

ENGLISH GRAMMAR CHALLENGE – PRAHOVA COUNTY 2026

MODEL DE SUBIECT – ETAPA I | NIVEL C1 – Advanced

SUBIECT

50 de întrebări | 40 de minute | 100 de puncte | Fiecare răspuns corect = 2 puncte

Alegeți varianta corectă (A, B, C sau D) pentru fiecare întrebare.

VERB TENSES

1. The committee _____ the implications of the new legislation for weeks before reaching a consensus.
 - deliberated
 - has been deliberating
 - was deliberating
 - had been deliberating
2. By the time the documentary is released, the director _____ on it for nearly four years.
 - works
 - has worked
 - will have been working
 - will be working
3. The agency _____ the irregularities long before they were brought to the board's attention.
 - identifies
 - identified
 - had identified
 - has identified
4. Public trust in the institution _____ steadily since the first allegations emerged.
 - erodes
 - eroded
 - has been eroding
 - had eroded
5. Under no circumstances _____ such sensitive data be shared with unauthorised personnel.
 - has
 - had
 - should
 - would
6. It subsequently transpired that the evidence _____ tampered with prior to the hearing.
 - is
 - was being
 - had been
 - has been
7. The observatory _____ atmospheric readings from this location for well over half a century.
 - collected
 - collects
 - has been collecting
 - had been collecting
8. At no point during the inquiry _____ the witnesses given an opportunity to cross-examine the evidence.
 - have
 - were
 - had
 - are

CONDITIONALS & WISHES

9. _____ the infrastructure investment materialised earlier, regional development would have progressed far more rapidly.
- If
 - Had
 - Were
 - Should
10. The tribunal would sooner _____ the entire case than reach a verdict on insufficient grounds.
- adjourn
 - adjourned
 - have adjourned
 - be adjourning
11. If the initial projections _____ more conservative, the miscalculation could have been avoided entirely.
- are
 - were
 - had been
 - would be
12. She would rather the settlement _____ before all outstanding legal issues had been fully resolved.
- isn't finalised
 - wasn't finalised
 - hadn't been finalised
 - wouldn't be finalised
13. _____ the current trajectory to continue unchecked, the environmental consequences would be irreversible.
- If
 - Were
 - Had
 - Should
14. It is high time the profession _____ greater transparency in its dealings with the public.
- demonstrates
 - has demonstrated
 - demonstrated
 - will demonstrate
15. If only the board _____ the legal advice it was given at the outset of the project.
- follows
 - followed
 - had followed
 - would follow

REPORTED SPEECH & COMPLEX STRUCTURES

16. "The document cannot have been signed without prior authorisation," the lawyer argued. → The lawyer argued the document _____ without prior authorisation.
- cannot have been signed
 - could not have been signed
 - had not to be signed
 - should not have been signed
17. "I would strongly advise against proceeding without a full risk assessment," she said. → She strongly advised _____ without a full risk assessment.
- to not proceed
 - against proceeding
 - not proceeding

- that not proceed

18. "How long had the negligence gone undetected?" the inquiry demanded. → The inquiry demanded to know how long the negligence ____.

- has gone undetected
- went undetected
- had gone undetected
- would have gone undetected

19. "The reforms may well provoke a severe backlash," the advisor cautioned. → The advisor cautioned the reforms ____ a severe backlash.

- may well provoke
- might well provoke
- could have provoked
- would provoke

20. "On no account should the findings be released before the review," the director insisted. → The director insisted that on no account ____ before the review.

- the findings should be released
- should the findings be released
- the findings ought to be released
- ought the findings to be released

PASSIVE & IMPERSONAL STRUCTURES

21. It is widely acknowledged that insufficient resources ____ to tackling the root causes of the problem.

- devote
- have devoted
- have been devoted
- are devoting

22. The entire body of evidence ____ before the commission can responsibly draw any conclusions.

- must review
- is reviewing
- needs to be reviewed
- has reviewed

23. Concerns about the structural integrity of the building ____ for years before it was finally condemned.

- were raised
- had raised
- had been raised
- have been raised

24. The senior officials ____ to have sanctioned the operation at the highest level of government.

- believe
- believed
- are believed
- have believed

25. The classified materials ____ under any circumstances without explicit written ministerial authorisation.

- cannot release
- cannot be released
- are not releasing
- have not been released

26. The proposal ____ only after it had undergone substantial revision by all three oversight committees.

- approved
- has been approved
- was approved
- is approved

27. By the time the final audit is complete, the team _____ on the review for over eighteen months.
- will be working
 - works
 - has been working
 - will have been working
28. The controversial amendment _____ have been introduced without broader cross-party consultation.
- mustn't
 - shouldn't
 - mightn't
 - needn't

PHRASAL VERBS & ADVANCED EXPRESSIONS

29. The proposed reform was ultimately _____ by a well-organised coalition of industry lobby groups.
- fought off
 - fought against
 - fought back
 - fought over
30. She managed to _____ even the most resistant members of the panel through her meticulous use of evidence.
- win back
 - win out
 - win over
 - win through
31. The damning report _____ years of systematic mismanagement at the highest levels of the organisation.
- laid bare
 - laid off
 - laid out
 - laid down
32. Despite considerable initial scepticism, the approach gradually _____ among senior practitioners in the field.
- took off
 - took over
 - died out
 - took hold
33. The agency _____ intense public scrutiny following the publication of the damning independent report.
- came under
 - came across
 - came against
 - came through
34. The prime minister's sudden resignation _____ an extraordinary period of political upheaval.
- set out
 - set off
 - set in motion
 - set aside
35. The key witness's testimony completely _____ the prosecution's carefully constructed narrative.
- blew apart
 - blew off
 - blew over
 - blew up
36. The decision to restructure _____ considerable unease among the organisation's longest-serving employees.

- stirred up
- wore down
- set aside
- died down

37. Against all expectations, the lead negotiator _____ and brokered a landmark bilateral agreement.

- pulled off
- pulled through
- pulled out
- pulled ahead

38. The theoretical underpinning of the entire study _____ when subjected to rigorous independent peer review.

- fell away
- fell through
- fell apart
- fell down

PREPOSITIONS & DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS

39. The ruling was greeted _____ widespread condemnation from international human rights organisations.

- by
- with
- against
- from

40. She remained steadfast _____ her principles despite sustained pressure from senior colleagues.

- about
- for
- in
- on

41. The government's response fell _____ short of the comprehensive action that the crisis demanded.

- far
- very
- quite
- somewhat

42. She was instrumental _____ securing the cross-party support that made the legislation possible.

- for
- about
- in
- at

43. Further progress is contingent _____ a willingness from all parties to engage in good faith

- about
- for
- on
- at

44. He was fully exonerated _____ all allegations following the conclusion of the independent review.

- from
- about
- of
- for

45. The revised framework is broadly _____ with the recommendations issued by the expert advisory panel.

- in line
- in sight
- in check

- in place

COLLOCATIONS, IDIOMS & WORD CHOICE

46. Her keynote address _____ a profound chord with delegates who had long advocated for systemic reform.
- hit
 - touched
 - struck
 - caught
47. The agreement _____ the groundwork for what is widely hoped will be a lasting diplomatic resolution.
- made
 - built
 - did
 - laid
48. The exposé _____ serious doubt on the credibility of the institution's publicly stated commitments.
- put
 - placed
 - cast
 - threw
49. The complexity of the geopolitical situation was conveyed with remarkable _____ by the documentary's narrators.
- acuity
 - clarity
 - verbosity
 - precision
50. The foundation is registered exclusively as a not-for-_____ entity, channelling all surplus into research.
- gain
 - profit
 - benefit
 - income