

ENGLISH PRACTICE 50

I. Choose one word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

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| 1. A. geology | B. psychology | C. classify | D. photography |
| 2. A. <u>i</u> diom | B. ideal | C. <u>i</u> tem | D. <u>i</u> dentical |
| 3. A. ch <u>i</u> ldren | B. ch <u>i</u> ld | C. m <u>i</u> ld | D. w <u>i</u> ld |
| 4. A. b <u>o</u> th | B. m <u>y</u> th | C. w <u>i</u> th | D. s <u>i</u> xth |
| 5. A. help <u>e</u> d | B. book <u>e</u> d | C. hop <u>e</u> d | D. wait <u>e</u> d |

II. Choose one word whose stress pattern is different from the others.

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| 6. A. difference | B. suburban | C. internet | D. character |
| 7. A. beautiful | B. effective | C. favorite | D. popular |
| 8. A. attraction | B. government | C. borrowing | D. visit |
| 9. A. difficulty | B. individual | C. population | D. unemployment |
| 10. A. biology | B. redundancy | C. interviewer | D. comparative |

III. Each of the numbered lines in the passage contains a mistake, find and correct it.

Scientist believe they now have scientific evidence to prove that ecosystems work best when there is greater variety of species within them. This biodiversity is being losed destroying natural mechanisms that could repair the damage caused by man.

Findings show that losing plants and animals are not only reducing our quality of life but actually endanger our very existence. We cut down rich rainforests and replace them with one species plantations, so as pine and eucalyptus. We plough up meadows rich on different grasses and herbs and replace them with one grass, for instance rye or wheat.

When a nature ecosystem is simplified the basic processes in the ecosystem are altered and even damaged. With their biodiversity they are not able to serve as the natural cleaners of our planet. Not longer are they able to absorb the carbon dioxide that is being produce in excess. The result is global warming, caused by the increase by the 'greenhouse effect', and ultimately, or even 'sooner, there will be' a change in the world's climate.

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|---------------------------|
| 0. Scientist → Scientists |
| 00. best → better |
| 11. _____ → _____ |
| 12. _____ → _____ |
| 13. _____ → _____ |
| 14. _____ → _____ |
| 15. _____ → _____ |
| 16. _____ → _____ |
| 17. _____ → _____ |
| 18. _____ → _____ |
| 19. _____ → _____ |
| 20. _____ → _____ |

IV. Choose among A, B, C, or D the one that best fits each of the blanks.

21. You shouldn't have criticized him in front of his friends. It was extremely _____ of you.
A. unfortunate B. insensitive C. unconscious D. insensible
22. The job was more difficult than I _____ expected it to be.
A. might B. would C. have D. had
23. We had so many problems with the car that _____ we sold it and bought a new one.
A. to the end B. by the end C. at the end D. in the end
24. His parents think it's time he _____ married.
A. gets B. would get C. will get D. got
25. He _____ me to buy my air ticket immediately or it would be too late.
A. suggested B. convinced C. insisted D. advised
26. You will become ill _____ you stop working so hard.
A. until B. if C. unless D. when
27. _____ I ask him for the money he owes me, he says he will bring it in a few days, but I don't think he has got it at all.
A. However B. Wherever C. Whatever D. Whenever
28. It was impossible for her to tell the truth so she had to _____ a story.
A. combine B. invent C. lie D. manager
29. He is very stubborn, so it will be difficult to _____ him to go.
A. make B. suggest C. persuade D. prevent
30. I hope he's _____ to buy some bread; there's hardly any left.
A. reminded B. proposed C. remembered D. suggested

V. Circle the option A, B, C, or D that needs correcting.

31. Antarctica, which is largely covered by ice, receive hardly any rainfall.
A. largely B. rainfall C. receive D. hardly any
32. Jessica is only an amateur, but she sings sweeter than most professionals.
A. than B. sweeter C. is only D. an
33. Mrs. Adams was surprising that her son and his friend had gone to the mountains to ski.
A. her B. to ski C. surprising D. had gone
34. A cure for the common cold, causing by a virus, has not been found.
A. causing B. for C. a virus D. has not been found
35. Amelia Earhart, that was one of the pioneers in aviation, attempted to fly the world in 1937, but she and her plane mysteriously disappeared over the Pacific Ocean.
A. over B. that C. in aviation D. attempted to fly

VI. Use the word in capitals at the end of these sentences to form a word that fits in the blank space.

One (36. CHARACTER)_____ of the modern world is that people increasingly find themselves living side by side with people from other cultures. While in the past people with different cultures were able to live quite (37. SEPARATE)_____, high mobility and freedom of movement mean that we are more likely today to be confronted with people whose way the life is (38. FAMILIAR)_____ to us. In such circumstances, (39. RACE)_____ is a real danger. People feel a tremendous (40. LOYAL)_____ to their own culture, and are often unwilling to develop an (41. APPRECIATE)_____ of the positive aspects of other cultures. They may feel that another culture presents a threat to their own (42. INHERIT)_____, one that could even lead to the (43. APPEAR)_____ of certain aspects of their way of life. Often, however, this threat is more a matter of (44. PERCEIVE)_____ than reality and different groups live in (45. RELATE)_____ harmony in many parts of the world.

VII. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, circle letter A, B, C or D next to the answer you choose.

Dolphins communicate mainly by (46)_____ of sounds. These sounds not only (47)_____ whistles, but also so-called pulsed sounds, which are often described as squawks, barks, rasps, etc. However, they also use breaching (jumping and falling back into the (48)_____ with a loud splash) and pectoral fin (or flipper) and tail (or fluke) slaps (hitting the flipper or fluke on the water surface). Body posturing and jaw popping also have a role in (49)_____. As for language, we do not know (50)_____ they have one. Several studies have demonstrated that dolphins can understand a structured language like (51)_____. This has been demonstrated for a number of other animal species as well (gorilla, California sea lion, and parrot). Some studies also indicate that dolphin vocalizations are complex (52)_____ to support some form of language. (53)_____, it has not been demonstrated (54)_____ that they can undoubtedly communicate (55)_____ themselves.

46. A. way B. mean C. using D. means
47. A. have B. include C. contain D. combine
48. A. water B. sea C. ocean D. river
49. A. reaction B. chewing C. speaking D. communication
50. A. why B. if C. when D. how
51. A. your B. ours C. our D. yours
52. A. too B. as C. enough D. so
53. A. Whenever B. Wherever C. However D. Whoever
54. A. yet B. still C. though D. neither
55. A. together B. each other C. between D. among

VIII. Read the following passage and fill the blank with ONE suitable word.

Enjoyment is what drinking wine is all about. However, the more you know, (56)_____ easier it becomes to select the right wines for you or your guests. Wine is basically grape juice to (57)_____ yeast has been added causing it to ferment and produce alcohol. Alcohol is flavourless, so there must be something more (58)_____ wine than this. Many of the secrets of wine lie within the grape. Its pulp is a sugar solution which contains the things that give a wine its fruity flavour. In a dry

wine, most of a grape's sugar has been converted (59)_____ alcohol. In a sweet one, more sugar is left. This can be felt on the (60)_____ of the tongue. The pulp also contains acidity which gives the wine "crispness" that makes the mouth water.

Too much (61)_____ it can make you wince, too little and the wine could taste dull. The skin contains flavour and tannin. Tannin produces a tingling sensation in the gums and gives a wine firmness. White grapes (62)_____ their skins removed before fermentation so tannin is only really found in red wines. The pulp of black and white grapes is (63)_____ same pale colour. The fact that the skins of black grapes are left on (64)_____ the wine is fermented gives red wine its colour.

The wines which are often considered to be the best are (65)_____ where all the elements balance one another. There are many grape varieties grown in many climates which influence the emphasis given to these features and this is why wines can be so wonderfully different.

IX. Choose from A, B, C, or D the one that best answers each of the questions in the following passage.

Every drop of water in the ocean, even in the deepest parts, responds to the forces that create the tides. No other force that affects the sea is so strong. Compared with the tides, the waves created by the wind are surface movements felt no more than a hundred fathoms below the surface. The currents also seldom involve more than the upper several hundred fathoms despite their impressive sweep.

The tides are a response of the waters of the ocean to the pull of the Moon and the more distant Sun. In theory, there is a gravitational attraction between the water and even the outermost star of the universe. **In reality**, however, the pull of remote stars is so slight as to be obliterated by the control of the Moon and, to a lesser extent, the Sun. Just as the Moon rises later each day by fifty minutes, on the average, so, in most places, the time of high tide is correspondingly later each day. And as the Moon waxes and wanes in its monthly cycle, so the height of the tide varies. The tidal movements are strongest when the Moon is a sliver in the sky, and when it is full. These are the highest flood tides and the lowest ebb tides of the lunar month and are called the spring tides. At these times the Sun, Moon, and Earth are nearly in line and the pull of the two heavenly bodies is added together to bring the water high on the beaches, to send its surf upward against the sea cliffs, and to draw a high tide into the harbors. Twice each month, at the quarters of the Moon, when the Sun, Moon and Earth lie at the apexes of a triangular **configuration** and the pull of the Sun and Moon are opposed, the moderate tidal movements called neap tides occur. Then the difference between high and low water is less than at any other time during the month.

66. What is the main point of the first paragraph?

- A. The waves created by ocean currents are very large.
- B. Despite the strength of the wind, it only moves surface water.
- C. Deep ocean water is seldom affected by forces that move water.
- D. The tides are the most powerful force to affect the movement of ocean water.

67. The words "**In reality**" in the passage is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. surprisingly
- B. actually
- C. characteristically
- D. similarly

68. It can be inferred from the passage that the most important factor in determining how much gravitational effect one object in space has on the tides is_____.

- A. size
- B. distance
- C. temperature
- D. density

69. The word "**configuration**" in the passage is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. unit
- B. center
- C. surface
- D. arrangement

70. Neap tides occur when_____.

- A. the Sun counteracts the Moon's gravitational attraction
- B. the Moon is full
- C. the Moon is farthest from the Sun
- D. waves created by the wind combine with the Moon's gravitational attraction

X. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

71. John didn't celebrate until he received the offer of promotion in writing.

- Not until _____.

72. I don't really like her, even though I admire her achievements.
→ Much _____.
73. It's thought that the accident was caused by human error.
→ The accident _____.
74. House prices have risen dramatically this year.
→ There has _____.
75. This affair does not concern you.
→ This affair is no _____.
76. You must submit articles for the magazine by June 18th.
→ The final date _____.
77. Although Jimmy was the stronger of the two, his attacker soon overpowered him.
→ Despite his _____.
78. What a surprise to see you here!
→ Fancy _____.
79. I don't intend to apologize to either of them.
→ I have _____.
80. It was only when I left home that I realized how much my father meant to me.
→ Not until _____.

XI. Writing an essay.

“Stable development (development without harming the environment) is essential for the present time as well as the future”.

What do you think of that matter? Write an essay of about 280- 300 words to support your points.

_____ **THE END** _____

KEYS – PRACTICE 50

I. (5pts) 1 point/correct answer.

1. C 2. A 3. A 4. C

II. (5pts) 1 point/correct answer.

6. B 7. B 8. A 9. A 10. C

III. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

11. *losed* → *lost*

12. *are* → *is*

13. *endanger* → *endangering*

14. *so* → *such*

15. *on* → *in*

16. *nature* → *natural*

17. *With* → *Without*

18. *Not* → *No*

19. *produce* → *produced*

20. *by* → *in*

IV. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

21. B 22. D 23. D 24. D 25. D 26. C 27. D 28. B 29. C 30. C

V. (10pts) 1.5 point/correct answer.

31. C

32. B

33. C

34. A

35. B

VI. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

36. *characteristic*

39. *racism*

42. *heritage*

44. *perception*

37. *separately*

40. *loyalty*

43. *disappearance*

45. *relative*

38. *unfamiliar*

41. *appreciation*

VII (15pts) 1 point/correct answer.

46. D

47. B

48. A

49. D

50. B

51. B

52. C

53. C

54. A

55. D

VIII. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

56. *the*

58. *to*

60. *tip*

62. *have*

64. *while*

57. *which*

59. *into*

61. *of*

63. *the*

65.

those/ones

IX. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

66. D 67. B 68. B 69. D 70. A

X. (10pts) 2 points/correct answer.

71. → Not until *John (had) received the offer of promotion in writing did he celebrate.*

72. → Much as *I admire her achievements, I don't really like her.*

73. → The accident is *thought/ believed to have been caused by human error.*

74. → There has *been a dramatic increase in (the) house prices this year.*

75. → This affair is *no concern/business of yours.*

76. → The final date *for you to submit articles for the magazine is June 18th.*

77. → Despite his *(superior) strength Jimmy was (soon) overpowered by his attacker.*

78. → Fancy *seeing you here.*

79. → I have *no intention of apologizing to either of them.*

80. → Not until *(after) I (had) left home did I realize how much my father meant to me.*

XI

(15pts) Students' own answers

Content: accounts for 50% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 50% for the **content**, the candidates should provide all main ideas and details as appropriate.

Language: accounts for 30% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 30% for **language**, the candidates should use variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language high school students.

Presentation: accounts for 20% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 20% for **presentation**, the candidates should write with coherence, cohesion and can use appropriate styles and linking devices

_____ THE END _____