

ENGLISH PRACTICE 37

Section a: Phonetics

Part I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the rest.

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| 1. A. gymnastics | B. got | C. enlarge | D. bridge |
| 2. A. worm | B. worse | C. more | D. work |
| 3. A. meat | B. leader | C. heat | D. sweater |
| 4. A. good | B. mood | C. noon | D. pool |
| 5. A. hurt | B. nurse | C. bury | D. curly |

Part II. Choose the word that has the stress on a different syllable from the rest in each group.

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| 1. A. education | B. community | C. development | D. unbreakable |
| 2. A. exciting | B. important | C. delicious | D. beautiful |
| 3. A. recreation | B. entertainment | C. literature | D. information |
| 4. A. natural | B. department | C. exception | D. attentive |
| 5. A. performance | B. industry | C. importance | D. provision |

Section B. Grammar and vocabulary (35 points)

Part I. Choose the correct answer, circling letter A , B , C or D.

- Has the committee a decision yet?
A. given B. made C. done D. arrived
- the time you get to the theatre, the play will have finished.
A. Until B. In C. By D. On
- her five dresses, she likes the red one best.
A. Of B. In C. From D. Among
- Because of the bad weather, we had to putour picnic until next weekend.
A. out B. away C. up D. off
- By the year 2015, the world population 8 billion people.
A. will reach B. reaches C. will have reached D. reach
- We are destroying our environment by adding more to it.
A. pollutes B. pollutants C. pollutives D. pollutions
- He tried to explain the reason he got to class late yesterday.
A. for which B. of which C. in which D. by which
- We didn't remember our document into our removable disk so we have lost all now.
A. saving B. to be saving C. saved D. to save
- There is a crowd of students for the lecturer outside the lecture hall.
A. to wait B. waiting C. to be waiting D. are waiting
- The storm was on Thursday of that week.
A. the B. x C. a D. an

Part II. Read the following passage then give the correct form/tense of the verbs in brackets.

Although some groups of people (1. always live)..... outdoors in tents, camping as we (2. know)..... it today (3. begin)..... to be popular about 50 years ago. The increase in the use of cars and improvements in camping equipment (4. allow)..... more people to travel longer distances into the countryside and (5. stay) there in greater comfort.

Many campers like (6. be)..... themselves in quiet areas, so they take their tent and food and walk or cycle into the forests or the mountains. Others, (7. prefer)..... to be near people, (8.

drive)_____ to a public or privately-owned campsite which (9. have)_____ up-to-date facilities, like hot shower and swimming pools.

Whether campers are separate in the mountain or on a busy site, they should remember to keep the area clean and tidy. In the forests, they must put out any fires and keep food hidden to avoid (10. attract)_____ animals.

Part III. Give the correct form of the words in capital in brackets.

1. It's forbidden to destroy (HISTORY)_____ buildings.
2. (FOREST)_____ is a big problem for the government to solve.
3. The cultural and historical sites in Kyoto and in the (SURROUND)_____ areas have been given appropriate care and maintenance.
4. Burning coal is a(an) (ECONOMY)_____ way. Burning gas is cheaper.
5. I'll give you some directions with the map (ENCLOSE)_____.
6. He told his father a seemingly (CONVINCE)_____ story to explain his lateness but his father didn't believe him.
7. It was not easy to understand her (ACT)_____ to the situation.
8. I forgot to renew my (MEMBER)_____ in the sailing club.
9. John likes a lot of dishes of Vietnam, (SPECIAL)_____ *pho*.
10. We would like to talk to a student (PARTICIPATE)_____ in most activities of the school.

Part IV. Fill in the blank with one preposition.

1. Nobody helped him to do this work. He managed to do it _____ his own.
2. He has a new solution _____ the problem.
3. Do you know any songs _____ the Beatles?
4. His attitude _____ his job is very negative.
5. I'm just going out to do some shopping. I'll be back _____ half an hour.

Section C. Reading comprehension (30 points)

Part I. Read the passage carefully then answer the questions below it.

The Battle of Dien Bien Phu ended the Indochina War. Today Dien Bien Phu is a tourist destination. Many visitors are battle veterans or members of their families. As well as visiting the battle site, tourists can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Muong Thanh Valley, visit the neighboring villages, and share the hospitality of the local people.

Most of the people who live in the area are members of the Thai or H'Mong ethnic minorities. However, they do not depend on tourism alone to live. As Dien Bien Phu is only 30 kilometers from Laos border, it is an important trading center. Food leaves here for Laos and Thailand and goods arrive back to provide for the northern provinces of Vietnam.

Questions:

1. What did Dien Bien Phu use to be?
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2. Who visits Dien Bien Phu?
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3. Do tourists come to Dien Bien only to visit the battle site?
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4. Why is Dien Bien Phu an important trading center?
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5. Do people in Dien Bien Phu depend on tourism or on trading to live?
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Part II. Fill in each space in the following passage with one suitable word.

Miss Darby was one of those people who never threw anything away. "You never know when you might need it" was (1)_____ of her favourite sayings. She lived (2)_____ herself in a large Victorian house

across the road from us. (3)_____ I never went to her house, I knew it was full of antique furniture, Persian carpets and so on. In every room, there were dozens of paintings so that her house was (4)_____ an art gallery. I remember my father (5)_____ that she was a "Straffordshire Darby" but I (6)_____ no idea of what he meant. I (7)_____ out years later that the Darby family had made their money from coal-mining in Straffordshire. We used to make (8)_____ stories about her. My sister, Alice, (9)_____ was a romantic girl, told us that Miss Darby once had a lover, but he walked out one day and she (10)_____ saw him again!

Part III. Read the passage then choose the correct answer to each question. Circle A, B, C or D

The play now on at the New Theater as part of the Eastern Arts Festival is not among the best plays for which the director, Army Fielding, has been responsible. The action takes place in the home of Professor Spear. One night his landlady comes to the house for a chat. After inviting her in, the professor hears a sound and thinking it is a burglar coming to rob the house, fires his gun. By mistake the wrong person is shot and the thief gets away. The scene of the second act is a law court, in which everyone waits to find out if the professor is guilty of murder.

I did not care for the acting in some cases. Norman Jones is normally seen in some comedies and it is not satisfactory as the professor. He doesn't look like a wise old man. Also Simon Fry, as the servant, shouted at the top of his voice through the play. The hit of the evening, however, was James Smith as the judge. On the whole, the play appeared to be a little out of date. I can think of many other plays which would have been more suitable for a group of clever young actors to perform. The play continues until the end of the month.

1. *The passage is from _____.*

- A. a review of the play.
- B. an instruction to a book.
- C. a letter.
- D. an advertisement.

2. *What is the writer trying to do ?*

- A. To give advice to the writer of the play.
- B. To warn people not to go and see the play.
- C. To give his own opinion of the play.
- D. To persuade the director to change the play.

3. *The writer's opinion about the play is that _____.*

- A. there were not enough actors for the parts.
- B. the actors would have performed better in a modern play.
- C. the play was being performed at the wrong time of the year.
- D. the play was a comedy but the audience did not find it amusing.

4. *The writer thought the actor who played the professor was unsatisfactory because ____.*

- A. he made the audience laugh too much.
- B. he did not look like a professor .
- C. he had the wrong kind of moustache.
- D. he was not clever enough to play the part

5. *Who, among the four following persons, will probably enjoy the play ?*

- A. "I don't care much for serious subjects. I like comedies, especially about the young. Norman Jones is great, so young and lively. I like the way he jumps about the stage. He can never stand still."
- B. "I only like going to the theatre when there is something on with a lot of songs. Simon Fry is a good singer. I saw him in a show last year. I hope he'll be singing again when I next go to the theater."
- C. "I really prefer plays with a good story . I like to wonder about what to happen in the end. I'm a great fan of James Smith."
- D. "I prefer modern plays . This director did one that I liked last year. There were a group of actors on a bare stage without any scenery . It showed what is wrong with modern society."

Part IV. Read the passage then choose the word or phrase that best fits each space by circling A, B, C or D.

WHAT IS THE BEAUTY IN A PERSON?

It is said that what one (1)___ considers beautiful may not be beautiful to another. (2)___ beauty is something that (3)___ not only to the eyes, but also the other senses. I think true beauty makes you see beyond the lovely sight. It will give you insight or realization of something (4)___ beyond the appearance.

When we talk about beauty in people, we often refer to their (5)___attractiveness. Of course, a beautiful or handsome face is pleasant to (6)__. But I find that the most memorable "beautiful people" are those who have good personalities behind their pretty faces.

(7)___kind of beauty in people that attracts us greatly is what known as the inside beauty. People with this kind of beauty have attained inner peace. They usually care about their fellow -man, and try to right the justice in this world. As you know, Nelson Mandela, Princess Diana and Mother Teresa are well-known for these personalities.

In fact, around us, we know many people who are always ready to lend (8)___to people in trouble. Many people in our city provide (9)___of floods in Mekong Delta, the disabled or the poor.... with clothes, money and food. Many young go to rural, mountainous or island areas to help people there... We greatly admire the beauty of these people because they make the world better. This inner beauty gives a certain radiance to their looks.

In short, everyone has (10)___ idea of beauty, and we need to have things, people and places of beauty in our everyday life. Do you think so?

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| 1. A. individual | B. persons | C. people | D. member |
| 2. A. With me | B. For me | C. To me | D. Of me |
| 3. A. pleasant | B. pleases | C. pleased | D. pleasing |
| 4. A. interesting | B. interested | C. interest | D. interestedly |
| 5. A. physic | B. physics | C. physist | D. physical |
| 6. A. look for | B. look after | C. look at | D. look in |
| 7. A. Another | B. Other | C. Others | D. Anothers |
| 8. A. hands | B. a hand | C. the hand | D. the hands |
| 9. A. peoples | B. individuals | C. members | D. victims |
| 10. A. his own | B. our own | C. their own | D. her own |

Section D. Writing

Part I. There are ten mistakes in the following passage. Find them and write your corrections in the numbered space provided.

It is very important to use water carefully. Here are some ways you can use less water. First, you should be sure you turn off the faucets tightly. They should not drip in the bathroom or kitchen sink. Second, you should not keep the water on for a long time. You should turn it off while you are doing something else. It should be off while you are shaving or washing your teeth. It should also be off while you are washing the dishes. Finally, in the summer you should water the garden in the evening. That way you will not lose a lot of water. During the day the sun dries up the earth too fast.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Part II. Rewrite each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. Use the words given and do not change their form.

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| 1. We won't get to the airport in less than 20 minutes. | (take) |
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| 2. Carol finds it very easy to make friends. | (difficulty) |
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| 3. There was no one for him to talk to. | (had) |
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| 4. Thanks for your help and encouragement, I have my life as today. | (But for) |
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| 5. I haven't decided yet whether to move or not. | (mind) |

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Part III. Rewrite the sentences so that the meanings stay the same.

1. The teacher started to write the lesson plan right after he returned home from work.

-> Hardly

2. I only recognized him when he came into the room.

-> It was

3. I must thank Jane and Alice for their presents.

-> I must send

4. He stayed home because he got a cold.

-> He came down

5. They haven't written to each other for almost two years.

-> They stopped

Part IV. Complete the sentences using the given words. Make any changes if necessary.

1. I/ want/ have/ that suit/ clean/ iron/ before/ meeting.

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2. Many foreigners/ be/ not/ accustomed/ cold weather/ Vietnam.

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3. Because/ heavy rain/ many students/ be late/ class/ yesterday.

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4. My brother/often/ spend/ spare time/ read /books/ watch/ television.

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5. One/ disadvantages/ living here/ lack/ public transport.

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KEYS – PRACTICE 37

Section a: Phonetics (10 points)

Part I. 5 points. (One point for each correct answer)

1B 2C 3D 4A 5C

Part II. 5 points. (one point for each correct answer)

1A 2D 3C 4A 5B

Section B. Grammar and vocabulary (35 points)

Part I. 10 points.(One point for each correct answer)

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

Part II. 10 points.(one point for each correct answer)

1. have always lived 2. know 3. began 4. have allowed
5. to stay 6. to be 7. preferring 8. drive
9. has 10. attracting

Part III. 10 points.(one point for each correct answer)

1. historical 2. deforestation 3. surrounding 4. uneconomical 5. enclosed
6. convincing 7. reaction 8. membership 9. especially 10. participating

Part IV. 5 points.(one point for each correct answer)

1. on 2. to 3. by 4. to/towards 5. in

Section C. Reading comprehension (30 points)

Part I. 5 points.(one point for each correct answer)

1. It used to be a battle site
2. Battle veterans or members of their families (do)
3. No, they don't.
4. Because Dien Bien Phu is only 30 kilometers from Laos border.
5. They depend on both (tourism and trading).

Part II. 10 points. (one point for each correct answer)

1. one 2. by 3. Although 4. like 5. saying
6. had 7. found 8. up 9. who 10. never

Part III. 5 points. (one point for each correct answer)

1A 2C 3B 4B 5C

Part IV. 10 points. (one point for each correct answer)

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

Section D. Writing (25 points)

Part I. 10 points (one point for each correct answer including finding and correcting the mistakes)

1. for use -> to use
2. way -> ways
3. surely -> sure
4. turn of -> turn off
5. in a long time -> for a long time
6. washing your teeth -> brushing your teeth/ cleaning your teeth
7. Final -> Finally
8. watering -> water
9. a lot water -> a lot of water
10. fastly -> fast

Part II. 5 points. (one point for each correct sentence)

1. It will take us at least 20 minutes to get to the airport.
2. Carol has no difficulty/ doesn't have any difficulty (in) making friends.
3. He had no one to talk to.
4. But for your help and encouragement, I wouldn't have my life as today.
5. I haven't made up my mind yet whether to move or not.

Part III. 5 points. (one point for each correct sentence)

1. Hardly had the teacher returned home from work when he started to write the lesson plan.
2. It was not until he came into the room that I recognized him.
3. I must send Jane and Alice my thanks/ a thank-you note for their presents.
4. - He came down with a cold, so he stayed home.
- He came down with a cold. Therefore, he stayed home.
- He came down with a cold; therefore, he stayed home.
5. They stopped writing to each other almost two years ago.

Part IV. 5 points. (one point for each correct sentence)

1. I want to have that suit cleaned and ironed before the meeting.
2. Many foreigners are not accustomed to (the) cold weather in Vietnam.
3. Because of the heavy rain, many students were late for class yesterday.
4. My brother often spends his spare time reading books and watching television.
5. One of the disadvantages of living here is the lack of public transport.

