**SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 12**

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Đề thi có 07 trang

**Họ tên thí sinh:** …………………………………………………………………………………………

**SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (70 points)**

HƯỚNG DẪN PHẦN THI NGHE HIỂU

* *Bài nghe gồm 2 phần, mỗi phần được nghe 2 lần, mỗi lần cách nhau khoảng 20 giây, mở đầu và kết thúc mỗi phần nghe có tín hiệu.*
* *Mở đầu và kết thúc bài nghe có tín hiệu nhạc. Thí sinh có 3 phút để hoàn chỉnh bài sau khi kết thúc 2 phần nghe.*
* *Mọi hướng dẫn cho thí sinh (bằng tiếng Anh) đã có trong bài nghe.*

**LISTENING PART 1**

***A woman asks a customer some questions to complete a questionnaire. Listen to this woman doing a survey on reading habits. Listen and choose the option which best fits according to what you hear. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet from 1 to 5.***

**Question 1**: The woman’s first question is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. people’s reading habits

**B**. what type of books the man likes reading.

**C**. how often the man reads fiction books

**D**. what three categories of books the man prefer to read

**Question 2**: The man likes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. science fiction, romance and Westerns **B**. love story, romance and Westerns

**C**. crime, science fiction and Westerns **D**. science fiction, romance and lover Westerns

**Question 3**: The man spends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a month on books.

**A**. around $130 **B**. very much **C**. about $15 **D**. about $50

**Question 4**: The man buys books from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. internet **B**. a bookstore

**C**. his friends, a bookstore and internet   **D**. A&B are correct

**Question 5**: The man went to The Regal Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. two weeks ago **B**. many weeks ago **C**. last week **D**. three weeks ago

**LISTENING PART 2**

***Listen to Laura asking Mike some questions about friendship to complete a survey. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet from 6 to 10.***

**Question** **6**. How many friends do you prefer to have?

A. One or two B. Three to five

C. About 10 D. As many as possible

**Question** **7.** When was the last time you forgot a friend's birthday?

A.I never have B. This year

C. Once many years ago D. I do it quite often

**Question** **8**. Have you ever called a friend of yours at three o'clock in the morning just to chat?

A. Never B. Once or twice

C. Quite often D. Night-time is for sleeping!

**Question** **9**. Do your friends search for you when they want­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. Cheering up B. Some good advice

C. Someone to listen to them D. Someone to watch films with them

**Question** **10**. How often do you think about your friends?

A. Every day B. Rarely

C. Only when you need them D. Laura doesn't put an answer

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from that of the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions from 11 to 13.***

**Question 11**. A. nourish B. flourish C. courageous D. courage

**Question 12**. A. decision B. confusion C. vision D. tension

**Question 13**. A. beloved B. naked C. ploughed D. wicked

***Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 14 to 23.***

The Great Wall (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for 5,000 kilometers across China from the East coast to the Gobi Desert. This biggest of all building projects was begun 2,000 years ago during Qin Dynasty. (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_built walls were all joined up to form one huge line, supposedly to (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_any invading nomads. The project used thousands of workers, many of (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were prisoners. (18)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_180 million cubic meters of earth were used to form the wall’s core.

The wall was not particularly successful as a deterrent to invaders. However, it was very useful as a kind of ancient, elevated motorway. Men and equipment could be (19)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved along the wall, through the previously inhospitable, mountainous land.

Also, a very useful communication system was developed between the different sections of the wall. Smoke signals were used (20)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_messages quickly anywhere along the wall’s length.

Now, the Great Wall is China’s most popular (21)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It has suffered some decay and destruction over the centuries. Parts have been worn away by the wind and weather. Other sections have been destroyed by local peasants who carried off the materials to make their own homes. However, the wall is still a (n) (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sight, and a lasting monument to the (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_Chinese civilization that created it.

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| **Question** 14: A. stretches | B. lengthens | C. balances | D. lasts |
| **Question** 15: A. Detachedly | B. Separately | C. Privately | D. Individually |
| **Question** 16: A. keep on | B. keep out | C. keep from | D. drive away |
| **Question** 17: A. who | B. which | C. whom | D. them |
| **Question** 18: A. Or so | B. Somewhat | C. Around | D. Approximate |
| **Question** 19: A. easily | B. difficultly | C. easier | D. quicker |
| **Question** 20: A. to sending | B. to take | C. to send | D. to taking |
| **Question** 21: A. tour guide | B. tourist business | C. tourist center | D. tourist attraction |
| **Question** 22: A. delighting | B. scaring | C. boring | D. amazing |
| **Question** 23: A. antique | B. old | C. aged | D. ancient |

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 24 to 44.***

**Question** 24. New York and Tokyo are two of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_populated cities in the world.

A. greatly B. densely C. variously D. closely

**Question** 25. The young should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_themselves in social activities.

A. determine B. serve C. involve D. promote.

**Question** 26. The President has made many visits to Japan, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_began today.

A. whose recent one B. the most recent of which C. which D. the most recent one

**Question** 27. I never get a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of sleep after watching a horror film.

A. wink B. blink C. night D. ounce

**Question** 28. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Jim myself, I can’t tell why he would do such terrible things.

A. Not to be speaking B. Not to have spoken

C. Because of not being spoken D. Not having spoken

**Question** 29. However good Schoenberg \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_have been, I still find his modern music very difficult to appreciate.

A. could B. may C. should D. would

**Question** 30. Our class team has won four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_football matches.

A. successful B. unsuccessful C. success D. successive

**Question** 31. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I was pleased it was over.

A. Though strange it was B. Despite it may sound strange

C. Strange though it may sound D. Even though being very strange

**Question** 32. Their office consisted of three rooms, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was used as a conference room.

A. the largest of which B. larger of which C. the largest of them D. largest

**Question** 33. I didn’t get home until after midnight last night. Otherwise, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you call.

A. would have returned B. would return C. had returned D. returned

**Question** 34. The tests in this book are arranged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. in order of difficult B. in order of difficulty

C. in orderly difficult D. in the order of difficulty

**Question** 35. Rosa suggested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a suit and a tie when he went for the interview.

A. him to wear B. he must wear C. he wear D. that he wears

**Question** 36. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the size of the whole earth, the highest mountain does not seem high at all.

A. When compared B. Compare them

C. If you compare D. A comparison

**Question** 37. Betty is a bit down in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because he was sacked yesterday.

A. sad B. dumps C. low D. bad

**Question** 38. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,we’ll go there every day.

A. When the new park is opened B. When the new park opens

C. Before the new park opens D. Once the new park had been opened

**Question** 39. Mark was ejected after committing four personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in water polo yesterday.

A. mistakes B. faults C. fouls D. error

**Question** 40. He was exhausted because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_around the whole afternoon trying to clean up the house before the guests arrived.

A. had been running B. has been running C. has run D. had run

**Question** 41. After graduating from university, I want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my father’s footstep.

A. had been running B. has been running C. follow in D. follow

**Question** 42. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we tried our best to finish it.

A. Difficult as the homework was B. Thanks to the difficult homework

C. As though the homework was difficult D. Despite the homework was difficult.

**Question** 43. By using the environment sustainably, the natural resources and the environment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_provides will not be depleted or destroyed permanently and will be available for human use for a very long time.

A. what B. which C. it D. in which

**Question** 44. What do swimmers have to pay attention \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a successful performance?

A. to having B. having C. to have D. to to have

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions from 45 to 46.***

**Question** 45. A. maintain B. realize C. newspaper D. bargain

**Question** 46. A. mosquito B. employee C. photography D. mountaineer

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions from 47 to 48.***

**Question 47**: Our shop has **replenished** food stocks to meet the increasing demand of customers.

**A**. accurately **B**. destroyed **C**. refilled **D**. recycled

**Question 48**: The company has **devised** an app that enables people to get married to others living in foreign countries.

**A**. promoted **B**. relocated **C**. invented **D**. corrected

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions from 49 to 50.***

**Question 49**: Our company has been striving to meet **exacting** safety standards, especially in the context of the covid-19 pandemic.

**A**. complicated **B**. demanding **C**. daily **D**. easy

**Question 50**: He wanted to say something, but he **bit his tongue** and decided not to get involved in the argument.

**A**. refuse to talk **B**. was willing to talk

**C**. fail to communicate **D**. was eager to end

***Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 51 to 58.***

The decisions we make in our early life, e.g. what school we go to, the subjects we chose to study, the decision to go to university/college, the courses we choose, can impact our career path. If this decision is heavily **swayed** by parental preference, the child may end up following a vocation that, deep down, they are not interested in. At the same time, without practical guidance and support when pursuing interests, poor choices can be made.

Everyone has a unique set of skills and aptitudes. Each child is individual in their own way, and so may possess different skills and abilities to their parents. With this in mind, adopting a similar career role to either parent may not be the right course of action.

We all take time to ‘find our feet’. Parents will often say things such as “pick a course you think you’ll like” or “why don’t you apply for this job”. Though it may seem they are doing the right thing in terms of **steering** their children in the right direction, parents also need to understand that we all need space and time to discover what we truly want to pursue. University, for example, isn’t for everyone – and engaging in relevant work experience and/or undertaking an apprenticeship can be just as valuable in finding a suitable vocation in **which** you can thrive.

The trick here is to educate children that life is about self-discovery and new skills and talents are developed. How many of us are in careers we thought we would be in when we were 18? We can only make decisions based on what we know about ourselves at the time, take the pressure off of them by letting them know it's okay that they aren't sure what they want to do yet but the important thing is to be proactive in finding their way.

*(Adapted from* [*https://www.midkent.ac.uk/*](https://www.midkent.ac.uk/)*)*

**Question 51:** Which of the following best serves as the title for the article?

**A.** Practical guidance and support for children

**B.** What to remember when guiding children’s education

**C.** Adopting a similar career role to either parent

**D.** Valuable things in a suitable vocation

**Question 52:** The word “**swayed**” in paragraph 1 most probably means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** prevented **B.** discovered **C.** operated **D.** influenced

**Question 53:** Children may not be interested in their vocation if it is affected to much by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** support **B.** their parents **C.** poor choices **D.** practical guidance

**Question 54:** The word “**steering**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** guiding **B.** calculating **C.** translating **D.** competing

**Question 55:** What is the benefit of relevant work experience or undertaking an apprenticeship for children?

**A.** It gives a vocation of great value. **B.** It makes children like their vocation.

**C.** It helps in finding a suitable vocation. **D.** It teaches children to be confident.

**Question 56:** The word “**which**” in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** work experience **B.** apprenticeship **C.** suitable vocation **D.** the trick

**Question 57:** Which of the following is NOT true, according to the article?

**A.** Early decision of what school to go to doesn’t affect our career.

**B.** Each child has his own set of skills and aptitudes.

**C.** Children also need space and time to discover what they truly want to pursue.

**D.** It’s unsure we would do the job we like when we were 18.

**Question 58:** What is important for children when making decisions?

**A.** Being sure what to do as soon as possible **B.** Having new skills and talents

**C.** Overcoming pressure **D.** Being proactive in finding the way

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions from 59 to 61.***

**Question 59**: He was so exhausted that he felt asleep at his desk yesterday.

**A**. so **B**. exhausted **C**. felt **D**. at

**Question 60**: Fifty minutes are the maximum length of time allotted for the exam.

**A**. minutes **B**. are **C**. length **D**. allotted

**Question 61**: Experiments show that, for a bird, doing a bird nest is as instinctive as feeding

**A**. Experiments **B**. doing **C**. instinctive **D**. feeding

***Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 62 to 68.***

Now that you have some ideas about what you like to do and what you’re good at, you can start gaining skills and an education that put you in a position to pursue your passions. There are many different places where you can **hone** your skills.

Community colleges are often more job oriented and practical, as well as being more affordable. If you have decided your ideal career is a Dental hygienist, mechanic, or veterinary technician this could be a good choice for you! You will receive applicable training in your field and get into the workforce in the shortest amount of time.

If you have decided you want to spend several years immersed in a subject your fascinated with, a four-year research university or liberal arts college is for you. But how do you choose which school when there are so many options?

Some schools are hyper-focused on a specific area and do not offer as broad of an education. A good example of this is the business school Bentley, which specializes in business subjects so they can really be the best in that particular area but not a good choice if you think you might change majors to a different subject altogether.

If you only have a general idea of what you would like to do as a career, you may decide to attend a liberal arts college. These schools offer a broad education in multiple subjects such as math, science, English, art, sociology and history to name a few. An example of a good liberal arts college is Amherst.

Going to a liberal arts school often means you have to complete core requirements in multiple different subjects. You will lose the hyper-focus and **cutting-edge** technology found in some research universities, but you will gain knowledge and skills in many different subjects and learn how to write and reason well and to think crucially. These are some of the key skills you will need to prepare you for jobs that do not exist yet.

*(Adapted from* [*https://students.collegefactual.com/*](https://students.collegefactual.com/)*)*

**Question 62:** Which of the following best serves as the title for the article?

**A.** Advice for Those Who Choose What to Learn

**B.** Where Can You Have New Skills?

**C.** Options When Choosing School

**D.** Requirements to learn many subjects

**Question 63:** What is the strong point of community colleges?

**A.** Their workforce is huge.

**B.** They create ideal careers.

**C.** They provide the best veterinary technician.

**D.** The time of training is short.

**Question 64:** The word “**hone**” in paragraph 3 most probably means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** indicate **B.** believe **C.** improve **D.** achieve

**Question 65:** The business school Bentley is mentioned in the article as an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** schools focusing on a specific area **B.** being broad of an education

**C.** schools training business only **D.** a bad choice to study business

**Question 66:** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the article?

**A.** Community colleges are often not job oriented and practical.

**B.** Studying at liberal arts college takes you several years.

**C.** You do not have to study sociology at liberal arts college of Amherst.

**D.** Preparing key skills for jobs that do not exist yet is nonsense.

**Question 67:** The word “**cutting-edge**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** illogical **B.** healthful **C.** emotional **D.** advanced

**Question 68:** Where can learners find the hyper-focus and cutting-edge technology?

**A.** liberal arts schools **B.** business schools

**C.** research universities **D.** economic schools

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges from 69 to 70.***

**Question 69**: *Two students are talking about family routines.*

**Lan**: Nam, do you think family routines are necessary?

**Nam**: Yes, ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each family should have some routines to help build strong family bonds.

**A**. I’m not sure that **B**. I strongly believe that

**C**. I agree that **D**. I hope that

**Question 70**: *Jack and Dave are talking about taking a gap year.*

**Jack**: I think taking a gap year is a waste of time

**Dave**: \_\_\_\_. It gives gap-year takers a lot of valuable experiences.

**A**. I agree with you **B**. I don’t quite agree **C**. It’s right **D**. My pleasure

**SECTION B: WRITING (30 points)**

***Part 1. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it. Write the answers on your answer sheet. (5 points)***

71. My brother entered the room quietly so that he would not disturb the baby.

→ So as ……………………………………………………………………..........................

72. The price of crude oil has decreased sharply in recent years.

→ There .................................................................................................................................

73. Ben was too exhausted to complete the marathon race.

→ So………………………………………………………...................................................

74. That is the funniest story that my children have ever read.

→ My children have never ...................................................................................................

75. I don’t think it’s a good idea to invest all your money in the property market.

→ Were………………………………………………………..............................................

***Part II. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it but using the word given. Do not change the form of the given word. Write the answers on your answer sheet.***

76. Our house is going to be painted by a local firm (HAVE)

→\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

77. Because he didn’t study hard, he failed the exam. ( HAD)

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78. The passengers don’t realize how lucky they have been. **(**LITTLE)

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79. She doesn’t intend to meet him any longer ( INTENTION)

→\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

80. My grandfather was sixty when he learnt to swim. ( AGE)

→\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Part 3. Essay writing (20 points)***

Although more and more people read news on the internet, newspapers will remain the most important sources of news. Do you agree or disagree? Write an essay about 250 words to support your ideas.