

ĐỀ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI

Môn: **TIẾNG ANH** – Lớp: **8 THCS**

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

PART A. LISTENING (4.0 POINTS)

Hướng dẫn phần thi nghe hiểu:

- Nội dung phần nghe gồm 03 phần, mỗi thí sinh được nghe 2 lần, đĩa CD tự chạy 2 lần.
- Mở đầu và kết thúc phần nghe có tín hiệu nhạc, hướng dẫn chi tiết đã có trong bài nghe.

I. You will hear an interview with a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called Krispy with his sister Mel.

For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. When Nick and Mel were younger _____.
A. they studied music at school
B. their father took them to live concerts
C. their mother encouraged them to play music
2. When Nick and Mel started writing _____.
A. disagreed about the style they music together, they should have
B. didn't want to be the same as other bands
C. were influenced by different kinds of music
3. In the band's first year together _____.
A. concert audiences liked their music
B. they signed a recording contract
C. their national tour was very successful
4. What does Nick say about life in the band today?
A. The older members look after him and Mel.
B. He's pleased to have the chance to travel.
C. There's no opportunity for them to relax together.
5. What disappointment has the band had?
A. They haven't yet had a number one single.
B. Their first album sold under a million copies.
C. A health problem delayed their album recording.

II. Look at the six sentences for this part.

You will hear a boy called Thomas and a girl called Ruby talking about a poster for their school sports day.

Decide if each sentence is true (T) or false (F). Tick the correct boxes.

		T	F
1	Thomas thinks the poster should be bigger than last year's.		
2	Ruby and Thomas agree that the poster should be in color.		
3	Ruby thinks the photograph should be in the middle of the poster.		
4	Thomas suggests they use the photograph of the baseball game.		
5	Ruby thinks every word on the poster should be the same size.		

III. Complete the notes below.

Write no more than **TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Cycling holiday in Austria

Example

Answer

Most suitable holiday lasts ...10... days.

Holiday begins on (1) _____

No more than (2) _____ people in cycling group.

Each day, group cycles (3) _____ on average.

Some of the hotels have a (4) _____

Holiday costs (5) £_____ per person without flights.

All food included except (6) _____
 Essential to bring a (7) _____
 Discount possible on equipment at www. (8) _____ .com
 Possible that the (9) _____ may change.
 Guided tour of a (10) _____ is arranged.

PART B. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (6.0 POINTS)

I. Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following sentences. (4pts)

- Question 1:** Would you like tea or coffee? – I _____ drink tea than coffee.
 A. would like B. would prefer C. would rather D. would wish
- Question 2:** My mother had to work 12 hours a day in a factory just to _____.
 A. make ends meet B. call it a day C. tighten the belt D. break the ice
- Question 3:** Katie really _____ her mother. She has got the same character.
 A. takes after B. takes up C. takes in D. takes on
- Question 4:** There are a lot of tickets left, so you _____ book for the tickets in advance.
 A. mustn't B. won't C. shouldn't D. don't have to
- Question 5:** Do you know what made so many people _____ their home?
 A. evacuate B. to evacuate C. evacuated D. be evacuated
- Question 6:** My daughter likes playing with a(n) _____ rope to get lean in the early morning.
 A. old black leather skipping B. leather black old skipping
 C. skipping black old leather D. leather old black skipping
- Question 7:** Solar energy is not widely used _____ it is friendly to the environment.
 A. since B. although C. in spite of D. because of
- Question 8:** Could you lend me some more? I've spent _____ money you gave me yesterday.
 A. Ø B. the C. a D. an
- Question 9:** Of the two lectures, the first was by far _____, partly because the person who delivered it had such a dynamic style.
 A. the better B. better C. best D. the best
- Question 10:** Each of the guests _____ a bunch of flowers.
 A. are given B. is given C. were given D. give
- Question 11:** I had to get up early, _____ I would miss the train.
 A. otherwise B. if not C. so that D. but
- Question 12:** If you _____ to my advice in the first place, you wouldn't be in this mess now.
 A. listen B. will listen C. listened D. had listened
- Question 13:** Turn off this machine, please. The harsh sound really _____ me crazy.
 A. drives B. takes C. bothers D. worries
- Question 14:** As is known to all language learners, the newly learnt words will soon be forgotten unless _____ used in everyday communication.
 A. gradually B. loosely C. exactly D. frequently
- Question 15: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.**
Nancy and James are talking about their school days.
 - Nancy: "I think school days are the best time of our lives."
 - James: "_____. We had sweet memories together then."
 A. I'm afraid so B. Absolutely. C. That's nonsense D. I doubt it
- Question 16:** Either you or your friend _____ on charge today.
 A. are B. is C. was D. were
- Question 17:** It is _____ knowledge in the village that Mr. and Mrs. Thome quarrel violently several times a week.
 A. common B. important C. popular D. general
- Question 18:** These figures show a _____ in the number of unemployed people in England and Wales.
 A. loss B. lessening C. reduction D. lowering
- Question 19:** I don't think she can get her message _____ to the students. She seems too nervous.
 A. across B. around C. out D. over
- Question 20:** Studies indicate _____ collecting art today than ever before.

- A. there are that more people
C. that there are more people

- B. more people that are
D. people there are more

II. Give the correct form of the words in the brackets. Write your answers in the blanks. (1pt)

1. What tune (play) _____ when we came in?
2. - Can you tell me when the bus for Ho Chi Minh City (leave) _____ ?
- At 8 every morning.
3. Two miles (be) _____ enough for her to go jogging every morning.
4. Don't call him at 2.30 p.m. He (interview) _____ job applicants at that time.
5. - Remember (phone) _____ Sally tomorrow.
- OK I won't forget.

III. Give the correct form of the words in the brackets. Write your answers in the blanks. (1pt)

1. They are waiting for the _____ of our plane. (ARRIVE)
2. The woman cried _____ when she heard the news. (EXCITE)
3. The boy has cut himself and his finger is _____ quite badly. (BLOOD)
4. Bell experimented with ways of transmitting _____ over a long distance. (SPEAK)
5. She wanted to have her skirt _____. (LONG)

PART C. READING (5.0 POINTS)

I. Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in the blanks. (1.0 pt)

A mobile phone, also known as a cell phone, is one that we can use to (0) **make** telephone calls to anyone from a great (1) _____ via a radio link. Apart from telephony, modern smart mobile phones also support a number of other services (2) _____ text messaging, Internet access, gaming, photography, and many business applications.

The first cell phone weighed about 2 kilograms and (3) _____ demonstrated in 1973 by Dr. Martin Cooper and John F. Mitchell of Motorola. Ten years later, in 1983, the first model of cell phone went on (4) _____ to the public. By 2011, over six billion people, 87% of the world's (5) _____, used mobile networks. In spite of the many (6) _____ a cell phone has, it also brings about several problems that users should be aware of. Mobile phone radiation is believed to be harmful to human health. Some recent studies have found an association (7) _____ cell phone use and certain kinds of brain disease. Another serious problem can be privacy and tracking. Once users have the phone on, they can be interrupted in many ways, and they can also (8) _____ tracked by location data.

(Adapted from <https://hoidap247.com/>)

IV. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the blanks. (2.0 pts)

BIRTH OF THE COMPUTER

Most people think of computers as very modern inventions, products of our new technological age. But actually the idea for a computer (1) _____ worked out over two centuries ago by a man (2) _____ Charles Babbage. Babbage was born (3) _____ 1791 and grew up to be a brilliant mathematician. He drew up plans for several calculating machines (4) _____ he called "engines". Despite the fact that he (5) _____ building some of these he never finished any of them. Over the year people have argued (6) _____ his machines would ever work. Recently, however, the Science Museum in London has finished building (7) _____ engine based on one of Babbage's designs. (8) _____ has taken six years to complete and more (9) _____ four thousand parts have been specially made. Whether it works or not, the

machine will be on show at a special exhibition in the Science Museum (10) ——— remind people of Babbage's work.

(Adapted from <https://tuyensinh247.com/>)

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| 1. A. has | B. was | C. had | D. is |
| 2. A. known | B. recognized | C. written | D. called |
| 3. A. on | B. in | C. by | D. for |
| 4. A. whose | B. who | C. these | D. which |
| 5. A. wanted | B. made | C. started | D. missed |
| 6. A. until | B. whether | C. while | D. though |
| 7. A. some | B. the | C. an | D. that |
| 8. A. One | B. He | C. They | D. It |
| 9. A. than | B. therefore | C. when | D. then |
| 10. A. to | B. as | C. for | D. so |

III. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions. (1.6 pts)

As Christmas evolved in the United States, new customs were adopted and many old ones were reworked. The legend of Santa Claus, for example, had origins in Europe and was brought by Dutch settlers to New York in the early 18th century. Traditionally, Santa Claus - from the Dutch Sinter Klaas - was depicted as a tall, dignified, religious figure riding a white horse through the air. Known as Saint Nicholas in Germany, he was usually accompanied by Black Peter, an elf who punished disobedient children. In North America he eventually developed into a fat, jolly old gentleman who had neither the religious attributes of Saint Nicholas nor the strict disciplinarian character of Black Peter.

Santa's transformation began in 1823, when a New York newspaper published the poem A Visit from Saint Nicholas, which Clement Clark Moore had written to amuse his daughter. The poem introduced many Americans to the story of a kindly saint who flew over housetops in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Portraits and drawings of Santa Claus by American illustrator Thomas Nast further strengthened the legend during the second half of the 19th century. Living at the North Pole and assisted by elves, the modern Santa produced and delivered toys to all good children. By the late 19th century he had become such a prominent figure of American folklore that in 1897, when Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun newspaper asking if Santa was real, she received a direct answer: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus".

(Adapted from <https://tracnghiemtienganh.vn/>)

Question 1. Who brought the legend of Santa Claus to the USA according to the passage?

- A. Sinter Klaas B. Saint Nicholas C. A German D. Dutch settlers

Question 2. Santa Claus was traditionally described as a _____.

- A. tall man who could walk through the air. B. fat, jolly, old man.
C. religious figure. D. fat man riding a Whitehorse.

Question 3. Who was Black Peter?

- A. an elf accompanying Saint Nicholas. B. an elf who rode a Whitehorse.
C. one of the disobedient children. D. a popular traditional figure.

Question 4. What word is closest in meaning to "**attributes**"?

- A. symbols of a person B. natural qualities
C. effects D. outer appearance

Question 5. Where did the legend of Santa Claus come from?

- A. the North Pole B. Europe
C. North America D. the City of New York

Question 6. According to Clement Clark Moore's poem, _____.

- A. Santa Claus had nothing different in appearance from the tradition alone.
B. Santa Claus had wings and could fly.
C. Santa Claus liked poetry.
D. Santa Claus was a kindly saint who flew over housetops in a sleigh.

Question 7. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Santa Claus was an imaginary old man created by artists based on traditional figures.
B. Living in the North Pole, Santa Claus visited children at Christmas.
C. Santa Claus was a real figure living in northern America.
D. Santa Claus was a story based on Saint Nicholas and Black Peter.

PART D. WRITING (5.0 points)

I. Rewrite each of the following sentences in such a way that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the cues at the beginning of each sentence. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (2.0 pts)

1. Mary knew what the answer was after reading the book.
By the time _____.
2. You must never mention this to him.
Under _____.
3. She took extra night classes, so as not to have to repeat the course.
She avoided _____.
4. This was one of the most powerful earthquakes ever.
No other earthquake _____.
5. It was a four-hour flight from Ho Chi Minh to Bangkok.
It took _____.
6. In spite of having a good salary, he was unhappy in his job.
Although _____.
7. I can't understand him because he speaks so quickly.
If he didn't _____.
8. The garage is going to repair the car for us next week.
We're going _____.
9. The drama critic of the "daily news" regards the new play as a major breakthrough.
According _____.
10. That man used to work with me when I lived in New York.
That is _____.

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use *BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE WORDS*, including the word given. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (1.0 pt)

1. It was raining cats and dogs. (TORRENTS)
The rain was _____.
2. It was wrong of you to borrow my book without asking. (HAVE)
You _____ for permission before you borrowed my book.
3. When I was younger, this record was one of my favorites. (FAVORITE)
This record used _____ mine when I was younger.
4. My sister finds commuting every day annoying. (PUT)
It's difficult for my sister _____ commuting every day.
5. When he arrived at the airport, his family welcomed him warmly. (ARRIVAL)
On _____, he was given a warm welcome by his family.

III. Imagine that you have a friend in another country and you would like to invite him or her to visit your village.

Write a brief introduction (about 120 -150 words) to attract him/ her to visit your village. (2.0pts)

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