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ĐỀ SỐ 03

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Thời gian làm bài: 150phút

PART A: LISTENING (15 pts)



Nghe-Đề 3 (QX).mp3

Part 1. Listen to a telephone conversation. Complete the form by using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS or A NUMBER for each answer. (5pts)

SARAH'S HEALTH & FITNESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

First name: Harry
Last name: (1) _____
Date of Birth: Day: 11th, Month: December, Year: (2) _____
Type of Membership: (3) _____
Activities: Badminton and (4) _____
Payment details: Total: £450
To be paid (5) _____

Part 2: Listen to the conversation between a travel agent and a woman. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F). (5pts)

Statements	T	F
6. The tours won't take tourists to all the most famous places in the city.		
7. You can't get off the bus during the whole tour.		
8. The tours leave every fifty minutes.		
9. Tourists must buy the tickets before the tours.		
10. The tour buses don't leave from the outside of the office.		

Part 3: Listen to the recording twice. Choose the correct answers to the questions. (5pts)

11. Why did the man not buy the ring for sale?
- A. He doesn't think it is very special
- B. Someone else bought it before him

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C. He has no need for a ring

D. The ring is too small

12. What is the problem with the CD player?

A. The buttons are scratched

B. The CD casing is chipped

C. The display is loose

D. The handle is damaged

13. The man is not interested in the leather jacket because.

A. he already has one

B. it is stained

C. it's too expensive

D. the seams are coming undone

14. What is the customer's initial counter offer for the records?

A. \$25

B. \$28

C. \$30

D. \$35

15. From the conversation, what does the customer probably purchase from the merchant in the end?

A. only records

B. only a vase

C. some records and a vase

D. nothing

PART B: PHONETICS (5 pts)

Question I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest in the same line. (3 points)

16. A. connect

B. comfort

C. computer

D. contest

17. A. cough

B. though

C. rough

D. tough

18. A. pleased

B. erased

C. increased

D. amused

Question II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question. (2 points)

19. A. appear

B. wonder

C. happen

D. study

20. A. opportunity

B. creativity

C. generosity

D. community

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 pts)

Question I: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in each sentence. (10pts)

21. Madrid is _____ bigger than Granada.

A. much

B. bit

C. lot

D. many

22. It is impossible for him to be financially independent at such an early age, _____.

A isn't it

B. is it

C. doesn't he

D. does he

23. He'll come _____ to pick you _____.

A. over/up

B. over/on

C. in/up

D. on/in

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24. David and Peter were badly injured in the last match, so _____ can play in this match.

- A. both of them B. neither of them
C. all of them D. either of them

25. It was _____ that we decided to stay indoors.

- A. so a day hot B. such a day hot
C. so hot a day D. such hot a day

26. Boys and girls, you'll have to do this experiment _____ this afternoon.

- A. yourself B. yourselves C. yourself D. yourselves

27. Kathy: "Where is our study group going to meet next weekend?" - Tony:
" _____ "

- A. We are too busy on weekend. B. The library would be best.
C. Why don't you look at the atlas? D. Studying in a group is great fun.

28. Alice does morning exercises regularly; _____, he still puts on weight.

- A. However B. Therefore C. Moreover D. So

29. A tradition is something special that is _____ through the generations.

- A. passed B. passed to C. passed down D. passed out

30. Jenny usually buys her clothes _____. It's cheaper than going to a dressmaker.

- A. off the peg B. on the shelf C. in public D. on the house

Question II: Supply the correct form of the word in capital letters. (8 pts)

31. Events could have developed in a _____ different way. DRAMA

32. The snow features six _____ from different parts of the country.
CONTEST

33. Many scientists have made some important new _____.
DISCOVER

34. After the hurricane the country faced the _____ task of reconstruction. AWE

35. The books in the library are _____ according to subjects. CLASS

36. The pipes in the house started rusting, _____ the water. COLOR

37. You can taste some _____ of the local people sold right there at the open - air market. SPECIAL

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38. Ants and bees are described as _____ insects. INDUSTRY

Question III: Give the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets to complete the following sentences. (7 pts)

39. The classroom is still very dirty. I don't think it (clean) _____.

40. _____ anyone (call) _____, tell them I'm not at home.

41. The flight A521 (take) _____ off at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

42. The researchers said they (work) _____ very hard to find a vaccine for Covid-19 then.

43. "I (just/ go) _____ out to get an evening paper." - "But it is raining. Why don't you wait till the rain stops?"

44. I'd rather you (not be) _____ absent from class yesterday.

45. Vietnamese people get used to (eat) _____ with chopsticks.

Question IV: There are FIVE mistakes in the text (from 46 to 50). Identify each mistake, write it down and give your correction. (5pts)

Line	CHOPSTICKS
1	Depending on the restaurant you decide upon for that evening, you
2	may be require to use chopsticks. If for some reasons you aren't too adept
3	with chopsticks, try to learn before pass through immigration. It's really
4	not that hard. One false assumption among many Japanese that's slowly
5	being dispelled by time are the "uniqueness" of Japan. Japan is a island
6	nation; Japan is the only country that has four seasons; foreigners can't
7	understand Japan; only Japanese can use chopsticks properly.
8	I cannot count the number of times I've been told how to use
9	Japanese chopsticks but I couldn't use perfectly. If you're dining in a
10	Japanese, don't be surprised if you receive a look of amazement at your
11	ability to eat like a Japanese.

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Question	Line	Mistakes	Corrections
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			

PART D: READING COMPREHENSION (30 pts)

Question 1: Read the following passage and then choose the most suitable word or phrase for each space. (10 pts)

RICKSHAW IN VIETNAMESE LIFE

It is just simple and ordinary as its (51) _____. No noisy sound from engines, no obscure smoke and no spending too much for commuting. From a long time ago, Vietnamese people have thought of the rickshaw as a (52) _____ means of transportation when going out. It is not only close-knit to Vietnamese but also connected strongly with the foreigners (53) _____ all of them were attracted by this unique means at the first time visiting Viet Nam.

The rickshaw has existed for a long time in Vietnamese life, and become quite necessary as the (54) _____ in a body. Not only the Vietnamese feel (55) _____ to rickshaw, foreigners are also impressed by this unique vehicle. They will be fond of sitting on the rickshaw for a (56) _____ tour around Sword Lake or around on the streets to (57) _____ dreamy and peaceful photos in the ancient citadel.

Traveling in a rickshaw is the time for (58) _____ welcoming windy sunset and bright sunrises on the beach of Nha Trang or Da Nang or elsewhere. How pleasant it is for you to enjoy a relaxing feeling on the short urban trip.

Viet Nam is becoming more and more modern; (59) _____, rickshaw still survives through the time and has a stand in the minds (60) _____ the residents.

51. A. presence	B. appearance	C. judgment	D. performance
52. A. shared	B. recognized	C. different	D. familiar
53. A. although	B. as	C. but	D. while
54. A. breath	B. air	C. rest	D. recovery

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55. A. close	B. closed	C. closest	D. closing
56. A. sight	B. sighting	C. sightseeing	D. sightseer
57. A. catch	B. take	C. bring	D. keep
58. A. peaceful	B. peacefully	C. peace	D. unpeaceful
59. A. anyway	B. therefore	C. however	D. moreover
60. A. about	B. over	C. to	D. of

Question II: Fill in each blank of the following passage with only one suitable word. (10 pts)

TET IN VIET NAM

Tet, or Tet Nguyen Dan, is the most important and widely celebrated festival in Vietnam. As the Lunar New Year, Tet marks the beginning of the traditional lunar calendar and is a time for (61) _____ reunions, cultural festivities, and honoring ancestors. Tet has its roots in ancient agricultural practices, with its origins dating back thousands of years to agrarian societies. The festival symbolizes the arrival of spring and the hope for a prosperous year ahead.

Preparation and Cleaning: In the weeks leading up to Tet, Vietnamese families engage in a thorough spring cleaning called "Ong Cong - Ong Tao." This ritual is believed to sweep away bad luck and make way for (62) _____ fortune in the coming year. Homes are adorned with vibrant decorations, and everyone is eager to start a fresh as the new year approaches.

Traditional Foods: Tet is synonymous with a wide array of delectable and symbolic foods. Banh Chung, (63) _____ is wrapped in banana leaves, holds special significance during Tet. Its square shape symbolizes the Earth, and it is considered an offering to ancestors. (64) _____ traditional dishes include pickled vegetables, candied fruits, and various delicacies that vary by region.

Family Reunions: Family is at the heart of Tet celebrations. Many Vietnamese people travel long distances to reunite with their families during this time. Elders give "Li Xi" (65) _____ lucky money in red envelopes to younger family members, symbolizing good luck and prosperity. The (66) _____ is one of joy and togetherness as families gather to share meals, exchange stories, and express their love for one another.

Tet Flower Markets: One of the (67) _____ enchanting aspects of

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Tet is the vibrant flower markets that spring up across cities and towns. Peach blossoms, kumquat trees, and vibrant flowers are in high demand as they (68) _____ prosperity and new beginnings. Streets come alive with color as people select flowers to decorate their homes in preparation for Tet.

Fireworks and Festivities: As the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, fireworks light (69) _____ the sky across Vietnam. Cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City host grand celebrations with music, dance, and cultural performances. The festive atmosphere continues for several days with parades, traditional music, and various events showcasing the richness of Vietnamese culture.

Tet in Vietnam is a time of joy, reflection, and cultural pride. It reflects the deep-rooted traditions that have been (70) _____ down through generations, fostering a sense of unity and connection among the Vietnamese people.

Question III: Read the following passage and choose the correct answer from A, B, C, D. (10 pts)

Jupiter is the largest and most massive planet and is fifth in order of distance from the Sun. It is well placed for observation for several months in every year and on average is, the brightest of the planets apart from Venus, though for relatively brief periods Mars may outshine it. Jupiter's less than 10-hour rotation period gives **it** the shortest day in the solar system in so far as the principal planets are concerned. There are no true seasons on Jupiter because the axial inclination to the perpendicular of the orbital plane is only just over 3° - less than that for any other planet.

The most famous mark on Jupiter is the Great Red spot. It has shown variations in both **intensity** and color, and at times it has been invisible, but it always returns after a few years. At its greatest extent it may be 40,000 kilometers long and 14,000 kilometers wide, so its surface area is greater than that of Earth. Though the latitude of the Red Spot varies little, it drifts about in longitude. Over the past century the total longitudinal drift has amounted to approximately 1200°. The latitude is generally very close to -22°. It was once thought that the Red Spot might be a solid or semisolid body floating in

Jupiter's outer gas. However, the Pioneer and Voyager results have refuted that idea and proven the Red Spot to be a phenomenon of Jovian ! g meteorology.

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Its longevity may well due to its exceptional size, but there are signs that it is decreasing in size, and it may not be permanent. Several smaller red spots have been seen occasionally but have not lasted.

71. The main purpose of the passage is _____.

- A. to explain why the Great Red Spot changes
- B. to show which of the planets shines the brightest
- C. to give an introduction to Jupiter and its Red spot
- D. to prove that Jupiter is shrinking

72. According to the passage, Jupiter has the shortest day among the principal planets because _____.

- A. its rotation period is shorter than 10 hours
- B. the axial inclination is only just over 3°
- C. it is on the average the brightest of all the planets
- D. there is the interference of the Great Red spot

73. The author's tone in this passage is _____.

- A. argumentative
- B. supportive
- C. enthusiastic
- D. neutral

74. According to the passage, Mars outshines Jupiter _____.

- A. on a regular basis
- B. from time to time
- C. every several months
- D. less often than any other planet

75. This passage would be of most interest to _____.

- A. students of anthropology
- B. geologists
- C. mathematicians
- D. amateur astronomers

76. It can be inferred from this passage that Jupiter's Great Red spot _____.

- A. will become brighter with time
- B. will one day vanish
- C. will continue expanding
- D. is made of floating gases

77. The word "**intensity**" in line 9 could best be replaced with _____.

- A. visibility
- B. density
- C. brilliance
- D. surface area

78. According to the passage, all of the following are true about Jupiter EXCEPT _____.

- A. there are four planets closer to the Sun
- B. it is 14,000 kilometers wide
- C. there is still much to be learned about the Red Spot
- D. Pioneer and Voyager have added to our knowledge of Jupiter

79. Where in the passage does the author mention the theory about the Red

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Spot that has been disproved?

A. Lines 5-7

B. Lines 8-9

C. Lines 13-16

D. Lines 16-18

80. As used in line 4, the word “**it**” refers to _____.

A. Mars

B. Venus

C. Jupiter

D. the Sun

PART E: WRITING (20 pts)

Question I: Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed above it.

81. She hasn't visited her close friends' house for a week.

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It

is

82. It's sad, but unemployment is unlikely to go down this year.

→

Sad

83. The workers only called off the strike after a new pay offer.

→

Only

after

84. People believe that her daughter was attacked by an armed man on the way home.

→

Her

daughter

is

believed

85. Only when she is really hungry does she eat snacks between meals.

→

Unless

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Question II: Finish each of the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the sentence printed before it, using the word given. DON'T CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN.

86. This is the third time I have been to Hanoi. TWICE

→

I

87. I'm not very keen on gold, I much prefer silver. RATHER

→

I'd

88. It was quite surprising for us that he passed the exam. SURPRISED

→

We

89. We feel uncomfortable in the house. FISH

→

We

feel

90. The Eagle team performed more successfully than the Lion team. SUCCESSFULLY

→

The

Lion

team

performed

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Question III: Paragraph writing. (10 pts)

Should teenagers spend free time on Facebook? Write a short paragraph (about 120 - 150 words) to give your ideas.

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