SAMPLE GREEK PLACEMENT EXAM
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This exam consists of 5 passages from the Greek New Testament, each of which are followed by a number of questions about the passage. Use the context of the passage to answer each question correctly. Definitions for words used less than 50 times are provided below each passage. (The Intermediate Greek Final, which may be taken in lieu of the Placement Exam in December and April, will provide only words used less than 30 times in the NT.)

"Αρτι δὲ ἐλθόντος Τιμοθέου πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἀφ’ ἰμῶν καὶ εὐαγγελισμένου ἡμῶν τὴν πίστιν καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην ἰμῶν καὶ ὅτι ἔχετε μνείαν ἰμῶν ἁγαθὴν πάντοτε, ἐπιποθοῦντες ἡμᾶς ἰδεῖν καθάπερ καὶ ἡμεῖς ἰμᾶς, διὰ τοῦτο παρεκλήσθημεν, ἄδελφοί, ἐφ’ ἰμῆν ἐπὶ πάση τῇ ἀνάγκῃ καὶ θλίψει ἰμῶν διὰ τῆς ἰμῶν πίστεως, ὅτι νῦν ζώμεν εἶν ἰμείς στήκετε ἐν κυρίῳ. τίνα γὰρ εὐχαριστίαν δυνάμεθα τῷ θεῷ ἀνταποδοῦναι περὶ ἰμῶν ἐπὶ πάση τῇ χαρᾷ ἢ καὶ ἱερομεν δι’ ἰμᾶς ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ θεοῦ ἰμῶν, νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας ὑπερεκπερισσοῦ δεόμενοι εἰς τὸ ἱδεῖν ἰμῶν τὸ πρόσωπον καὶ καταρτίσαι τὰ ὑστερήματα τῆς πίστεως ἰμῶν;

1. The correct translation of "Αρτι δὲ ἐλθόντος Τιμοθέου is:
   a. But now because Timothy has come
   b. But now some came from Timothy
   c. But I am now coming with Timothy
   d. But now Timothy is about to come
2. ὲμῖν is here correctly translated:
   a. to us
   b. with us
   c. to you
   d. from you

3. ὦτι in this context:
   a. should be translated “for the sake of”
   b. introduces indirect speech
   c. means “that”
   d. gives the idea of an incomplete action

4. Which translation is **impossible** for ἐπιθυμοῦντες in this context?
   a. desiring
   b. and desire
   c. although he desired
   d. while you desire

5. In this context, ἴδεῖν:
   a. introduces indirect speech
   b. acts as a verb with ὑμᾶς as its subject
   c. acts as the subject of the sentence
   d. completes the idea of the preceding participle

6. The best translation for διὰ τοῦτο παρεκλήθημεν is:
   a. Through this they were calling
   b. Therefore we were encouraged
   c. Because of this we exhorted you
   d. We are comforted through these things

7. Who is the subject of δεόμενοι:
   a. God’s faithful ones
   b. the writer and any associates who may be with him
   c. God
   d. the recipients of the writing

8. This passage primarily conveys:
   a. dissatisfaction with the behavior of those being written to
   b. the idea that they are making progress but have a long way to go
   c. genuine joy in a relationship
   d. instructions for godly living
Εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτοὺς, Ὁ ὀνόματι τούτων ὁ ὄρος Μωίσεως καὶ τοῖς προφήταις καὶ ψαλμοῖς περὶ ἐμοῦ. τὸτε διήνοιξεν αὐτῶν τὸν νόημα τοῦ συνιέναι τὰς γραφὰς· καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι Ὁ ὅτι γέγραπται παθεῖν τὸν Χριστὸν καὶ ἀναστῆναι ἐκ νεκρῶν τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ, καὶ κηρυχθῆναι ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνομα ταῦτα μετάνοιαν εἰς ἄφεσιν ἀμαρτιῶν εἰς πάντα τὰ ἑθη. ἀρξάμενοι ἀπὸ Ἰερουσαλήμ ὑμεῖς μάρτυρες τούτων. καὶ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς μου ἐφ’ ὑμᾶς· ὑμεῖς δὲ καθίσατε ἐν τῇ πόλει ἕως ὅτου ἐνδύσητε ἐξ ὑψίστασθε ὑψώσμενον ὑψὸς, οὐς ὁ ἡμείς μετέφημεν τῇ ἀναστήσει τῶν ἁρμῶν σαπείντα. εἰς τὸν πας ζωὴν πάντων ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ συνελεύσα. εἰς τὸν μάρτυρα τούτων.
13. The genitive ἀμαρτιῶν in this context:
   a. is the subject of an action noun (subjective genitive)
   b. is the object of an action noun (objective genitive)
   c. expresses ownership (genitive of possession)
   d. is a genitive absolute

14. ἀρξάμενοι is in the plural because the subject of the action is:
   a. The many will believe
   b. the gospel which has had many beginnings
   c. the plurality of witnesses whom Christ addresses
   d. Uncertain because of the author’s unfamiliarity with Greek

15. ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν is most accurately translated:
   a. I send you the promise
   b. I am declaring the promise
   c. I myself am sending the promise
   d. I myself will send the good news

16. The lexical form of δώσει is:
   a. δόω
   b. δέομαι
   c. δίδωμι
   d. δέω
17. The correct translation for Μηκέτι οὖν ἄλληλους κρίνομεν is:
   a. Since they will judge us no more
   b. Thus we may no longer judge others
   c. Therefore let us no longer judge one another
   d. In order that we might no longer be judged by others

18. In this context τοῦτο should:
   a. Be read as a plural even though it appears in the singular
   b. Be read as an accusative
   c. Be translated to read “the same”
   d. Be read as a nominative

19. πένθειμη in this context:
   a. Expresses a completed action with effects ongoing in the past (Simple Pluperfect)
   b. Focuses particularly on the present state (Intensive Perfect)
   c. Focuses particularly on the past completed action (Consummative Perfect)
   d. Describes an ongoing action in the past (Progressive Imperfect)

20. τῷ λογίζομεν should here be translated:
   a. To the one reckoning himself
   b. For the one being reckoned
   c. We reckoned for it
   d. To the one who reckons

21. The dative form of τῷ βρώματι here expresses:
   a. Location
   b. Instrument (Means)
   c. Association
   d. Indirect Object

22. The correct translation for ὑπὲρ οὗ Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν is:
   a. By whom Christ was killed
   b. For which Christ suffered
   c. Concerning how Christ triumphed
   d. On behalf of whom Christ died

23. μὴ βλασφημεῖσθω οὖν ἰμών τὸ ἀγαθόν is correctly translated:
   a. Therefore do not blaspheme the one who is good to you
   b. Thus do not let them slander your good deeds
   c. Therefore do not let your good be slandered
   d. Since you would not blaspheme the good One
ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Ἄμην ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ποιῶν τὴν ἁμαρτίαν δοῦλός ἐστιν τῆς ἁμαρτίας. ὁ δὲ δοῦλος ὁυ μένει ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ εἰς τὸν αἰώνα, ὁ νῦς μένει εἰς τὸν αἰώνα. ἐὰν οὖν ὁ νῦς ὑμᾶς ἐλευθερώθη, ὄντως ἐλεύθεροι ἔσεσθε. οἶδα ὅτι σπέρμα Ἀβραὰμ ἔστε· ἄλλα ζητεῖτε με ἀποκτεῖναι, ὅτι ὁ λόγος ὁ ἐμὸς ὤ χωρεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν. ἢ ἐγὼ ἑώρακα παρὰ τῷ πατρὶ λαλῶ· καὶ ὑμεῖς οὖν ἢ ἥκουσατε παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς ποιεῖτε. ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπαν αὐτῷ· ὁ πατὴρ ἡμῶν Ἀβραὰμ ἐστιν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ τέκνα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ ἐστε, τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ ἐποιεῖτε· νῦν δὲ ζητεῖτε με ἀποκτεῖναι ἀνθρωπον ὡς τὴν ἀλήθειαν ὑμῖν λελάληκα ἢν ἥκουσα παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ.

εἰλευθερώθη, set free, liberate ἐλεύθερος free ὄντως really, actually, truly σπέρμα, τὸ seed, offspring, children χωρέω have room, hold

24. What is the correct translation of πᾶς ὁ ποιῶν?
   a. everything does
   b. Because all do
   c. everyone who does
   d. whatever does not

25. What is the correct translation of δοῦλός ἐστιν τῆς ἁμαρτίας?
   a. sin results in slavery
   b. sin is a slave
   c. there is an enslaving sin
   d. is a slave of sin

26. The subject (one doing the action) of ἐλευθερώθη is:
   a. ὑμᾶς
   b. νῦς
   c. οὖν
   d. δοῦλος

27. The best translation of ἀλλὰ ζητεῖτε με ἀποκτεῖναι is:
   a. But why do you seek my answer?
   b. But you are seeking to kill me.
   c. But you seek to provoke me.
   d. Yet you seek to oppose me.
28. The mood of πολείτε in this context is:
   a. Imperative
   b. Indicative
   c. Subjunctive
   d. Optative

29. The genitive of τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ expresses:
   a. A human relationship (Genitive of Relationship)
   b. A physical possession (Genitive of Possession)
   c. The whole of which τέκνα is a part (Partitive Genitive)
   d. The location (Locative Genitive)

30. Who is the subject of θοληθεῖς?
   a. The audience (You)
   b. God
   c. One's earthly father
   d. The believer

31. The correct translation of εἰς τὸ εἶναι ἡμᾶς is:
   a. According to our custom
   b. In order that we might be
   c. Into our custom
   d. To be in us
32. πᾶς should be translated:
   a. All
   b. Every
   c. Entire
   d. Of everyone

33. What is the best translation of πραΰτητι in this context?
   a. Gentleness
   b. Humility
   c. Courtesy
   d. None of the above

34. The mood and tense of ἐξακοαῖος indicates that the action:
   a. Happened in the past
   b. Is still taking place
   c. Is promised to happen in the future
   d. None of the above
### Answers to the Sample Greek Placement Exam

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