50 PRACTICE QUESTIONS FOR THE CAMBRIDGE PRELIMINARY EXAM
REPHRASING FOR THE B1 PRELIMINARY EXAM

When writing at B1 level, it is important to remember that the examiner wants the text to be simple. It needs to be easy to read and have few errors with the use of simple grammar structures. It also needs to include some complex grammar (modal verbs, conditionals, passive, reported speech, relative clauses). DO NOT OVER COMPLICATE IT! Look at the example texts to see how it is done.

1. Rephrasing: In this part you need to complete the second sentence with 1-3 words so that it has the same meaning as the first. IF YOU CAN USE THE SAME WORD, DO IT! DON’T LOOK FOR A SYNONYM IF IT IS NOT NECESSARY.

Focus on these grammar points:

Passive, comparatives, reported speech, conditional 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd}, quantifiers, connectives and cohesive devices, vocabulary based, tense changes (past simple to present perfect simple), modals
Passive

Someone killed the man at his home last week.

The man ................................ at his home last week.

Answer: was killed

Reported speech

“I ate a sandwich for lunch” said Inés.

Inés said that she ....................... a sandwich for lunch.

Answer: had eaten

Tense change

I have been to Italy before.

I ..................................... Italy last year.

Answer: went to

Comparative

Alex is much taller than his cousin.

Alex´s cousin isn´t .............................. him.

Answer: as tall as
Gerund vs infinitive

I fancy going out later.

I would like ...................... out later.

Answer: to go

Quantifiers

There were only a few people at the party.

There weren´t ....................... at the party.

Answer: many people

Vocabulary

I didn´t manage to get to work on time.

I ......................... get to work on time.

Answer: couldn´t

Conditionals

If you tell me the truth, I can help you.

I can´t help you ....................... me the truth.

Answer: unless you tell
1. Our restaurant opened its doors about 4 months ago.
   Our restaurant __________________ for about 4 months.
2. It took us 2 months to learn how to drive.
   We spent __________________ to drive a car.
3. The man was run over on the motorway.
   Someone __________________ the man on the motorway.
4. You should ask for help if you don’t understand the exercise.
   You ____________ to ask for help if you don’t know what to do.
5. There are 7 cars in the car park.
   The car park _____ 7 cars in it.
6. The group played 17 of their greatest hits.
   ___________ 17 of their greatest hits played at the concert.
7. I was very pleased to finally pass the exam.
   It was _________ to pass the exam in the end.
8. The train was so late that we missed the concert.
   We missed the concert _____________ the train being late.
9. It was almost 10 am before we left for school.
   We didn’t leave for school ___________ 10 am.
10. I won’t go to the cinema unless I finish studying for the exam.
    If I finish studying for the exam _____________ go to the cinema.
11. Until now, I haven’t even thought about my career.
    Until now, I have __________ about my career.
12. So far, we have only had 4 pints of beer.
    So far, we haven’t ______________ a fifth pint of beer.
13. James said “Can I borrow you car, please?”
    James asked _____________ could borrow $10.
14. My brother lent me a bike for the race weekend.
    I ____________ brother’s bike for the race weekend.
15. You ought to study more vocabulary.
   I think you _____ better study more vocabulary.
16. If I were you, I’d call your dad sometime this week.
   Sometime this week you __________ dad.
17. I won’t ring you later if I forget.
   ______ I forget, I will call you later.
18. If I had your ability, I would go to the try-outs.
   You __________ go to the try-outs with your ability.
19. We discovered some great news at the weekend.
   We _______ out some great information at the weekend.
20. She turned into a star in no time.
   She became a star very ______________.
21. What do you enjoy doing in the evening?
   What are _______ on doing in the evening?
22. It is easy to pass the exam with a little help.
   I ___________ easy to get a good grade with some help.
23. I hate reading the newspaper at work.
   I _________ stand reading the newspaper at work.
24. He hardly ever goes on school trips.
   He almost __________ the school trips.
25. She always listens to music in class.
   She listens to music in class all ________.
26. I have several friends in Berlin.
   In Berlin I have _________ of friends.
27. There are only a few people in the class.
   There ___________ people in the class.
28. There are some problems with the organisation of the course.
   The organisation of the course ___________ some problems.
29. There isn’t much time to take up an extracurricular activity.
   There is __________ time to start an extracurricular activity.

30. I have lots of reasons to be worried about him.
   There are __________ reasons that I worry about him.

31. “I’m going to do the cleaning on my own” said Helen.
   Helen said that _____ going to do the cleaning by herself.

32. “The mailman will deliver the letter later” Neil told John.
   Neil told John that the mailman _____ the letter later.

33. “I’m thinking about travelling to Africa” said Ines.
   Ines said _____ thinking about travelling to Africa.

34. “Are you a fan of reading?” asked Laura.
   Laura _____ am a fan of reading.

   Carlos asked ____ for dinner that night.

36. I really learned a lot last term, the teacher was fantastic.
   I had __________ teacher last term, I learned a lot.

37. I saw a strange person hanging around the supermarket.
   As I was doing the shopping, I __________ unusual person hanging around.

38. Could you lend me one euro so that I might have a snack?
   Can I __________ euro so that I can buy a snack?

39. Where were you? The film has already started.
   The film is _____ already and I have been waiting for you.

40. They say that the English drink a lot of tea and eat cucumber sandwiches.
   They say that __________ drink a lot of tea and they eat cucumber sandwiches.
41. If you eat healthy food, you will have fewer health problems.
   You won’t live very long _____ you eat healthy food.
42. When you work out, you will feel unwind a lot.
   You will probably feel more relaxed _____ do exercise.
43. Would you consider losing weight if you were unfit?
   ________ about losing weight if you needed to?
44. Unless you explain the rules, I won’t know how to play.
   I will only know how to play if _______ me the rules.
45. As long as you finish the exercise programme, you will feel better.
   ________ that you finish the exercise programme, you will feel better.
46. Shoes can be repaired in the shop.
   You _______ repair shoes in the shop.
47. The murderer has killed someone at the theme park.
   Someone has __________ the murderer at the theme park.
48. A lot of cheese is produced around this region.
   A local company __________ the cheese in this region.
49. It has been fabricated by local people in recent times.
   Local people ___________ it recently.
50. The clients are lying about the quality of the product.
   A lie ______________ by the clients about the product.
1. has been open
2. 2 months learning
3. Ran over
4. ought
5. has
6. There were
7. Pleasing/great
8. because of
9. until almost
10. I will
11. not thought
12. had
13. if he
14. borrowed my
15. had
16. should call your
17. Unless
18. had better
19. found
20. quickly
21. you keen/big
22. find it
23. can´t
24. never arranges
25. the time
26. plenty
27. aren’t (very) many
28. has
29. little
30. many/several/various
31. she was
32. would deliver
33. (that) she was
34. asked if I
35. what I fancied
36. a (really) great
37. saw an
38. borrow a/one
39. on
40. English people
41. unless
42. if you
43. Could you think
44. you explain to
45. Provided/Providing
46. can
47. been killed by
48. produces
49. have fabricated
50. is being told
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