

ENGLISH PRACTICE 14

PART I - PRONUNCIATION

Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the rest

1. A. difficult B. corporate C. different D. engineer
2. A. demolish B. substantial C. dramatic D. terrorist
3. A. proficiency B. electronic C. petroleum D. equivalent
4. A. vineyard B. ignite C. business D. Finland
5. A. change B. image C. danger D. oasis
6. A. reference B. interview C. government D. understand
7. A. scholarship B. develop C. equipment D. discourage
8. A. expectation B. temperament C. opportunity D. decoration
9. A. religious B. miserable C. performance D. including
10. A. decision B. personal C. interest D. wonderful

PART II - LEXICO-GRAMMAR

I. Complete each of the following sentences with the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

1. Nathalie seems very tough at work. She's a different person at home, _____.
A. though B. although C. as though D. even though
 2. I kept out of the conversation because it _____ me.
A. wasn't concerned B. wasn't concerning C. didn't concern D. didn't concern to
 3. The entire city was _____ electricity last night- it was chaotic.
A. no B. almost no C. hardly any D. without
 4. Henry was overweight, so he went on a strict diet and _____ twenty kilos.
A. missed B. lost C. failed D. fell
 5. He was arrested because he answered to the description of the _____ man.
A. searched B. pursued C. wanted D. hunted
 6. Humanity has done great damage to the environment in its search for _____ materials.
A. live B. raw C. crude D. rude
 7. _____, the balcony chairs will be ruined in this weather.
A. Leaving uncovered B. Having left uncovered
C. Left uncovered D. Been left uncovered
 8. One way to let off _____ after a stressful day is to take some vigorous exercise.
A. cloud B. tension C. steam D. sweat
 9. Their research into the causes of cancer promises to break the new _____ in the field and possibly lead to a cure.
A. earth B. ground C. soil D. land
 10. After three days in the desert, his mind began to play _____ on him.
A. games B. jokes C. tricks D. fun
 11. The match will be screened on ITV with _____ commentary by Any Gray.
A. lively B. live C. alive D. living
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12. I know you didn't want to upset me but I' sooner you _____ me the whole truth yesterday.
A. could have told B. told C. have told D. had told
13. As the drug took _____, the patient became quieter.
A. effect B. force C. influence D. action
14. The dawn redwood appears _____ some 100 million years ago in northern forests around the world.
A. was flourished B. having to flourish
C. to have flourished D. have flourished
15. His comments _____ little or no relation to the facts and the figures of the case.
A. reflect B. bear C. give D. possess
16. All _____ is a continuous supply of the basic necessities of life.
A. what is needed B. for our needs C. the thing needed D. that is needed
17. It is urgent that this letter _____ immediately.
A. was posted B. posted C. be posted D. be post
18. John: This grammar test is the hardest one we've ever had this semester!
Mary: _____ but I think it's quite easy.
A. I couldn't agree more B. I understand what you're saying
C. You're wrong D. I don't see in that way
19. It is only recently that ballets have been based on the themes _____ American life.
A. reflecting B. reflects C. is reflecting D. reflected
20. I wish you'd do the accounts. I don't have _____ for numbers.
A. a head B. a mind C. the heart D. the nerve

II. Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

SKIING HOLIDAYS IN COLORADO

To ski or snowboard in Colorado is to experience the pinnacle of winter sports. The state of Colorado is known for its spectacular scenery and (1. **BREATH**) _____ views, which inspire today's travelers as much as they spurred on the (2. **SETTLE**) _____ who first arrived in this part of the US over a century ago. And whether you're seeking the outdoor adventure of a (3. **LIFE**) _____ exciting nightlife or a great family getaway, Colorado has everything you need.

November through April, snow conditions are (4. **CONSIST**) _____ and reliable, featuring Colorado's (5. **LEGEND**) _____ "champagne powder" snow. Extensive snow making and grooming operations always keep trails in top shape.

The mountain destinations in the Colorado Rockies can turn your wildest ski dreams into thrilling (6. **REAL**) _____. There, you'll find the best skiing and snowboarding on (7. **PICTURE**) _____ slopes, as well as the finest ski schools in the US. Together, they present an (8. **PARALLEL**) _____ winter paradise. And the best part is that you'll enjoy friendly, (9. **CARE**) _____ service in resorts that are (10. **COMMIT**) _____ to delivering the highest quality amenities.

III. Complete the following sentences with one appropriate preposition for each blank.

1. The government's plans to reduce crime came _____ for a lot of criticism from freedom groups.
2. I was _____ the impression that you like Indian food.
3. This is one of the exceptions _____ the rule.
4. The factory paid _____ nearly a million pounds to their employees who were injured in the explosion.
5. Before they open the new factory, a lot of the young people round here were _____ the dole.
6. Mr. Horrid was a terrible teacher and obviously not cut _____ for teaching.
7. I can't cancel my arrangements _____ such short notice.
8. All the police's efforts to find him were _____ vain.
9. The farmhouse we stayed in was completely _____ the beaten track.
10. She's gone and this time it's _____ good.

PART III: READING COMPREHENSION

I. Read the passage then choose the best answer to each question that follows. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

THE ATMOSPHERE OF VENUS

Venus, also called the Morning Star and Evening Star, is the second-closest planet to the sun and the brightest object in the night sky. The planet orbits the sun every two hundred and twenty four Earth-days and is sometimes referred to as Earth's sister planet because the two share both a similar size and bulk. What is not similar, however, is Venus's atmosphere in comparison to Earth's atmosphere.

The atmosphere on Venus is much heavier and has a higher density than **that** of Earth. Venus's atmosphere also expands significantly higher than Earth's atmosphere although a thick cloud cover makes the surface of Venus nearly impossible to see unless observed through radar mapping.

While the pressure and temperature of Venus's upper atmosphere are comparable to those of Earth, the heat and pressure of the lower atmosphere are not unlike a furnace. Venus's atmosphere is very thick due to a composition consisting mainly of carbon dioxide, and a small amount of nitrogen. **If man could survive the extreme heat of Venus's surface (400 degrees Celsius), then he would have to contend with a surface pressure that is more than 90 times that of Earth.** Venus's extremely high temperature is thanks to the greenhouse effect caused by such a large amount of carbon dioxide. The greenhouse effect is a process by which the sun's infrared radiation is more readily absorbed by the atmosphere. Just like in a real greenhouse used to grow plants year round, the proliferation of carbon dioxide traps radiation and warms Venus's atmosphere. Due to this phenomenon, Venus boasts a higher atmospheric temperature than Mercury, even though Venus is twice the distance from the sun.

However, scientists postulate that Venus's atmosphere was not always so hot. **[A]** Studies show that large bodies of water were once on Venus's surface but that eventually evaporation of all the water caused the runaway greenhouse effect which regulates the planet today. **[B]** Thus Venus has become a critical study for today's scientists, as human beings are only beginning to struggle with the early stages of the greenhouse effect. **[C]** Our problems do not stem from

evaporated water supplies but from a **propagation** of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases due to industrial and automobile emissions. **[D]**

Another interesting characteristic to note regarding Venus's atmosphere is that its daytime temperatures and nighttime temperatures are not that far removed from each other. This is due to the thermal inertia, the ability of a substance to store heat despite changing temperatures and the transfer of heat by Venus's strong winds. Although winds on the surface of Venus move slowly in comparison with Earth's winds, Venus's air is so dense that a slow-moving there can move large obstructions and even skip stones along the planet's surface.

In 1966, humankind made its first attempt at sending a recording instrument into Venus's atmosphere. The Venera 3 probe did collide with Venus surface; however, the abrupt impact caused its communication system to fail, and it was unable to send and feedback. In 1967, Venera 4 successfully enter Venus's atmosphere and was able to take many readings, one of which recorded that Venus's atmosphere was between ninety and ninety-five percent carbon dioxide. Subsequent Venera probes were sent into Venus's atmosphere, but most of them succumbed to the crushing air pressure.

Questions 1-7: Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the passage.

1. According to paragraph 1, Venus is named the Morning Star and Evening Star because_____.
A. it is very bright
B. it is close to the sun
C. it can be seen from evening till morning
D. it is used to find the direction by sailors
 2. The word **that** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. size
B. bulk
C. atmosphere
D. density
 3. Which of the following best expresses the essential information in the bold sentence in paragraph 3? Incorrect answer choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.
A. Earth experiences greater surface pressure than Venus.
B. If a man could survive its surface pressure.
C. The surface pressure and heat of Venus are much greater than those on Earth.
D. Venus's surface temperature and pressure make it uninhabitable by humans.
 4. According to paragraph 3, the greenhouse effect on Venus is owed to _____.
A. the small amounts of nitrogen
B. the rapid increasing amounts of carbon dioxide
C. growing plants
D. the high atmospheric temperatures
 5. In paragraph 4, the author of the passage implies that Earth _____.
A. might suffer the same greenhouse effect as Venus
B. once had an atmosphere similar to Venus's
C. has bodies of water similar to those on Venus today
D. is experiencing a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions
 6. Look at the four blanks [...] in paragraph 4 that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.
Although the causes are different, the ramifications are the same.
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Where would the sentence best fit?

7. The word **propagation** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. generation
- B. elimination
- C. evaporation
- D. desecration

Questions 8 to 10: Complete the brief summary of the passage by selecting the THREE answer choices that express important ideas in the passage. The introductory sentence for the summary is provided belloved.

Scientists look at Venus to predict Earth's future.

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- 9.
- 10.

Answer Choices

- A. Venus once had large bodies of water that elaborated and cause a rapid increase in carbon dioxide.
- B. Earth's wind has a greater velocity than Venus's because the air movement on Venus is denser and can even more large obstructions.
- C. Spaceships landing on Venus, though often crushed by Venus's atmosphere, have revealed much about its carbon dioxide filled atmosphere.
- D. If man could survive the hot temperature of Venus, then he would have to contend with the great surface pressure.
- E. The first space probe of Venus was made in 1966.
- F. Scientists are concerned that conditions on Earth that propagate significant quantities of carbon dioxide will produce greenhouse effects similar to Venus's.

II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

SPLENDID SPAS OF ASIA

Lying on a bed almost on the (1) _____ of a cliff, with a stupendous ocean view and the (2) _____ of waves, aches and pains are soothed away (3) _____ expert hands. Only two steps are needed to reach the private pool, which seems to merge (4) _____ the ocean.

Such a scenario is no longer a fantasy (5) _____ an increasingly popular reality in Asia for many stressed out businessmen and visitors from all over the world in search of that peaceful time and space for their body and mind.

In the last four years, at (6) _____ 17 hotel spas have opened in South East Asia to (7) _____ this need. The tropical climate of the region and its reliable sunshine make for an ideal spa setting. Picturesque environments (8) _____ with a series of rejuvenating treatments bring the desired result. The Asian spa resorts have acquired a formidable reputation for their professional services as (9) _____ as for the decor of their large treatment rooms. Visitors relax with Thai music and soak in the warm tones of the room. As all these take (10) _____ in individual rooms, precious privacy is guaranteed, a rare privilege often absent from other spas where guests share rooms or changing areas.

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

WIND - The untamable weather machine

On 15 October 1987, the southern counties of Britain were struck by the strongest winds they had experienced in 200 years. Gusts of over 130 kilometers per hour slammed across the region and £1.5- billion-worth of damage was (1) _____ in just a few hours.

Extreme weather events like this are dramatic (2) _____ of the power of the wind. It's one part of the weather we generally don't give a second thought to in Britain but it plays a vital role in people's lives across the world. Without the formation and circulation of winds there would quite (3) _____ be no climate.

Some parts of the world seem to suffer more than others from the effects of 'ill winds', and links between particular winds and psychological problems (4) _____ back centuries. The Föhn, the hot dry wind that slides off the slopes of the Alps, is capable of boosting temperatures quite suddenly by 10°C or more. It affects as many as one in three people in its (5) _____, making them feel anxious, irritable and generally ill. In California, many people (6) _____ the arrival of the Santa Ana, which rushes down from the high Mojave desert. Lyall Watson, in his book *Heaven's Breath*, claims that when the Santa Ana blows, murder rates soar.

The wind may get into the headlines when it comes in the form of tornadoes and hurricanes, but for the (7) _____ part it goes about its job of shifting huge masses of air around the planet. Plants take (8) _____ of this free ride to send their pollen grains far and wide. Trees (99) _____ on it to remove old leaves and make way for new growth. Spiders have been caught (10) _____ a lift at altitudes of almost 4.5 kilometers.

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| 1. A. made | B. caused | C. destroyed | D. completed |
| 2. A. reminders | B. recollections | C. mementos | D. memorial |
| 3. A. easily | B. rightly | C. surely | D. simply |
| 4. A. last | B. originate | C. pass | D. date |
| 5. A. line | B. road | C. path | D. bypass |
| 6. A. despair | B. respect | C. dread | D. warn |
| 7. A. most | B. maximum | C. majority | D. general |
| 8. A. benefit | B. chance | C. occasion | D. advantage |
| 9. A. need | B. trust | C. hope | D. realize |
| 10. A. traveling | B. hitching | C. borrowing | D. making |

PART IV: WRITING

I. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning, using the words given. These words must not be changed in any way.

- I would like to be able to speak French. **(HAD)**
I wish _____ speak French.
- It was raining cats and dogs. **(TORRENTS)**
The rain was _____
- It was wrong of you to borrow my book without asking. **(HAVE)**

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Keys - practice 14

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PART II - LEXICO-GRAMMAR

PART III. LEXICO-GRAMMAR (25 POINTS)

I. Read the sentences carefully and choose the best answers to make complete ones. (10pts)

1. A	2. C	3. D	4. B	5. C
6. B	7. B	8. C	9. B	10. C
11. B	12. D	13. A	14. C	15. B
16. D	17. C	18. B	19. A	20. A

II. Write the correct FORM of each bracketed word. (10 pts)

1. breathtaking	2. settlers	3. lifetime	4. consistent	5. legendary
6. reality	7. picturesque	8. unparalleled	9. caring	10. committed

III. Complete the following sentences with one appropriate preposition for each blank. (5pts)

1. in	2. under	3. to	4. out	5. on
6. out	7. at	8. in	9. off	10. for

PART IV. READING (30POINTS)

I. Read the text & decide which word best fits each space by choosing A, B, C or D. (10pts)

1. A	2. C	3. D	4. B	5. A
6. B	7. A	8. A	9. C.	10. F

In any order from question 8 to 10

II. Fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10pts)

1. edge	2. sound	3. by	4. with	5. but
6. least	7. satisfy/meet	8. together/along	9. well	10. place

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer. (10pts)

1. B	2. A	3. D	4. D	5. C
6. C	7. A	8. D	9. D	10. B

PART V. WRITING (25 POINTS)

I. Finish each of the sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (5 pts)

1. I wish I had ability to speak French.
2. The rain was coming down in torrents.
3. You should have asked me/ for permission....
4. This record used to be a favourite of mine when I was younger.
5. It's difficult for my sister to put up with commuting every day.
6. The North Sea is nothing like as warm as the Mediterranean.
7. Christ insisted on having a mushroom topping when he ate a pizza.
8. My father talked me into learning another language.
9. Hard as/ though Sam tried, he couldn't bring her round (to his way of thinking).
10. On his arrival at the airport, he was given a warm welcome by his family

II. Write an essay to give your opinion on the following topic. (20 points)

Some people believe that history has little to tell us. Other people believe that people must have knowledge of history in order to understand the present.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

The impression mark given is based on the following scheme:

1. **Content: 50%** of total mark: a provision of all main ideas and details as appropriate
 2. **Language: 30%** of total mark: a variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language gifted upper-secondary school students
 3. **Presentation: 20%** of total mark: coherence, cohesion, and style appropriate to the level of English language gifted upper-secondary school students.
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