

## STRAIGHTFORWARD UPPER INTERMEDIATE PLACEMENT TEST

The Straightforward Upper Intermediate Placement Test has been designed to help you decide whether the Straightforward Upper Intermediate course would be suitable for your students.

The Straightforward Test has 50 questions, each worth one point. The first 40 are grammar questions and the final 10 are vocabulary questions. The conversion chart below has been designed to assist you in making your decision but please note, however, that these bandings are a guide.

Total score	Level
0 – 35	Upper Intermediate
36 – 50	Advanced (2008)

This test can also be used to diagnose the grammar of the Upper Intermediate level that your students need clarification on.

### Grammar

- The town \_\_\_\_ an important industrial centre in the 1950s **Unit 1A**
  - becomes
  - became
  - has become
  - would become
- The decision \_\_\_\_ before we arrived at the meeting. **Unit 1A**
  - has been made
  - was making
  - had been made
  - had made
- How long \_\_\_\_ you had this car? **Unit 1B**
  - did
  - do
  - have
  - were
- What time \_\_\_\_ they call you last night? **Unit 1B**
  - did
  - were
  - have
  - had
- He \_\_\_\_ about football which drives me mad! **Unit 2A**
  - forever talk
  - is forever talking
  - will forever be talking
  - has forever been talking
- She keeps \_\_\_\_ her things all around the place which is so annoying. **Unit 2A**
  - to leave
  - leaves
  - leave
  - leaving
- He \_\_\_\_ me to the first game when I was only 6. **Unit 2C**
  - used to take
  - would take
  - took
  - has taken

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- 8 At first I \_\_\_\_ starting work so early but this has changed. **Unit 2C**  
a didn't use to  
b wouldn't  
c didn't have to  
d wasn't used to
- 9 My new PC, \_\_\_\_ I bought last week, has already broken down. **Unit 3B**  
a that  
b which  
c whose  
d —
- 10 I'd like to see the photos \_\_\_\_ you took on holiday. **Unit 3B**  
a who  
b whose  
c where  
d —
- 11 I don't agree with the article about public transport \_\_\_\_ in last week's Evening Echo. **Unit 3C**  
a which published  
b published  
c was published  
d that was publishing
- 12 You'd better take your coat \_\_\_\_ the weather gets worse. **Unit 4A**  
a in case  
b otherwise  
c so that  
d in order to
- 13 She did a course in touch-typing \_\_\_\_ improve her qualifications. **Unit 4A**  
a so that  
b in order to  
c although  
d in case
- 14 He \_\_\_\_ in Italy for several years after the war. **Unit 4B**  
a has lived  
b has been living  
c lived  
d used to living
- 15 She \_\_\_\_ much better since she left the hospital last week. **Unit 4B**  
a is feeling  
b feels  
c felt  
d has been feeling
- 16 He realized that he \_\_\_\_ his car keys in the office. **Unit 5A**  
a left  
b has left  
c had left  
d was leaving
- 17 We couldn't fall asleep because our neighbours \_\_\_\_ a lot of noise. **Unit 5A**  
a made  
b had made  
c have made  
d were making
- 18 \_\_\_\_ plans you might have for the weekend, you'll have to change them. **Unit 5B**  
a Wherever  
b Whovever  
c Whatever  
d However
- 19 They \_\_\_\_ out for a few years before they decided to get married. **Unit 5C**  
a had gone  
b have been going  
c were going

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- d had been going
- 20 You won't pass the exam \_\_\_\_ you start revising immediately. **Unit 6A**  
a as long as  
b provided  
c unless  
d if
- 21 We wouldn't have missed the bus if you \_\_\_\_ to chat with Mary! **Unit 6A**  
a didn't stop  
b hadn't stopped  
c don't stop  
d wouldn't have stopped
- 22 The party was so boring I wish I \_\_\_\_ there at all. **Unit 6B**  
a hadn't gone  
b wouldn't go  
c haven't gone  
d didn't go
- 23 If only you \_\_\_\_ more time to spend with the family. **Unit 6B**  
a would have  
b have had  
c had  
d have
- 24 Oh, you're busy? I \_\_\_\_ you later, OK? **Unit 7B**  
a am calling  
b call  
c have called  
d will call
- 25 By the time the guests arrive, we \_\_\_\_ everything for the party. **Unit 7C**  
a will be preparing  
b will have prepared  
c prepare  
d have prepared
- 26 During the next meeting we \_\_\_\_ about the problem of drugs. **Unit 7C**  
a are talking  
b will have talked  
c will be talking  
d talk
- 27 I can't find my keys. I \_\_\_\_ them. **Unit 8B**  
a may lose  
b must lost  
c might have lost  
d should have lost
- 28 The police stopped us and said we \_\_\_\_ to enter the building. **Unit 8C**  
a can't  
b couldn't  
c didn't allow  
d weren't allowed
- 29 Admission was free so we \_\_\_\_ any tickets. **Unit 8C**  
a needn't buy  
b mustn't buy  
c didn't need to buy  
d mustn't have bought
- 30 I'm not sure if you're aware \_\_\_\_ the risk. **Unit 9B**  
a of  
b to  
c at  
d in
- 31 The view wasn't just nice! It was \_\_\_\_ astonishing! **Unit 9C**  
a extremely  
b absolutely  
c very

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- d fairly
- 32 \_\_\_\_ the weather was horrible, we decided to go out for a short walk. **Unit 9D**
- a Even though
  - b However
  - c In spite of
  - d Despite
- 33 Whenever I want to reach for a cigarette, I have to remind \_\_\_\_ that I've given up. **Unit 10A**
- a me
  - b —
  - c myself
  - d my
- 34 His father asked Dan where \_\_\_\_ all day. **Unit 10B**
- a had he been
  - b was he
  - c he had been
  - d he has been
- 35 She \_\_\_\_ him of having an affair. **Unit 10C**
- a blamed
  - b threatened
  - c admitted
  - d accused
- 36 She was only 19 when she sailed across \_\_\_\_ Atlantic. **Unit 11A**
- a a
  - b an
  - c the
  - d —
- 37 Your leg could be broken so you must have \_\_\_\_ X-ray. **Unit 11C**
- a a
  - b an
  - c the
  - d —
- 38 The square was \_\_\_\_ crowded we couldn't pass. **Unit 11D**
- a so
  - b such
  - c very
  - d as
- 39 Two climbers are reported to \_\_\_\_ during the storm last night. **Unit 12A**
- a die
  - b have died
  - c had died
  - d died
- 40 I'll need to have the stairs \_\_\_\_\_. **Unit 12C**
- a renovate
  - b renovating
  - c to renovate
  - d renovated

## Vocabulary

- 41 I only paid £20 for this jacket! It was a real \_\_\_\_.
- a buy
  - b price
  - c bargain
  - d sale
- 42 Jane is always poking her nose in other people's business. She's so \_\_\_\_!
- a inquisitive
  - b obedient
  - c playful
  - d unreliable
- 43 As far as I'm \_\_\_\_\_, I do not support the new government.

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- a matter
  - b referred
  - c according
  - d concerned
- 44 The firework \_\_\_\_\_ was really amazing.
- a exhibition
  - b display
  - c collection
  - d vision
- 45 Her boss \_\_\_\_\_ her the sack last week.
- a did
  - b made
  - c took
  - d gave
- 46 She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ of my decision.
- a agree
  - b approve
  - c accept
  - d support
- 47 During his stay in Indonesia he went \_\_\_\_\_ with malaria.
- a up
  - b off
  - c down
  - d over
- 48 When the customs officers found some illegal goods hidden in the car, he was arrested for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a assault
  - b mugging
  - c hijacking
  - d smuggling
- 49 I can't move the sofa. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ me a hand with it, please?
- a give
  - b get
  - c take
  - d borrow
- 50 I couldn't get in \_\_\_\_\_ with you all week! Where have you been?
- a contact
  - b call
  - c touch
  - d talk