game?

- A. Nancy
- B. Aunt Polly
- C. the Ladies' Aid
- D. the lady who sent the barrel
- E. her father

Q4. 'her face looked thin and wistful' (line 14)

What does 'wistful' mean?

- A. cheerful and excited
- B. sadly longing for something
- C. tired and bored
- D. cross and impatient
- E. puzzled and confused

Q5. What had Pollyanna hoped would come in the missionary barrel?

- A. some crutches
- B. a pair of shoes
- C. a book of games
- D. a doll
- E. a new dress

Q6. 'So she sent 'em along as they might come in handy for some child, sometime.' (lines 20-21)

Why did the lady send the crutches?

- A. She knew Pollyanna had hurt her leg.
- B. She thought they might be useful to some child one day.
- C. She wanted to play a joke on Pollyanna.
- D. The crutches were the only toys left.
- E. Pollyanna's father had asked for them.

Q7. 'the game was to just find something about everything to be glad about' (lines 25-26)

What was the aim of the game?

- A. to be glad only about good things
- B. to guess what was in the missionary barrel
- C. to make other people feel sorry for you
- D. to pretend that bad things had not happened
- E. to find a reason to be glad in anything that happens, however bad

Q8. 'she added, with quick honesty' (line 31)

What does this show about Pollyanna?

- A. She is honest enough to admit that she could not see the answer at first either.
- B. She is boasting that she found the answer at once.
- C. She is telling Nancy a lie.
- D. She speaks too quickly to be understood.
- E. She wants Nancy to stop asking questions.

Q9. 'almost snapped Nancy' (lines 33-34)

How is Nancy feeling?

- A. frightened of Pollyanna
- B. sleepy after her work
- C. impatient to hear the answer
- D. delighted with the game
- E. sorry for the lady who sent the barrel

Q10. What reason to be glad did Pollyanna find in the crutches?

- A. They could be sold for money.
- B. They were made of good wood.
- C. They could be used as toys.
- D. She did not need them.
- E. The lady might send a doll next time.

Q11. 'regarding Pollyanna with almost fearful eyes' (lines 38-39)

Why does Nancy look at her like this?

- A. She is amazed, and a little unsettled, by such an unusual way of thinking.
- B. She thinks Pollyanna is going to hurt her.
- C. She is afraid Aunt Polly will hear them.
- D. She thinks Pollyanna is ill.
- E. She is frightened of the dark.

Q12. 'the harder 'tis, the more fun 'tis to get 'em out' (lines 41-42)

What does Pollyanna mean?

- A. The game is more fun when it is easy.
- B. It is hard to get the crutches out of the barrel.
- C. The harder it is to find something to be glad about, the more satisfying the game is.
- D. She stops playing whenever the game gets hard.
- E. The game is only fun when you win.

Q13. 'like when your father goes to Heaven' (line 43)

What does this tell us?

- A. Her father has gone away on a long journey.
- B. Pollyanna's father has died, and she found it very hard to be glad then.
- C. Her father is a minister who talks about Heaven.
- D. Her father will join her soon.
- E. She has never found the game hard.

Q14. 'a snippy little room' (line 45)

What does Nancy think of the attic room?

- A. It is cosy and comfortable.
- B. It is the best room in the house.
- C. It is too big for a little girl.
- D. It is untidy because Pollyanna left it in a mess.
- E. It is mean, small and bare, and Pollyanna deserves better.

Q15. 'how I hated to see my freckles in the looking-glass' (lines 50-51)

What did Pollyanna find to be glad about?

- A. Her freckles had faded.
- B. The looking-glass in the room was very large.
- C. Aunt Polly had given her a new mirror.
- D. The room had no mirror, so she did not have to see her freckles.
- E. Nancy told her that her freckles were pretty.

Q16. 'F-father and I used to like it so much,' (lines 58-59)

Why does Pollyanna stumble over the word 'father'?

- A. Talking about her father, who has died, upsets her.
- B. She has a stammer when she is excited.
- C. She cannot remember the word.
- D. She is shivering with cold.
- E. She is laughing too much to speak.

Q17. 'Maybe Aunt Polly will play it, though,' (line 61)

What does Nancy's reaction in line 63 suggest about Aunt Polly?

- A. She loves playing games with children.
- B. She has already agreed to play.
- C. She taught Nancy the game.
- D. She is too ill to play games.
- E. She is so stern that the idea of her playing a glad game seems ridiculous.

Q18. 'she said doggedly' (line 64)

What does 'doggedly' mean?

- A. angrily
- B. sadly
- C. in a determined way
- D. in a whisper
- E. like a dog

Q19. Where did Pollyanna eat her supper?

- A. in the attic
- B. in the kitchen
- C. in the sitting room
- D. in the garden
- E. at the table with Aunt Polly

Q20. 'Aunt Polly sat suddenly a little more erect in her chair.' (line 75)

Why?

- A. She had heard a noise outside.
- B. Her back was aching from reading.
- C. She was about to send Pollyanna to bed without supper.
- D. She was taken aback that Pollyanna was glad of the punishment and was comforting her.
- E. She was pleased that Pollyanna had apologised.

Q21. In lines 83-85, why does Miss Polly put some of Pollyanna's words in inverted commas?

- A. She is quoting from the book she is reading.
- B. She is repeating Pollyanna's own words because she can hardly believe them.
- C. She is agreeing with everything Pollyanna said.
- D. She wants to remember them for later.
- E. She is correcting Pollyanna's grammar.

Q22. 'a lonely little girl sobbed into the tightly-clutched sheet' (lines 87-88)

How does this change our view of Pollyanna?

- A. She has been pretending to be sad all evening.
- B. She is crying because Aunt Polly punished her.
- C. Behind her cheerfulness she is lonely and unhappy.
- D. She is always unhappy and never plays the game.
- E. She is crying because she dislikes Nancy.

Q23. 'I'm not playing the game one bit now' (lines 89-90)

Why not?

- A. She cannot find anything to be glad about in sleeping alone in the dark.
- B. She has decided the game is silly.
- C. Nancy has told her to stop.
- D. She has forgotten how to play.
- E. She is too tired to think.

Q24. Taking the passage as a whole, which is the truest picture of Pollyanna?

- A. spoilt and always getting her own way
- B. rude to Nancy and Aunt Polly
- C. always happy, with nothing to be sad about
- D. shy and unwilling to talk about herself
- E. determined to look on the bright side, although she is lonely underneath

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.

Rosie has freckels all over her nose.

A

B

C

D

- A. Rosie has
- B. freckels
- C. all over
- D. her nose.
- E. No mistake

Q26.

Cheerfull music drifted out of the open window.

A

B

C

D

- A. Cheerfull music
- B. drifted out of
- C. the open
- D. window.
- E. No mistake

Q27.

Grandma always says that onesty is the best policy.

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

- A. Grandma
- B. always says
- C. that onesty is
- D. the best policy.
- E. No mistake

Q28.

Bats flutter about the garden at twilight.

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

- A. Bats
- B. flutter about
- C. the garden at
- D. twilight.
- E. No mistake

Q29.

The referee was furious when the fans booed.

A

B

C

D

A. The referee

B. was furious

C. when the

D. fans booed.

E. No mistake

Q30.

In basketball, being tall is very advantageous.

A

B

C

D

A. In basketball,

B. being tall

C. is very

D. advantageous.

E. No mistake

Q31.

Our old cat is affectionate but rather lazy.

A

B

C

D

- A. Our old
- B. cat is
- C. affectionate but
- D. rather lazy.
- E. No mistake

Q32.

A missionary travelled across the desert.

A

B

C

D

- A. A missionary
- B. travelled
- C. across the
- D. desert.
- E. No mistake

Q33.

The luscious peaches were an extraordinary treat.

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

- A. The luscious
- B. peaches were
- C. an extraordinary
- D. treat.
- E. No mistake

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The First Teddy Bear

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.

Most people know teddy bears but dont know their story.

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

- A. Most people
- B. know teddy
- C. bears but dont
- D. know their story.
- E. No mistake

Q35.

Have you ever wondered why they are called teddy bears.

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

- A. Have you ever
- B. wondered why
- C. they are called
- D. teddy bears.
- E. No mistake

Q36.

Roosevelt went of on a hunting trip in 1902.

A

B

C

D

A. Roosevelt went of

B. on a hunting

C. trip in

D. 1902.

E. No mistake

Q37.

His guides tied up a bear were he could shoot it easily.

A

B

C

D

A. His guides tied

B. up a bear were

C. he could

D. shoot it easily.

E. No mistake

Q38.

He refused, and the story was soon wrote about everywhere.

A

B

C

D

- A. He refused,
- B. and the story
- C. was soon wrote
- D. about everywhere.
- E. No mistake

Q39.

Rose Michtom sewed a toy bear after a weeks work.

A

B

C

D

- A. Rose Michtom
- B. sewed a toy
- C. bear after a
- D. weeks work.
- E. No mistake

Q40.

"It's only a toy," Said one shopkeeper, "but it sells!"

A

B

C

D

- A. "It's only a
- B. toy," Said one
- C. shopkeeper, "but
- D. it sells!"
- E. No mistake

Q41.

By the early 1900's, teddy bears were everywhere.

A

B

C

D

- A. By the
- B. early 1900's,
- C. teddy bears
- D. were everywhere.
- E. No mistake

Q42.

Today, teddy bears are loved by children-and adults-everywhere.

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

- A. Today, teddy
- B. bears are loved
- C. by children-and
- D. adults-everywhere.
- E. No mistake

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The Sponsored Walk

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. Last Saturday, the _____ school took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the hospice.

- A. hole
- B. whole
- C. holy
- D. wholly
- E. holes

Q44. I _____ it would be a long day, so I wore my comfiest trainers.

- A. new
- B. know
- C. known
- D. knows
- E. knew

Q45. The route took us _____ the river and over an old stone bridge.

- A. along
- B. among
- C. between
- D. within
- E. upon

Q46. My legs soon began to ache, _____ I kept going.

- A. so
- B. because
- C. yet
- D. unless
- E. if

Q47. Then the rain came, and within minutes we were drenched _____ head to toe.

- A. at
- B. by
- C. with
- D. from
- E. under

Q48. Even so, we raised a _____ sum of money for the hospice.

- A. considerable
- B. considerate
- C. considering
- D. consideration
- E. considered

Q49. The head teacher told us she was _____ proud of every one of us.

- A. immense
- B. immensity
- C. immerse
- D. imminently
- E. immensely

Q50. Next year, we hope to raise twice as _____.

- A. many
- B. more
- C. much
- D. most
- E. lot

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