

Upper-Intermediate Test Version 1

Hackathon

Have you ever created something great in a short amount of time? This is the idea behind Hackathons – a gathering of software developers, designers, and programmers who develop an innovative computer project in just one or two days.

The word “Hackathon” is made up of two different words, “hack” and “marathon.” Hack means to solve a problem simply or quickly. A marathon is an activity done intensely for many hours. Most computer programs and apps take weeks or months to build. But at hackathons, teams of tech savvy people come together to create something new and interesting in a short, intense period of time. Most hackathons run for 24 to 36 hours. People often work during the entire hackathon and do not sleep. Some team members bring sleeping bags in order to catch a quick nap.

“I haven’t slept for 36 hours, but I’ve only had to think about new things that are fun,” said Kyle Schei at the Las Vegas Hackathon, who worked with his team to develop the program JustDrive which helps determine what distracts drivers.

Hackathons often have a theme. Music Hack Day, started in 2009, is a hackathon for music apps and programs. There’s also Science Hack Day. Many hackathons have themes that aim to make the world a better place, such as improving government, health care, and education.

Hackathons are also becoming popular at universities. They create a fun, collaborative environment outside the classroom, where students can learn new skills and technologies. Hackathons can also help university students find jobs. Job recruiters often go to university hackathons to look for new talent. Projects completed during hackathons are also impressive accomplishments to add to a resume.

Hackathons are places where new skills are learned, new products are designed, and new friends are made. Plus, you never know how far hackathon ideas can go. The idea for GroupMe, a group messaging service, was born at a hackathon in 2010. In August 2011, Skype bought GroupMe for over \$50 million dollars!

1. *Choose the correct answer:* What is a Hackathon?

- A) A long activity to create something new and interesting
- B) A new and interesting team at a university
- C) A new hi-tech product
- D) The idea for GroupMe messaging service
- E) A new sport competition

2. *Choose the correct answer:* Many people at hackathons do NOT

- A) Work in teams
- B) Drink coffee
- C) Stay for the entire event
- D) Sleep during the event
- E) Share ideas

3. *Choose the correct answer:* How does Kyle Schei feel about the Las Vegas Hackathon?

- A) He hopes a job recruiter will ask him for an interview
- B) He thinks it’s a fun place to come up with new ideas
- C) He is excited about developing a messaging service app
- D) He is worried that his team will not finish the product on time
- E) He is sleepy

4. *Choose the correct answer:* At hackathons teams _____ .

- A) Interview for jobs at successful companies
- B) Learn about things that distract drivers
- C) Sell their apps and programs to larger companies.
- D) Gather to study about innovative computer projects.
- E) Complete innovative computer projects quickly.

5. *Choose the correct answer:* In what ways do hachathons help university students?

- A) They help students become popular and have fun.

- B) Hackathons often have a theme.
- C) They have a group messaging service GroupMe
- D) Students can learn new skills and technologies and even find jobs.
- E) They add fun to the university life.

6. Complete the sentence:

When you go for a job interview, it's important to _____ a good impression.

- A) do
- B) take
- C) put
- D) make
- E) show

7. Complete the sentence:

Sally always _____ the phone if she _____ in her office.

- A) answered/ will be
- B) answers/ is
- C) to answer/ to be
- D) answering/ been
- E) answer/ was

8. Complete the sentence:

If I were offered the job, I _____ it.

- A) had taken
- B) will take
- C) would take
- D) take
- E) took

9. Complete the sentence:

If I _____ sick yesterday, I would have gone to class.

- A) hadn't been
- B) was
- C) were
- D) would be
- E) have been

10. Complete the sentence:

_____ you _____ English classes every day?

- A) do/has
- B) was/have
- C) were/have
- D) have/did
- E) do/have

11. Complete the sentence:

How often _____ you _____ your English classes last semester?

- A) did/have
- B) do/have
- C) had /did
- D) do/had
- E) will/have

12. Complete the sentence:

The manager _____ yet.

- A) hasn't come
- B) doesn't come
- C) aren't coming
- D) haven't come

E) not come

13. Complete the sentence:

Football _____ in many countries of the world.

A) are played

B) plays

C) is played

D) will play

E) to play

14. Complete the sentence:

_____ you tell me the time, please?

A) May

B) Can

C) Must

D) Should

E) Could

15. Complete the sentence:

1. According to the weather forecast it _____ cloudy tomorrow

A) have been

B) will be

C) was

D) is going to be

E) had been

16 вопрос – 2 ответа. Выбрать несоответствующие слова

17. вопрос 2 ответа

19. вопрос дополнить 2 слова

16. Odd words out:

A) marvelous

B) fantastic

C) awful

D) excellent

E) dreadful

17. Choose ANTONYMS to the word: **fake**

A) genuine

B) real

C) guilty

D) generous

E) dislike

18. Complete the sentence with the missing words:

_____ Going anywhere special tonight?

19. Continue the list with TWO MORE words:

A) homework

B) homecoming

C) homepage

D) _____

E) _____

20. Write a few sentences about the last film/ or cartoon you saw (or the last book you read). Would you recommend

it? _____

