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IMPORTANT

- Disposeu de **60 minuts** per completar **tres exercicis**.
- Totes les preguntes tenen **el mateix pes** en el total de la prova. Les respostes en blanc o incorrectes no descompten.
- Llegiu les **instruccions** atentament.
- Només es corregirà **el full de respostes**. Assegureu-vos de transferir totes les respostes.
- Cal **lliurar tots els papers** a la persona responsable de l'aula.

TASK 1. Read the following text about **Aina, a student from Mallorca who is studying at an English university**. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer a), b) or c). Write your answers in the spaces provided on the **answer sheet**.

Aina Barceló Jordana

I've always been fascinated about the fine line between arts and sciences. That is why I started to study piano at the Conservatoire of the Balearic Islands while also taking art and mathematics at college. Over time my focus changed and I fell in love with the idea of being an architect; of designing spaces that might last for centuries and where people would actually live and work. It was an idea that I had to follow.

I knew that I wanted to study in England because of its architectural history. I travelled to England and visited several universities during their open days, but choosing the University of Portsmouth was easy. The city was beautiful and, having grown up on an island, being near the coast made it feel a little like home. Plus the course tutors were so friendly and impressive. I decided immediately to make Portsmouth my number-one choice.

At first, I was nervous, just as I'm sure most new students are. It was a big change for me since I was moving to a foreign country, and learning the English ways at the same time as getting used to my degree was difficult for the first few weeks. But that became easier and the course itself was as good as I had imagined it to be.

Moreover, very quickly, I saw the difference between the Spanish and English approach to teaching and studying architecture. At this university it is considered in a more conceptual way and taught almost as an art, which fit my background and style perfectly.

However, I was new to the subject and motivated to pick it up as fast as I could. Luckily, Portsmouth offered quite a few extracurricular opportunities that would help me gain some early experience. One opportunity that I jumped at was the Erasmus+ programme, which allowed me to do an internship in a foreign architectural practice in the summer. I learned so much there and it will definitely support my studies as now I enter my third year. Plus it was a paid internship and that's always a bonus!

The University also has a Careers and Employability Service, which is amazing at helping students find jobs and preparing them for the world of work. From CV writing or general career advice, they're always there to help. I will definitely make use of the service extensively when looking for a job after I graduate. They also help students look for placements, part-time jobs and volunteering roles. There are so many roles and opportunities, it's easy to find something for you. I did some volunteer work for a scheme called Portsmouth Scholars, tutoring A level and GCSE students who needed help with Maths and other science subjects. The University always tries to help students perfect their graduate skills – for example, through presentations, employability sessions and report writing. Having these skills will be very helpful for me when I start looking for jobs.

I won't lie. Moving countries to start university wasn't exactly the easiest thing I've ever done. But I believe that the key to success is to challenge yourself and to keep an open mind. If I had allowed a fear of change or hard work win, then I wouldn't be in the amazing position that I'm in now. You've just got to work hard and do your best with whatever opportunities come your way.

Source: <https://www.port.ac.uk>

0 Aina chose Architecture because she...

- a) has always preferred science subjects to arts subjects.
- b) had always dreamt of studying it since she was a child.
- c) wanted to create things which people use in their daily lives.

1. One reason why she decided to study in Portsmouth was because it...

- a) was similar to where she comes from.
- b) was not difficult to enter the degree.
- c) had been recommended by a teacher.

2. Aina says that the focus of the degree at Portsmouth University....

- a) is the same as in Spain.
- b) adapts well to her profile.
- c) should be more practical.

3. Aina...

- a) thinks her work practice abroad will complement her degree.
- b) feels she didn't benefit much from her work practice abroad.
- c) didn't receive a salary during her work practice abroad.

4. Aina thinks that The Careers and Employability Service...

- a) could improve the services it offers.
- b) should also help students find unpaid work.
- c) will be useful for her in the future.

5. Aina's experience of studying abroad has been positive...

- a) but she wouldn't recommend it to everyone.
- b) because she has had the right attitude.
- c) and easier than she thought it would be.

TASK 2. Read the following text about **studying in Dublin** and select the correct answer (**a**, **b** or **c**) for each gap (**6-13**). Write your answers in the spaces provided on the **answer sheet**. An example (**0**) is given.

Why Study in Dublin

Dublin is an attractive city for international students and there are lots of reasons why. Before choosing to study in Dublin, here's an introduction to **(0)** _____ practical information about what you can expect from the city's tertiary education system.

For such a small city, Dublin offers excellent educational opportunities. The city has four universities: Trinity College Dublin, Dublin City University, University College Dublin and Technological University Dublin. All four of **(6)** _____ feature in the QS World University Rankings. Three even rank **(7)** _____ the top 500 in the world.

There is also the university town of Maynooth, **(8)** _____ is home to another world-ranking institution called NUI Maynooth.

If you decide **(9)** _____ in Dublin, you won't be alone. The city is home to thousands of students from all over the world. Around a fifth of students at DCU come from **(10)** _____ while a quarter of UCD's student body is international. According to the Irish Universities Association, **(11)** _____ than 32,000 international students currently study in Ireland.

Dublin is also home to a lot of globally recognised multinationals, particularly in the areas of finance, tech, life sciences and business services.

So, **(12)** _____ you've graduated, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience here in Dublin. EU and UK **(13)** _____ are free to take up employment without the need for a visa. Moreover, international students from non-EEA countries who study in Ireland can also apply for special student visas once they graduate.

Source: <https://dublin.ie/study/>

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| 0. | a) any | b) some | c) a |
| 6. | a) they | b) them | c) their |
| 7. | a) from | b) across | c) among |
| 8. | a) which | b) what | c) who |
| 9. | a) to study | b) study | c) studying |
| 10. | a) foreign | b) outside | c) abroad |
| 11. | a) most | b) more | c) many |
| 12. | a) after | b) yet | c) already |
| 13. | a) nations | b) citizens | c) locals |

TASK 3. Choose the correct answer (**a**, **b** or **c**) to complete the sentences (**14-35**). Write your answers in the spaces provided on the **answer sheet**. An example (**0**) is given.

0. There aren't _____ chairs in this classroom for 50 students.
a) more **b) enough** c) very
14. _____ I was a little nervous, the job interview went well.
a) However b) Even c) Although
15. This shirt doesn't _____ me. I think I need a smaller size.
a) fit b) wear c) dress
16. My son is going to apply _____ a job at Oxford University. He has always wanted to work there.
a) for b) to c) on
17. It is important for students to take _____ during their classes to help them revise before exams.
a) notes b) marks c) points
18. If I _____ nearer the university, I'd be able to come to work by bicycle.
a) live b) would live c) lived
19. I think Laura should _____ less. She's looking very tired these days.
a) working b) to work c) work
20. I arrived late at the meeting because I _____ my train.
a) lost b) missed c) dropped
21. Mary is going to retire soon. She has worked for the university _____ 1995.
a) since b) during c) for
22. I don't want to pay for a taxi, so I have asked my brother to _____ me up from the airport.
a) get b) pick c) take
23. The report was _____ by a group of experts.
a) checking b) checked c) check
24. I love Italian _____. In my opinion, it's the best in the world.
a) dish b) meal c) food
25. Students _____ pay to attend the conference as it is free of charge.
a) don't have to b) mustn't c) can't

26. Engineering is a difficult degree. A lot of students _____ their exams.
a) fall b) fail c) fill
27. The previous government spent much more money _____ education than the current one.
a) in b) for c) on
28. Joe was terrified when he boarded the plane. He _____ before.
a) had never flown b) never flew c) has never flown
29. The presentation was _____ boring that some people fell asleep.
a) very b) too c) so
30. Dan is looking for a new job. He wants to _____ more money.
a) win b) earn c) gain
31. This test wasn't as difficult _____ I expected. In fact, it was quite easy.
a) as b) like c) than
32. I _____ for the same company for a long time, and I would like to change my job.
a) am working b) have been working c) was working
33. I decided to _____ up smoking when I was 30. I feel much healthier now.
a) put b) give c) take
34. The weather was _____ cold to go outside.
a) too b) too much c) too many
35. I don't _____ looking after my younger sister. We have a very good relationship.
a) stand b) mind c) want

