**Prepositions**

Test 1

1. My wife works…the factory. a) on b) at c) during

2. I live….Boston. a)at b) over c) in

3. Come…the house and have some coffee. a) on b) into c) through

4. Where are you…? a) from b) in c) during

5. Let’s go…Moscow tomorrow. a) on b) in c) to

6. He is here…his wife. a) along b) at c) with

7. The books are…the table. a) without b)on c) through

8. Take this man… a) to b) away c) behind

9. Here is some water…you. a) above b) within c) for

10 Can you speak…it? a) into b) by c) about

11. My house is…the Central Park. a) under b)behind c) on

12 …the way! Where is George? a) At b)By c) In

13. The City Hall is…there. a)on b) about c) there

14. I work from six a.m…four p.m. a) in b) at c) till

15. When do you get…? a) during b) up c) with

16. How long do I go…this street? a) in b) along c) without

17. Where do I get…the bus? a) up b) off c)along

18 We have dinner…a quarter to eight. a) in b) on c) at

19. We drink tea…milk. a) behind b) up c) with

20. The bus takes me…the station. a) to b) during c) by

Test 2

1. Let’s go to Moscow…Saturday. a) on b)in c) at

2. Take this book…the table. a) behind b) at c) from

3. Come…office and answer the phone. a) into b) from c) up

4. Take the passport…the table. a) in b) out of c) during

5. I am sitting…the table now. a) over b) beyond c) at

6. I came…Australia. a) at b) from c) on

7. The pencils are in the box. Take them…there. a) on b) into c) out of

8. The pencil is…the desk. a) during b) without c)on

9. The box is…table. a) under b) with c) from

10. The bank is…the street. a) from b)at c) across

11. There is a lamp…the table. a) in b) across c) above

12. There is a new car…those two old ones. a) among b) above c) between

13.There is a telephone…of him. a) up b) in front c) out of

14. My house is…the post-office. a) behind b) into c) from

15. We are sitting…the table and drinking tea. a) in b) on c) around

Test 3

1. The film started…eight o’clock on Thursday. a) in b) at c) across

2. Do you live…the centre…the city? a) on b) up c) in

3. He told us…his life…Australia. a) about b) near c) between

4. The doctor told her to stay…bed. a) in b) on c) within

5. I think I left my pen…the table. a) on b) through c) down

6. Did you leave the Browns…noon? No, I stayed with them…five o’clock p.m.

 a) at – till b) in – from c) on-to

7. Whom will you invite…your birthday party? a) during b) to c) on

8. Can you take your brother…school? a) in b) beyond c) from

9. She got up…6.45 in the morning, had breakfast and left home…work at 8.15.

 a) at – to b) at – for c) without – with

10. I could do…cup of coffee. a) about b)across c) with

11. In the morning he usually buys a newspaper and looks…it on his way to the office.

 a) through b) up c) in

12. There are millions…people…African countries who have no jobs.

 a) of –in b) at – on c) without – across

13. The house where we lived was…the river. a) for b) near c) from

14. I would have roast beef…potatoes, please. a) by b) to c) with

15. There was not much…the menu. a) on b) to c) in

Test 4

1. He was proud…being chosen. a) at b) of c) in

2. Are you jealous…that guy? a) of b) from c)to

3. Don’t say you are familiar…the subject. a) at b)on c) with

4. Don’t be too sure…yourself, please. a) to b) for c) of

5. Are you really fond…music? a) of b) in c) with

6. He was happy…receiving the award. a) at b) about c) in

7. Don’t be afraid …dogs – they are afraid…you. a) of—of b) at—in c) from—to

8. Jake was married…Jane’s. a) on b) in c) to

9. Sorry…interrupting you. a) with b)for c) at

10. Are you aware…the fact that the company you work…went broke?

 a) of –for b) in—to c) with—by

Test 5

1. The space…the two houses was occupied by a parking lot. a) among b) between
2. …a yellow mackintosh, he had pink gloves and a red scarf on а queer figure!

 a) Beside b) Besides

1. …taking up music as a major he decided to study painting.

 a) Instead b) Instead of

4. …the increase in air fares, most people still prefer to travel by plane.

 a) Despite of b) Despite

5. We couldn’t get out of the car…the door struck. a) because b) because of

6. We asked John to speak about his experiences…the Antarctic. a) of b) in

7. According to the time-table the classes are to start…Monday. a) on b) at

8. We have decided to do one exercise a day…now on till the end of the term.

 a) in b) from

9. One…the first to come to the office was Jack. a) in b) of

10. There was a famous writer and several movie stars…the people whom I met at the party at Bridgestone. a) among b) between

Test 6

1. Jake looked…the window and noticed a thief climbing up the wall.

 a) on b) through

2. Mary eventually grew…a pretty young woman. a) on b) into

3. You can’t go out…your umbrella, it is raining heavily. a) in b) without

4. They did a lot of harm…the farmers. a) from b) to

5. Miss Johrdan will look…the children while we are away. a) after b) across

6. The spacecraft is flying… the Universe. a) across b) with

7. All of us paid attention… this interesting fact. a) to b) in

8. I think the main reason…the boy’s shyness is his parents’ indifference, they should give more encouragement to him. a) by b) for

9. On the receiving the letter, they decided to set …at once as there was absolutely no time to waste. a) out b) in

10. His wife deserted him,, but he was able to bring…eleven children without anybody’s aid. a) up b) during

Test 7

1. As the children had never seen any animals in its natural environment, they were excited…what they saw in the Zoo. a) by b) in

2. The party lasted all…the night, and only in the morning it was found out that three of the guests were missing. a) on b) through

3. We all know that water turns…ice at zero degrees Centigrade and evaporates at one hundred above zero. a) up b) into

4. Despite many attempts to introduce a universal language, notably Esperanto and Idiom Neutral, the effort has met…very little success. a) with b) from

5. Though he is an expert in mathematics, he hates to give instructions in it even…his own children. a) to b) from

6. I was on the point of refusing his invitation to spend a weekend in the country, but…he had offered to come and pick me up in his car, I agreed.

 a) after b) before

7. Moving…the desert, the troops met almost no resistance, and thus managed to occupy the area around the channel quite easily. a) across b) on

8. The worried mother shouted…the boy to climb off the tree immediately, but he stayed where he was for fear of falling down. a) in b) to

9. What are you looking…? a) at b) before

10. Who did you go to the parliament…? a) with b) in

Exercise 1.

1. He is a wicked boy. I’m sure he did it… ( by \on ) purpose.
2. She shouted ( at/ to) me that I was wanted ( on / to ) the phone.
3. Take a pen. You can’t sign contracts ( by/ in )pencil.
4. The voyage was tiring. The sea was rough and we had to be ( in/ at ) sea more than a fortnight.
5. He lives ( at/ on )a farm somewhere in Texas.
6. Put your signature (on/ at ) the bottom of the page. Don’t write ( at/ in )the middle, put it (at/ on ) the right.
7. She made this sweater herself (at/ by ) hand.
8. He through an egg ( to / at ) the speaker.
9. The car that was going ( with / at ) the speed of 70 miles per hour braked ( on / at ) the traffic lights.
10. The participants of Greenpeace rally were standing ( by / in ) a line ( in front of / before ) the house of the mayor.
11. He was ( on / at ) work ( before / until ) 3 o’clock yesterday.
12. He was sent ( in / to ) prison for shoplifting ( by / at ) age of seventeen.
13. ( In / On ) the whole, I liked our journey. But next year I’d like to go ( on / to ) cruise.
14. She is not ( by / on ) the phone in the country.- Why won’t she buy a mobile telephone? It is so convenient.-Her salary decreased ( on / by ) two hundred dollars this year and she can’t afford it.
15. ( From / In ) my opinion, she must go ( to / on ) a diet.

Ex. 2.

Вставить—along, through, across, past

1. Our cottage is rather far. You should drive—the church,--a small wood, then—the river (there is a wooden bridge) and finally—the wide road. Our house is by this road. 2. Paul is a good swimmer. He can swim—the river. 3. She went—me without saying a word. 4. The burglar got into the house—the open window. 5. He ran—the lawn and came up to the French window. 6. They went—the bank of the river talking loudly. 7. Oil flows—a pipeline. 8. When she was going—the jewellery shop, her attention was attracted by a necklace in the shop window.

Ex. 3.

Вставить—like, as

1. Is he a millionaire? He spends money—a sheikh. 2. People—the Pitts always fail us. 3. – an economist, I can’t agree to it. 4. He broke my knife, he used it—a tin opener. 5. She is more—her father than her mother. 6. I had waited so long for it, it was –a dream. 7. I used to work—a cabin boy. 8. What has happenedto John? He is playing—a beginner. 9. – the weather is bad ( it looks – rain), let’s stay at home. 10. – a newcomer , he couldn’t take part in the debate.

Ex. 4.

Вставить—down, up, under, below, over, above

1. Why are you so late? – Our car stuck—the bridge. 2. You are cold. Put this plaid – your knees. 3. It seems to me that she is—twenty-one. 4. There is nothing new—the sun. 5. The branch hit me just—the elbow. 6. Climb—at once! You may fall! 7. My house – the street, on the hill, and my brother lives—the street, by the river. 8. We are on the second floor in the dining room now. – it there used to be a bedroom of the countess and – it you can see the famous orangery which has been carefully kept for two centuries already.

Ex. 5.

Вставить – among, between

1. Differences in pronunciations—British English and American English are numerous. 2. For her there is not much choice—Paul and Nick. 3. She could see him – people in the crowd. 4. You may divide this money—you both. 5. There is an oak tree – birches and pines near my house.