

C1 GRAMMAR CHECK - TEST 1

Student paper 1 of 2 | Suggested time: 25-30 minutes for both pages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle A, B or C. Work without a dictionary or outside help. You may leave a question blank.

1. Had I been informed earlier, I ____ the meeting yesterday.
A. would have attended B. would attend C. had attended

2. Not until the audit was complete ____ the error.
A. we had discovered B. did we discover C. we discovered

3. The panel recommended that the decision ____ reconsidered.
A. has B. is being C. be

4. He is believed ____ the country before the trial began.
A. that he left B. to leave C. to have left

5. The assessment was complete. ____ the risks, we decided to postpone the launch.
A. Having assessed B. Having to assess C. Having been assessed

6. I would sooner you ____ this matter with anyone else.
A. will not discuss B. did not discuss C. do not discuss

7. It was the missing signature ____ caused the delay.
A. that B. whose C. what

8. Were the funding to be withdrawn, the project ____.
A. had collapsed B. will collapse C. would collapse

9. No sooner had she sat down ____ the alarm went off.
A. before B. than C. when

10. The plan is ambitious, ____ technically feasible.
A. nevertheless B. whereas C. albeit

11. I object to ____ as though I were a child.
A. being treated B. treating C. to treat

12. They need not ____ so early; the doors did not open until ten.
A. had arrived B. have arrived C. to arrive

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Student paper 2 of 2 | Short answers

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Use the words in **bold** where instructed. Keep the meaning when rewriting.

13. Begin with **Rarely**. Keep the meaning.

We have rarely seen such a convincing performance.

14. Rewrite beginning with **Had**. Keep the meaning.

If they had consulted us, the mistake could have been avoided.

15. Rewrite using **said**. Begin as shown.

People say that the company has lost its licence.

The company _____.

16. Combine using **Having**. Keep the same subject.

She completed the training. She then applied for promotion.

17. Rewrite using **essential**. Begin with **It is**.

Every applicant must be informed of the change.

18. Rewrite using **What** at the beginning. Emphasise the need.

We need a clear explanation.

19. Begin with **Only after**. Keep the meaning.

We understood the scale of the problem only after we read the report.

20. Rewrite using **rather**. Keep the meaning.

I would prefer you not to mention my name.

C1 GRAMMAR - TEST 1: ANSWERS

Teacher only | Print student pages 1-2 without the answer pages

Classroom grammar diagnostic. CEFR levels describe communication, not a fixed grammar syllabus. This paper does not establish an overall CEFR level.

Marking

One point per item, maximum 20. Accept the model answers and the alternatives noted. Also accept other grammatical answers that meet the instruction and preserve the meaning. Missing capitals or punctuation do not lose a mark unless meaning is affected.

1. A - would have attended

Inverted third conditional.

2. B - did we discover

Inversion after a fronted negative time expression.

3. C - be

Mandative subjunctive after recommend.

4. C - to have left

Perfect infinitive in a reporting passive.

5. A - Having assessed

Having assessed refers to a completed active assessment before the decision.

6. B - did not discuss

Would sooner + subject + past form.

7. A - that

It-cleft with that.

8. C - would collapse

Inverted hypothetical conditional.

9. B - than

No sooner ... than.

10. C - albeit

Albeit introduces a concession.

11. A - being treated

Preposition to + passive -ing form.

12. B - have arrived

Need not have + participle: unnecessary completed action.

C1 GRAMMAR - TEST 1: WRITTEN KEY

Teacher only | Questions 13-20 and teaching notes

13. Rarely have we seen such a convincing performance.

Subject-auxiliary inversion.

14. Had they consulted us, the mistake could have been avoided.

Inverted past conditional.

15. The company is said to have lost its licence.

Reporting passive with perfect infinitive.

16. Having completed the training, she applied for promotion.

Perfect participle; comma expected but not scored.

17. It is essential that every applicant be informed of the change.

Accept the subjunctive be, should be, or the grammatical indicative is. Preserve the obligation and all details.

18. What we need is a clear explanation.

Pseudo-cleft with what; preserve the original information.

19. Only after we read the report did we understand the scale of the problem.

Inversion in the main clause.

20. I would rather you did not mention my name.

Also accept didn't; past form for present preference.

Record patterns

Multiple choice: ____ /12 Short answers: ____ /8 Total: ____ /20

Priority grammar / evidence: _____

No validated pass mark is set. Use errors to plan teaching, then check with fresh examples and communication. Tests 1-3 cover matched targets but are not statistically equated; do not interpret a small score change as a level gain.

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