

A. LISTENING (20pts)

I. You will hear FIVE short conversations. Listen and choose the correct answer. (5 pts)

1. How will Mary travel to Scotland?

- A. by coach B. by car C. by train

2. Where are the shoes?

- A. under the window B. under the table C. on the chair

3. When will the football match start next week?

- A. 11.45 a.m B. 12.15 p.m C. 2.00 p.m

4. Which box of chocolates do they buy?

- A. small round box B. big round box C. square box

5. When's Wendy's birthday?

- A. 16 May B. 18 May C. 21 May

II. Listen to Michael talking to Marina about a new sports centre. For each question, choose the correct answer. (5 pts)

6. What sport can't you do at the sports centre?

- A. tennis B. table-tennis C. volleyball D. badminton

7. How much must Manna pay?

- A. £14 a year B. £30 a year C. £50 a year D. £60 a year

8. How many days a week is the sports centre open late?

- A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5

9. Which bus goes to the sports centre?

- A. number 10 B. number 16 C. number 60 D. number 50

10. When will Michael and Marina go to the sports centre?

- A. Tuesday B. Thursday C. Friday D. Saturday

III. You will hear someone talking on the radio about a Language Study Fair. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. (5 pts)

The Language Study Fair

Date: 17th to 19th (11)

Place: National Education Centre

Fair includes:

- stands with textbooks
- (12) by educational speakers
- exhibition of furniture
- demonstrations of latest (13)

Opening hours:

9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Thursday and Friday

9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (14)

Tickets:

£5

or £3 for (15)

Tickets can be booked by ringing the hotline on 984 7711

IV. You will hear a conversation between a girl, Kate, and a boy, George. Decide if each sentence is True or False. If it is correct, write T. If it is not correct, write F. (5 pts)

	T	F
16 Kate has stopped taking her medicine.		
17 George thinks Kate should stay away from class.		
18 Kate had an accident on her bike last week.		
19 George thinks Mr Gray is a lazy lecturer.		
20 Kate will miss three lectures.		

B. GRAMMAR-VOCABULARY (25 pts)

I. Choose the word or phrase A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in each sentence. (9 pts)

21. She is wearing a/an _____ ring.
 A. expensive nice gold B. nice gold expensive
 C. gold nice expensive D. nice expensive gold
22. Children should be taught that they have to _____ everything after they use it.
 A. put away B. pick off C. collect up D. catch on
23. When I was a child, I _____ presents on my birthdays.
 A. expect to give B. expected to be given
 C. expect being given D. expected to giving
24. She is extremely competent and _____.
 A. industrial B. industrious C. industry D. industrialized
25. The plan has been opposed by schools and _____ local organizations.
 A. another B. the other C. other D. others
26. Sky Airlines _____ safety standards were considered so poor that its planes were banned in Europe in 2002 has improved greatly in recent years.
 A. who B. whom C. whose D. whoever
27. _____, the stranger knew my name.
 A. What surprised me was C. To my surprise
 B. I was surprised that D. My surprise was
28. He works until nine o'clock every evening, and that's quite _____ the work he does over the weekend.
 A. except for B. apart from C. without D. but for
29. You must drive slower in built up areas. _____ you drive in the city, it is _____ that you will have an accident.
 A. The faster and faster / the more
 B. The more and more fast / the more and more probable
 C. The more fastly / the probable
 D. The faster / the more probable

II. Read and choose the correct option to complete the announcement. (3 pts)

Storm Yagi, the third storm of this year, (30) _____ to continue strengthening and could potentially reach super typhoon status before making landfall. In such a case, all storm prevention and response plans will need to be revised, said Mai Văn Khiêm, Director of the National Centre for Hydrometeorological Forecasting (NCHF). Under no circumstances should the ceremonies be held in areas experiencing heavy rain, or where there is a risk (31) _____ landslides or flooding. Local (32) _____ and schools are also required to develop plans for the timely relocation of assets, machinery, equipment, furniture and books to safe locations.

30. A. expect B. is expected C. is expecting D. expecting
 31. A. at B. about C. from D. of
 32. A. authorities B. authority C. authorize D. authorizing

III. Read and choose the correct option to complete the advertisement. (3 pts)

Nanolearning

Tired of sitting in front of a computer all day long? Unable to (33) _____ for very long in your classes? Or frequently forgetting large amounts of information? The solution to these is Nanolearning created by Junglemap in 2006.

Nanolearning provides you with small (34) _____ of information over a short period of time. Your learning will become effortless.

Believe us! Receive bits of information within two to five minutes via our platform, and you will increase your learning (35) _____ and ability. Our app also reports your study activities and results to your teacher.

33. A. distract B. concentrate C. ignore D. disturb
 34. A. amounts B. types C. sizes D. portions
 35. A. distraction B. difficulty C. memory D. attention

IV. Find 05 errors in the following passage. Write the errors and write the correction in your paper. (5 pts)

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e	Aylesbury is a bustling market town where modern shopping facilities include the
1	recently opened Friars Square shopping centre. The market has been an essential part of
2	Aylesbury life for the early 13th century. Nowadays, regular markets are held on
3	Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The town has a rich and vary history, many clues to
4	which can be seen in the conversation are to the north of the market square. In this area
5	stands a 15th century King's Head Public House which over the years has played host to
6	many famous names. These have included King Henry Will, who regular visited the Inn
7	whilst courting Anne Boleyn and Oliver Cromwell, on her visit to Aylesbury in 1651.
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	Line	Error	Correction
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V. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (5 pts)

41. The government is implementing measures to ensure the _____ of the educational system. **QUALIFY**
 42. After drinking too much coffee, Alex often suffers from _____ at night. **SLEEP**
 43. _____ the manager announced the decision to downsize the workforce due to economic challenges. **REGRET**
 44. At the talent show, some performances were impressive, while others were quite _____. **DISTINGUISH**
 45. To discourage cheating, teachers often _____ students who engage in academic dishonesty. **PENAL**

C. READING (25 pts)

I. The text below has five spaces. Put a given sentence A, B, C, D, E, F or G into its correct space. There are two sentences that you do not need to use. (5 pts)

Australia is a big country, but nearly all Australians live near the sea. On hot summer days, you can see thousands of people at the beach. (46) _____
 These large waves are known as surf and the people who ride them are called surfers. Surfing is a skill, and it needs learning. (47) _____ However, by practising a few times you will learn how to do it.
 Surfing is not a new sport. (48) _____. It started hundreds of years ago in Hawaii. Men swam out to sea to catch fish and found they could come back to land very quickly by riding the waves. (49) _____ They were “body surfers”. Many people still do this type of surfing today. After a while people started to use boards and rode the waves by lying, kneeling or standing on them. (50) _____. Today, surfboards are made of plastic or fibreglass instead.

- A. Many beaches have waves that are very high.
- B. Perhaps its origins need explaining.
- C. The popularity of surfing has increased dramatically in recent years.
- D. You need balance and practice to become a good surfer.
- E. Don't expect to be able to surf properly the first time you try.
- F. These first surfers did not use a board.
- G. These first surfboards were made of wood and the water made them rot after a while.

II. Read the passage and decide which option A, B, C or D best fits each space. (10 pts)

The Prime Minister's comments yesterday on education spending (51) _____ the point, as the secondary education system also needs a major overhaul. Firstly, the system only views the weakest learners as having special needs. The brightest and most conscientious students are not encouraged to develop to their full (52) _____. Secondly, there's too much testing and not enough learning. My fifteen-year-old daughter, for example, has just spent the last month or so (53) _____ for exams. These aren't even real, important exams, as her GCSEs will be next year. They're just (54) _____ exams. Is the work she's been doing really going to make her more knowledgeable about her subjects, or will she forget it all tomorrow? I suspect the (55) _____. Thirdly, the standard (56) _____ doesn't give students any tuition in developing practical work-related, (57) _____ and social skills, or in skills necessary for higher education. How many students entering university have the first idea what the difference is between (58) _____ someone else's work and (59) _____ good use of someone else's ideas? Shouldn't they have been taught this at school? How many of them are really able to go about (60) _____ - a skill that's essential at university because there are no teachers to tell you what to do - in an efficient way? Indeed, how many students graduate from university totally unable to spell even simple English words correctly? The system is letting our children down.

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| 51. A. lose | B. escape | C. miss | D. fail |
| 52. A. capacity | B. ability | C. achievement | D. potential |
| 53. A. cramming | B. lecturing | C. reading | D. practising |
| 54. A. false | B. mock | C. fake | D. artificial |
| 55. A. latter | B. frontier | C. later | D. second |
| 56. A. timetable | B. lecture | C. seminar | D. curriculum |
| 57. A. life | B. alive | C. living | D. live |
| 58. A. writing | B. going over | C. plagiarising | D. repeating |
| 59. A. taking | B. making | C. having | D. creating |
| 60. A. reviewing | B. revision | C. distance learning | D. self-study |

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer from A, B, C or D. (10 pts)

New surveys suggest that the technological tools we use to make our lives easier are killing our leisure time. We are working longer hours, taking fewer and shorter vacations (and

when we do go away, we take our cell phones, PDAs, and laptops along). And, we are more stressed than ever as increased use of e-mail, voice mail, cell phones, and the Internet is destroying any idea of privacy and leisure.

Here we are at the start of the 21st century, enjoying one of the greatest technological boom times in human history, and nothing could be further from the truth. It would seem that technology almost never does what we expect.

In ‘the old days’, the lines between work and leisure time were markedly clearer. People left their offices **at a predictable time**, were often completely disconnected from and out of touch with their jobs as they traveled to and from work, and were off-duty once they were home. That is no longer true. In today’s highly competitive job market, employers demand increased productivity, expecting workers to put in longer hours and to keep in touch almost constantly via fax, cell phones, e-mail, or other communications devices. As a result, employees feel the need to check in on what is going on at the office, even on days off. **They** feel pressured to work after hours just to catch up on everything they have to do. Workers work harder and longer, change their work tasks more frequently, and have more and more reasons to worry about job security.

This is not what technology was supposed to be doing for us. New technologies, from genetic research to the Internet, offer all sorts of benefits and opportunities. But, when new tools make life more difficult and stressful rather than easier and more meaningful - and we are, as a society, barely **conscious** of it - then something has gone seriously awry, both with our expectations for technology and our understanding of how it should benefit us.

(From Summit 1 by Joan Saslow & Allen Ascher)

61. According to the first three paragraphs, technological tools that were designed to make our lives easier _____.

- A. have brought us complete happiness
- B. have fully met our expectations
- C. have not interfered with our privacy
- D. have turned out to do us more harm than good

62. Which of the following is NOT true about technological tools, according to new surveys?

- A. They make our life more stressful.
- B. They are used even during vacations.
- C. They bring more leisure to our life.
- D. They are being increasingly used.

63. Which of the following is true, according to the passage?

- A. People have more opportunities to get access to technological applications.
- B. Employees were supposed to make technology do what they expected.
- C. People now enjoy greater freedom thanks to the technological boom.
- D. Students used to have to study more about technological advances.

64. The word “**conscious**” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. aware
- B. imagine
- C. predict
- D. ignore

65. With the phrase “**at a predictable time**”, the author implies that _____.

- A. people had to predict the time they were allowed to leave offices
- B. people wanted to be completely disconnected from their work
- C. people were not required to work after they leave offices
- D. people used to have more time and privacy after work

66. It can be inferred from the third paragraph that _____.

- A. it is compulsory that employees go to the office, even on days off
- B. employees have more freedom to decide what time they start and finish work
- C. employers are more demanding and have efficient means to monitor employees
- D. life is more relaxing with cell phones and other technological devices

67. The word “**They**” in the third paragraph refers to _____

- A. employers
- B. employees
- C. workers
- D. tasks

68. Which of the following could be the main idea of the fourth paragraph?

- A. New technological applications are wise entertainment choices of our modern time.
- B. The coming of new technological advances has spoiled family and social relationships.

- C. New technological advances have added more stress to daily life.
 D. New technological advances have reduced work performance.
69. This passage has probably been taken from _____.
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| A. science review | B. a political journal |
| C. a fashion magazine | D. an advertisement |
70. Which of the following could best serve as the title of the passage?
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| A. Expectations and Plain Reality | B. Benefits of Technology |
| C. Research on the Roles of Computers | D. Changes at the Workplace |

D. WRITING (30 pts)

I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (5 pts)

71. As people grow older, they become more and more forgetful
 => The _____.
72. Richard only took over the family business because his father decided to retire early.
 => But for _____.
73. We decided to move to the countryside.
 => We made _____.
74. "It was your fault to break my vase yesterday", said Jane to her brother.
 => Jane accused _____.
75. It was easy for us to get tickets for the concert.
 => We have no _____.

II. (10 pts) You are going to another country to study. You would like to do a part-time job while you are studying, so you want to ask a friend who lives there for some help.

Write a letter (of about 120 words) to your friend. In your letter:

- give details of your study plans
- explain why you want to get a part-time job
- suggest how your friend could help you find a job

You are required to begin and end your letter as followed:

Dear Lisa,

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III. (15 pts)

Many people believe that learning a foreign language is a very difficult task. What are the most difficult things about learning a foreign language? What is the best way to overcome them?

In about 150-170 words, write a paragraph to express your opinion.

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