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ĐỀ SỐ 01

(Trích đề thi học sinh giỏi huyện Thọ Xuân, Thanh Hoá năm học 2023 - 2024)

Thời gian làm bài: 150phút

SECTION A: LISTENING

PART I. Listen to the passage and choose the best answer according to what you hear. (5 pts)



Nghe-Đề 1.PART 1.mp3

1. Which of the following can be a group leader?

- A. the biggest and strongest adult male gorilla
- B. a female gorilla
- C. the biggest adult female gorilla
- D. a grown-up gorilla

2. With whom do baby gorillas sleep at night?

- A. their sisters
- B. their mothers
- C. their fathers
- D. their mothers and sisters

3. Why do hunters kill mountain gorillas?

- A. for their skin
- B. for their nests
- C. for the trees they live in
- D. for food

4. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. Mountain gorillas live in Africa.
- B. Scientists study gorillas and show a different picture of mountain gorillas.
- C. Life for mountain gorillas is peaceful.
- D. A gorilla sometimes eats worms.

5. What can be learned from the passage?

- A. Mountain gorillas are not as dangerous as they look.
- B. Mountain gorillas live in groups.
- C. Mountain gorillas eat mainly plants.
- D. All of A, B and C are correct.

PART II. Listen and check your understanding by choosing TRUE or FALSE for each statement You will hear the recording twice. (5 points)

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Nghe-Đề 1.PART 2.mp3

6. The teacher wants the students to take notes after she has finished speaking.

7. The teacher suggests eating fruit and cereals.

8. The teacher suggests finding a study place with a lot of light.

9. If students feel stressed, they should go to bed.

10. Students are advised to read through everything once.

PART III. Complete the form below. Write NO MORE THAN ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer. (5 pts)



Nghe-Đề 1.PART 3.mp3

TAXI FOR YOU

Pick-up:

Wed 6th July

Time:

(11) _____

Name of passenger:

Sam Williams

Pick-up point

No.& street:

(12) _____

Willowside bank

Town:

(13) _____

Postcode:

(14) _____

Mobile contact:

(15) _____

SECTION b. PHONETICS

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

16. A. business B. community C. music D. humid

17. A. educate B. eliminate C. certificate D. dedicate

18. A. ready B. measure C. breath D. steak

II. Pick out the word that has the stress syllable differently from that of

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the other words. (2 points)

19. A. application B. certificate C. biology D. security

20. A. university B. punctuality C. agricultural D. mathematician

SECTION C: VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND STRUCTURES

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

21. The captain as well as the passengers _____ frightened.

A. be B. was C. to be D. were

22. We have just built _____.

A. three public excellent tennis courts.

B. three excellent public tennis courts.

C. three tennis courts excellent public.

D. three tennis public excellent courts.

23. The roof was damaged and water _____ from the ceiling in wet weather.

A. spilled B. dripped C. drained D. dropped

24. _____ at his lessons, he couldn't catch up with his classmates

A. Hardly as he worked

B. Hard as he worked

C. Hard as he does

D. Hard as he was

25. Lan: "Would you mind if I closed the door? It's too cold outside" - Hoa:
" _____ "

A. No, I don't like.

B. No, never mind.

C. I'd rather you didn't. It's stuffy.

D. Why not do it?

26. She got up late and rushed to the bus stop.

A. came into.

B. went leisurely.

C. dropped by.

D. went quickly.

27. Only when he started working with her, _____ that she was intelligent.

A. he had realized.

B. did he realize.

C. he did realized.

D. he realized.

28. The scheme allows students from many countries to communicate _____.

A. with other

B. themselves

C. each other

D. with one another

29. Have you ever read anything _____ Earnest Hemingway?

A. by

B. of

C. from

D. for

30. Not a good movie, _____?

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A. did it B. didn't it C. was it D. wasn't it

II. Supply the correct tense or form of the verb in brackets. (8 points)

31. How the world population is changing (be) _____ of great importance of humanity's impact on the Earth's natural environment.

32. _____ it (rain) _____ heavily, the flight will be delayed.

33. She spoke about her daughter, then she went on (talk) _____ about her son.

34. I am busy now, otherwise I (go) _____ to the club this evening.

35. It is urgent that Christine (tell) _____ about her father's seriously healthy condition by the doctor.

36. I'd like (go) _____ to the party, but it was impossible.

37. Do you know the new library (open) _____ next week?

38. I shared a flat with him when we were students. He (always/complain) _____ about my untidiness.

III. Supply the appropriate form of the words in CAPITAL in the brackets. (7 points)

39. British airway apologized for the of _____ the 5.40 to Bath.

(CANCEL)

40. I have just bought a replacement for one of my favorites which _____ disappeared. (MYSTERY)

41. Filters do not remove all _____ from water.

(CONTAMINATE)

42. Many people in the village have cholera because they drink _____ water. (TREAT)

43. He enjoys _____ with friends and it costs nothing.

(SOCIAL)

44. His _____ worries his parents the most. (CONTROL)

45. There are a few _____ in the village after a sudden tornado. (SURVIVE)

IV. There is one or two mistakes in each of the following sentences. Find and correct it. (5 points)

An example: Line 1: have → has

One of the greatest advance in mordern technology **have** been the invention the computers. They are wide used in industry and in universities and

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the time may come when it will be possible for ordinary people to use it as well. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branch of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousand of unrelated facts in order...

46. _____

47. _____

48. _____

49. _____

50. _____

SECTION D: READING

I. Read the following passage carefully and fill in each gap with one suitable word. (10 points)

One of the most urgent environmental (51) _____ in the world today (52) _____ the shortage of clean water. Having clean drinking water is a basic human (53) _____. But acid rain, industrial pollution and garbage have (54) _____ many sources of water undrinkable. Lakes, reservoirs and even entire seas have become vast pools (55) _____ poison. Lake Baikal in Russia is one of the largest (56) _____ in the world. It (57) _____ a rich variety of animals and plants, including 1,300 rare species that do not exist anywhere else in the world. But they are being destroyed by the massive volumes of industrial effluent (58) _____ pour into the lake every day. Even where law existed, the government (59) _____ not have the power to enforce them. Most industries simply ignore the regulations. The Mediterranean Sea occupies 1% of the world's water surface. But it is the dumping ground for 50% of all marine pollution. Almost 16 (60) _____ regularly throw industrial wastes a few miles off-shore.

II. Read the passage below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (10 points)

It is easy in these days for a boy or a girl to have a book to enjoy. Today books are light and (61) _____. Try to imagine a time when there were no books. There was (62) _____ a time. When man first began to draw, he used the walls of his caves; later he made marks on (63) _____ other objects such as large pieces of stone and bricks of clay. (64) _____ time, man thought of using the smooth sides of animal hides to write on. You see, paper did not yet exist. Without paper, books (65) _____ we know them could not be made.

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Paper was first produced by the Egyptian many hundreds of years ago. At that time, they grew in the valley of the Nile River in Egypt a reedy plant (66) _____ the papyrus. In endeavoring to find material suitable (67) _____ writing, the Egyptian found a (68) _____ to use this plant. The stem of the plant, especially its center or pith, was cut up and laid out in layers which were processed by soaking, pounding, and drying into thin, flexible, writing (69) _____. A wonderful development of great importance to mankind had been (70) _____.

61. A. portable B. transferable C. moveable D. transportable
62. A. in fact B. really C. such D. indeed
63. A. endless B. variety C. numerate D. numerous
64. A. Without B. With C. In D. On
65. A. as B. like C. which D. that
66. A. called B. calling C. known D. addressed
67. A. with B. for C. of D. in
68. A. method B. way C. technique D. manner
69. A. plates B. sheets C. blocks D. patches
70. A. made B. reached C. done D. realized

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

The Hollywood sign in the hills that line the northern border of Los Angeles is a famous landmark recognized **the world over**. The white-painted, 50-foot-high, sheet metal letters can be seen from great distances across the Los Angeles basin.

The sign was not constructed, as one might suppose, by the movie business as a means of celebrating the importance of Hollywood to this industry; instead, **it** was first constructed in 1923 as means of advertising homes for sale in a 500-acre-housing subdivision in a part of Los Angeles called "Hollywood land". The sign that was constructed at that time, of course, said "Hollywood land". Over the years, people began referring to the area by the shorten version "Hollywood" and after the sign and its site were donated to the city in 1945, the last four letters were removed.

The sign suffered for years of disrepair, and in 1973, it needed to be completely **replaced**, at a cost of \$ 27,700 per letter. Various celebrities were

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instrumental in helping to raise needed funds. Rock star Alice Cooper, for example, bought an o in memory of Groucho Marx, and Hugh Hefner of *Playboy* fame held a benefit party to raise the money for the Y. The construction of the new sign was finally completed in 1978.

(Nguồn: *Internet*)

71. What is the topic of this passage?

- A. a famous sign
- B. a famous city
- C. world landmarks
- D. Hollywood versus Hollywood land

72. The expression "**the world over**" in line 2 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. in the northern parts of the world
- B. on top of the world
- C. in the entire world
- D. in the skies

73. It can be inferred from the passage that most people think that the Hollywood sign was first constructed by _____.

- A. an advertising company
- B. the movie industry
- C. a construction company
- D. the city of Los Angeles

74. The pronoun "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the sign
- B. the movie business
- C. the importance of Hollywood
- D. this industry

75. According to the passage, the Hollywood sign was first built in _____.

- A. 1923
- B. 1949
- C. 1973
- D. 1978

76. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Hollywood land?

- A. It used to be the name of an area of Los Angeles.
- B. It was formerly the name of the sign in the hills.
- C. There were houses for sale there.
- D. It was the most expensive area of Los Angeles.

77. The passage indicates that the sign suffered for years of _____.

- A. being damaged
- B. not being fixed
- C. the bad weather
- D. being poorly constructed

78. How old was the Hollywood sign when it was necessary to replace it completely?

- A. ten years old
- B. twenty-six years old
- C. fifty years old
- D. fifty-five years old

79. The word "**replaced**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to which of the

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following?

- A. moved to a new location
- B. destroyed
- C. found again
- D. exchanged for a newer one

80. According to the passage, how did celebrities help with new sign?

- A. They played instruments.
- B. They raised the sign.
- C. They helped get the money.
- D. They took part in work parties to build the sign.

SECTION E: WRITING

I. Finish the second sentence in such a way that it means exactly the same as the first one. (5 points)

81. Even though the old woman's memory was poor, she told interesting stories to the children.

→ Despite her

82. Experts think that all dogs evolved from wolves.

→ All dogs

83. Dogs can swim better than cats can.

→ Cats cannot

84. He drove so badly that he kept having accidents.

→ He was such

85. You wouldn't find any more affectionate animal anywhere in the world.

→ No

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 two and five words.

86. I'd like you to find this word in the dictionary. (look)

→ Will you _____ in the dictionary?

87. You'd better have a few days at home," the doctor told Tom. (stay)

→ The doctor _____ home for a few days.

88. "It's your fault to make the wall dirty, Hung" said his mother. (blamed)

→ _____ Hung's _____ mother _____ the wall dirty.

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89. Are the children keen on sports activities? (part)

→ Do the children enjoy _____ sports activities?

90. There are a lot of old people who need looking after. (take)

→ Many old people need someone
_____ them.

III. Paragraph writing:

Nowadays our environment is seriously polluted by human's activities, in about 100- 150 words write a paragraph about the things you should do to make contribution to protect the environment.

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Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút

SECTION A: LISTENING



Nghe-Đề 2 (TP.TH).mp3

Part I. Listen to the dialogue and fill in each blank with ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER (5 points)

Wayside Camera Club membership form

Name: Dan Green
Email address: (1) _____ @market.com
Home address: 52 (2) _____ Street, Peacetown
Heard about us: from a (3) _____
Reasons for joining: to enter competitions
To (4) _____
Type of membership: (5) _____ membership

Part II. You will hear about presentation about sports science research on left and right handedness. Listen and decide which of the following sentences will be True (T) or False (F). (5 points)

Statements	T	F
6. Mathews has researched several different blogs.		
7. Three main types of laterality are mixed, single and cross-laterality.		
8. The single-handed players were less comfortable than mix-handed hockey counterparts.		
9. Cross hand-eyed favouring is the best because it aids balance.		
10. There was the only one kind of sports mentioned in the passage.		

Part III. You will hear the changes in Barford over the last 50 years. Listen and choose the correct answer for each question. (5 pts)

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11. The student in Akira Miyake's study were all majoring in _____.

- A. physics.
- B. psychology or physics.
- C. science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

12. The name of Miyake's study was to investigate _____.

- A. what kind of women choose to study physics.
- B. a way of improving women's performance in physics.
- C. whether fewer women than man study physics at college.

13. The female physics students were wrong to believe that _____.

- A. the teacher marked them in an unfair way.
- B. the male student expected them to do badly.
- C. their test results were lower than the male students.

14. Miyake's team asked the students to write about _____.

- A. what they enjoyed about studying physics.
- B. the successful experiences of other people.
- C. something that was important to them personally.

15. What was the aim of writing exercise done by the subjects?

- A. to reduce stress.
- B. to strengthen verbal ability.
- C. to encourage logical thinking.

SECTION B. PHONETICS

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

16. A. comunity B. comprise C. computer D. compromise

17. A. garage B. shortage C. storage D. carriage

18. A. crooked B. hooked C. clicked D. plucked

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

19. A. compulsory B. artificial C. particular D. political

20. A. commander B. perspective C. contribute D. variable

SECTION C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Question I. Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence. (10 points)

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21. _____ he began to make friend more easily.
A. Having entered school in the new city, it was found that
B. After entering the new school
C. When he had been entering the new school
D. Upon entering into the new school
22. I've never understood _____ - shopping. If you're going into town, you might as well buy something.
A. bargain B. door C. sales D. window
23. It is a _____.
A. blue sleeping polyester bag B. blue polyester sleeping bag
C. polyester sleeping blue bag D. sleeping blue polyester bag
24. On the battle field _____.
A. the tanks lay B. did the tanks lie
C. lay the tanks D. lied the tanks
25. There are two small rooms in the beach house, served as a kitchen.
A. the smaller of which B. the smallest of which
C. the smaller of them D. smallest of which
26. Due to the recent heatwave, air conditioners are high _____ demand.
A. on B. in C. of D. at
27. A little boy fell into the river, but fortunately we _____ him.
A. could be able to rescue B. could have rescued
C. were able to rescue D. could rescue
28. Tamara has set her _____ on becoming a ballet-dancer.
A. feet B. brain C. heart D. head
29. _____ the invention of the steam engine, most forms of transport were horse-drawn.
A. With reference B. Akin C. Prior to D. In addition to
30. "Do you mind if I take a seat?" - " _____ "
A. Yes, I don't mind B. No, do as you please
C. No, I mind D. Yes, do as you please

Question II. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (8 points)

31. The woman (help) _____ us yesterday is an executive director of a big company.

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32. I would rather (not be) _____ absent from the party last night.

33. Why didn't you tell me that you were coming home with David? Then I (not drive) _____ all the way into town to pick you up!

34. The boat, which was (take) _____ them to the island, failed to arrive.

35. If the patient (not vaccinate) _____ as a child, his life would be in danger now.

36. Without their valuable assistance we (never, gather) _____ enough money for our son's operation.

37. Recent advances in human embryology and genetic engineering (raise) _____ the issue of how this knowledge ought to be used.

38. In 1981, there (believe) _____ to be only two experts on the disease in the country.

Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in bold. (7 points)

39. Concerned about the environment, many cities are banning _____ plastic bags. (USE)

40. The online conference has set up virtual _____ rooms for the discussion of key issues. (BREAK)

41. Space is _____ huge and full of exciting things such as planets, moon, galaxies and black holes. (IMAGINE)

42. The historical drama was entertaining, but critics pointed out some _____ in its portrayal of major events. (ACCURATE)

43. The unresponsive audience made the lecturer somewhat _____. What a shame. (HEART)

44. This statue _____ the soldiers who died in the war. (MEMORY)

45. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are key factors that contribute to the _____ of a healthy lifestyle. (LONG)

Question IV. The passage below contains 5 mistakes (only ONE word for ONE mistake from 46 to 50. Find out the mistakes and correct them.

Write the correct answers on your answer sheet (5 points)

Line	PASSAGE
1	A survey is a study generally in the form of an interview or a

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	questionnaire		
2	that provides information concerns how people think and act. In the United		
3	States, the best-known surveys are the Gallup poll and the Harris poll. As		
4	anyone who watch the news during presidential campaigns knows, these polls		
5	have become an important part of political life in the United States.		
6	North Americans are familiar to the many "person on the street" interviews		
7	on local television news shows. While such interviews can be highly		
8	entertaining, they are not necessary an accurate indication of public opinion.		
9	First, they reflect the opinions of only those people who appear at a certain		
10	location. Thus, such examples can be biased in favor of commuters, middle-		
11	class shoppers, or factory workers, depending on which area the news people		
12	select. Second, television interviews tend to attract outgoing people who are		
13	willing to appearing on the air, while they frighten away others who may feel		
14	intimidated by a camera. A survey must be based on a precise, representative		
15	sampling if it is to genuinely reflect a broad range of the population.		
Question	Line	Mistakes	Corrections
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			

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SECTION D: READING COMPREHENSION

Question 1: Read the following passage and then choose the most suitable word or phrase for each space. Write the answer on your answer sheet. (10 points)

ROYAL RESIDENCES

Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse are the official (51) _____ of the Sovereign and, as such, serve as both home and office for The Queen, whose personal standard flies (52) _____. Her Majesty is in residence.

These buildings are used extensively for State ceremonies and Official entertaining and are opened to the (53) _____ as much as these commitments allow.

All are furnished with fine pictures and (54) _____ of art from the Royal Collection, which has been assembled over four centuries by successive sovereigns. Many of the State Apartments and rooms at the official residences have been in continuous use since their conception and many of the works of art are (55) _____ in the rooms for which they were originally (56) _____.

The official residences are in (57) use and the style and manner in which they are (58) _____ to visitors reflects their working status. Rooms are kept as close to their normal (59) _____ as possible. Inevitably, opening times are subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances.

The Royal Collection, which is owned by The Queen as Sovereign in trust for her successors and the Nation, is administered by the Royal Collection Trust to which a proportion of admission and other income from visitors is directed.

The remainder of this income funds the majority of the cost of restoring Windsor Castle which was badly (60) _____ by fire in November 1992.

51. A. venues	B. residences	C. situations	D. occupation
52. A. whatever	B. however	C. whoever	D. whenever
53. A. humans	B. public	C. peoples	D. strangers
54. A. paintings	B. statues	C. works	D. jobs
55. A. created	B. explored	C. produced	D. displayed
56. A. instructed	B. intended	C. performed	D. guarded
57. A. local	B. national	C. regular	D. minor
58. A. designed	B. shown	C. given	D. taken

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59. A. feature	B. location	C. destination	D. appearance
60. A. destroyed	B. ruined	C. damaged	D. collapsed

Question II. Read the following passage and fill in each blank with ONE suitable word. (10 points)

In the 21st century, technology has become a pivotal aspect of daily life, influencing (61) _____ from the way we communicate to how we work. The proliferation of smartphones has been particularly transformative, (62) _____ people to carry powerful computers in their pockets. Social media (63) _____ have altered the landscape of interaction, connecting individuals (64) _____ the globe. Meanwhile, (65) _____ robotics are creating new possibilities in medicine and engineering. As society moves towards a more digital world, the issue of cybersecurity becomes increasingly important, with users seeking ways to protect their (66) _____ data. Education has also embraced technology, with virtual classrooms and online resources becoming the (67) _____. However, this digital shift (68) _____ questions about the reliability of information and the importance of critical thinking. Looking ahead, the potential for autonomous cars and the promise of (69) _____ energy sources hold the power to dramatically reshape our environmental impact. Ultimately, the ongoing development of technology (70) _____ exciting opportunities, but also requires careful consideration of its effects on society.

Question III. Read the passage and choose the correct answers to the questions below. (10 pts)

Choosing a career may be one of the hardest jobs you ever have, and it must be done with care. View a career as an opportunity to do something you love, not simply as a way to earn a living. Investing the time and effort to thoroughly explore your options can mean the difference between finding a stimulating and rewarding career and move from job to unsatisfying job in an attempt to find the right one. Work influences virtually every aspect of your life, from your choice of friends to where you live. Here are just a few of the factors to consider.

Deciding what matters most to you is essential to making the right decision. You may want to begin by **assessing** your likes, dislikes, strengths, and weaknesses. Think about the classes, hobbies, and surroundings that you

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find most appealing. Ask yourself questions, such as “Would you like to travel? Do you want to work with children? Are you more suited to solitary or cooperative work?” **There are no right or wrong answers;** only you know what is important to you. Determine which job features you require, which ones you would prefer, and which ones you cannot accept. Then rank **them** in order of importance to you.

The setting of the job is one factor to take into account. You may not want to sit at a desk all day. If not, there are diversity occupations - building inspector, supervisor, real estate agent - that involve a great deal of time away from the office. Geographical location may be a concern, and employment in some fields is concentrated in certain regions. Advertising job can generally be found only in large cities. On the other hand, many industries such as hospitality, law education, and retail sales are found in all regions of the country. If a high salary is important to you, do not judge a career by its starting wages. Many jobs, such as insurance sales, offers relatively low starting salaries; however, pay substantially increases along with your experience, additional training, promotions and commission.

Don't rule out any occupation without learning more about it. Some industries evoke positive or negative associations. The traveling life of a flight attendant appears glamorous, while **that** of a plumber does not. Remember that many jobs are not what they appear to be at first, and may have merits or demerits that are less obvious. Flight attendants must work **long, grueling hours without sleeps**, whereas plumbers can be as highly paid as some doctors. Another point to consider is that as you mature, you will likely develop new interests and skills that may point the way to new opportunities. The choice you make today need not be your final one.

71. The author states that “**There are no right or wrong answers**” in order to _____.

- A. emphasize that each person's answers will be different.
- B. show that answering the questions is a long and difficult process.
- C. indicate that the answers are not really important.
- D. indicate that each person's answers may change over time.

72. The word “**them**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. questions
- B. answers
- C. features
- D. jobs

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73. The word “**assessing**” in paragraph 2 refers to.

- A. discovering B. considering C. measuring D. disposing

74. According to paragraph 3, which of the following fields is not suitable for a person who does not want to live in a big city?

- A. plumbing B. law C. retail sales D. advertising

75. Those are all the factors you should take into account when choosing a job EXCEPT _____

- A. your likes and your dislikes B. the atmosphere at work
C. geographical location D. your strengths and weaknesses

76. The word “**that**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. occupation B. the traveling life
C. a flight attendant D. commission

77. It can be inferred from the paragraph 3 that _____.

- A. jobs in insurance sales are generally not well-paid
B. insurance sales people can earn high salary later in their career
C. people should constantly work toward the next promotion
D. a starting salary should be an important consideration in choosing a career.

78. In paragraph 5, the author suggests that _____.

- A. you may want to change careers at some time in the future
B. as you get older, your career will probably less fulfilling
C. you will be at your job for a lifetime, so choose carefully
D. you will probably jobless at some time in the future.

79. Why does the author mention “**long, grueling hours without sleeps**” in paragraph 4?

- A. to emphasize the difficulty of working as a plumber
B. to contrast the reality of a flight attendant’s job with most people’s perception
C. to show that people must work hard for the career they have chosen
D. to discourage readers from choosing a career as a flight attendant

80. According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. To make a lot of money, you should not take a job with a low starting salary.
B. To make lots of money, you should rule out all factory jobs.
C. If you want an easy and glamorous lifestyle, you should consider becoming flight attendant.
D. Your initial view of certain careers may not be accurate.

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SECTION E: WRITING

Question I. 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. (5 points)

81. David didn't celebrate until he received the offer of promotion in writing.

→ Not until David

82. People believe that Leonardo da Vinci foresaw the invention of the aircraft.

→ The invention of the aircraft

83. The police have to verify the details of everyone taking part in the event today.

→ Everyone taking part in the event today must

84. You only have a short time to do this work, so don't waste time.

→ You are working

85. That reminds me of the time I climbed to the top of Mount Fuji.

→ That takes

Question 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 Do not change the form of the given word. (5 points)

86. In my opinion, Simon was a fool not to accept their job offer. (DOWN)

→ _____ I _____ think

87. Alison bought the big house because she wanted to open a hotel. (VIEW)

→ _____ Alison _____ bought

88. They arrive at the station with only a minute to spare. (NICK)

→ _____ They _____

89. I've got to persuade the editor not to publish that story. (OUT)

→ _____ I've _____ got _____ to _____ that

story.

90. She couldn't understand anything about what the teacher was explaining in

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class. (HEAD)

→ She couldn't _____ what the teacher was explaining in the class.

Question III. Writing a paragraph on the following topic (10 points)

“The youth today heavily rely on technology in various aspects of their lives, including education, entertainment, and maintaining social relationships”. Do you agree or disagree withy this statement? In about 130-160 words, write a paragraph to express your idea.

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ĐỀ SỐ 03

(Đề thi học sinh giỏi huyện Quảng Xương, Thanh Hoá năm học 2023 - 2024)

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.

→

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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(Trích đề thi học sinh giỏi TP. Bắc Ninh năm học 2023 – 2024)

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

SECTION 1: LISTENING. (3.0 POINTS)



Nghe-Đề 4 (BN).mp3

(You will hear twice for each part)

1. You will hear a man describing a series of books. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1.** Why does he like “The Planet Wars”?
A. It has a believable plot.
B. The story is fascinating.
C. The characters are deeply emotional.
- 2.** What is his problem with “A Long Way Home”?
A. It was too long.
B. The idea was bad.
C. The writing was bad.
- 3.** What does he say is original about “Catch a Dream”?
A. The happy ending.
B. The magical abilities of the characters.
C. The changing emotions of the characters.
- 4.** The horror story is about _____.
A. a war between humans and vampires.

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B. Dracula is trying to use science to take over the world.

C. a battle between two groups of vampires.

5. What is not true about "A World of Stories"?

A. It is a collection of different children's stories.

B. Forty children from around the world tell their life stories.

C. Stories are included from different continents.

6. What does he think about "The Real Shakespeare"?

A. It does not contain accurate facts.

B. It will be remembered as classic.

C. It will change people's minds about Shakespeare.

II. You will hear someone talking on the radio about taxis and private hire vehicles in London. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

LONDON TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Taxi Services: Taxi; & private hire 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Pay in (7) _____ or with credit & debit cards.

Not all black

Stopped in the (8) _____ or at cab ranks.

Can be booked (9) _____.

Taxi Costs: Depends on time of day, (10) _____ travelled and time taken.

Tariff 1: Monday - Friday (11) _____.

Tariff 2: Monday - Friday 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., (12) _____ 6 a.m -10 p.m.

Tariff 3: Every night 10 p.m - 6 a.m. & on (13) _____.

Tests to become a Taxi Driver:

Criminal record check

(14) _____ examination. Knowledge of London's streets

Private Hire Vehicles:

Limousine

Chauffer services, often known as (15) _____.

Journeys always booked in advance by visiting office or by phone.

SECTION 2: PHONETICS (2.0 POINTS)

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently

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from that of the rest by circling the corresponding letter A, B, C or D. (1 point)

1. A. <u>canal</u>	B. <u>casino</u>	C. <u>canary</u>	D. <u>canon</u>
2. A. <u>counterfeit</u>	B. <u>courtesy</u>	C. <u>drought</u>	D. <u>ouster</u>
3. A. <u>humane</u>	B. <u>locate</u>	C. <u>strategy</u>	D. <u>rabies</u>
4. A. <u>realm</u>	B. <u>cleanse</u>	C. <u>heather</u>	D. <u>meager</u>
5. A. <u>wretched</u>	B. <u>blessed</u>	C. <u>allegedly</u>	D. <u>knackered</u>

II. Choose the word with different stress pattern by choosing the letter A, B, C or D. (1 point)

1. A. architecture	B. comparison	C. championship	D. communism
2. A. prerequisite	B. necessity	C. European	D. synonymous
3. A. propaganda	B. influential	C. mediocre	D. obligatory
4. A. consent	B. obstinacy	C. condolence	D. equality
5. A. trigonometry	B. explanatory	C. immediately	D. democracy

SECTION 3: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (7.0 POINTS)

I. Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence, identify your answer by circling the corresponding letter A, B, C or D. (2.0 points)

1. Once the story _____ the headlines, everyone was talking about it.

- A. smashed B. hit C. crashed D. struck

2. Hillary was an effective speaker and her audience seemed to _____ on her every word.

- A. hang B. cling C. hold D. catch

3. In 1837 the University of Michigan became the first state university _____ by a board of regents elected by the voters of the state.

- A. being controlled B. it was controlled
C. to be controlled D. under the control

4. We all believe that a happy marriage should be _____ mutual love.

- A. based on B. concerned with C. confided in D. obliged to

5. If Lucy's car _____ down, she would be here right now.

- A. wouldn't have been B. hadn't broken
C. doesn't break D. didn't break

6. The child was _____ for getting his shoes and socks wet.

- A. corrected B. suffered C. scolded D. complained

7. I shall do the job to the best of my _____.

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A. capacity B. ability C. knowledge D. talent

8. The job of student lodgings officer _____ a great many visits to landladies.

A. concerns B. offers C. asks D. involves

9. It was only _____ he told me his surname that I realised that we had been to the same school.

A. then B. until C. as soon as D. when

10. Mind that the baby shouldn't touch the knife; it's as sharp as a _____.

A. blade B. sword C. cut D. razor

11. This is not the right _____ to ask for my help; I am far too busy even to listen.

A. moment B. situation C. opportunity D. circumstance

12. It is _____ knowledge in the village that Mr and Mrs Thome quarrel violently several times a week.

A. common B. complete C. normal D. usual

13. In his anxiety to make himself _____, he spoke too loudly and too slowly.

A. understand B. understanding C. understood D. to understand

14. There is a rumour that the National Bank is going to _____ the company I am working for.

A. take on B. take out of C. take off D. take over

15. _____ he failed in the entrance exam caused his family much sadness.

A. Which B. That C. The thing D. What

16. When I finish writing this composition, I'm going to _____ and go to bed.

A. make time B. hit the hay C. hit the big time D. call it a day

17. Mary usually buys her clothes _____. It's cheaper than going to a dressmaker.

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

18. You are at _____ to do what you like.

A. freedom B. olds C. disposal D. liberty

19. Without written evidence, we don't have a _____ on.

A. leg to stand B. foot to stand C. leg to lean D. foot to lean

20. It was very strange but I had a(n) _____ that the plane would crash.

A. intuition B. omen C. premonition D. prediction

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II. Supply the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (1.0 points)

1. She has made up her mind _____ (have) a garage _____ (build) next to the house.
2. The statue _____ (break) while it _____ (move) to another room in the museum.
3. The highway patrol advised _____ (take) the old route through the city.
4. If there aren't any tickets left when we reach the front of the queue, we _____ (wait) all the time for nothing.
5. _____ there (be) _____ any errors, let me know.
6. By midnight he (be) _____ unconscious for forty-eight hours.
7. It (not be) _____ Anna who cooked that food. She was out all day yesterday.
8. It is highly desirable that from every product in regular production, samples (withdraw) _____ periodically.

III. Give the correct form of the words in capital to complete the sentences. (1.0 point)

1. His busy schedule made him completely _____ to his students. (ACCESS)
2. He works for UNESCO in a purely _____ role. (ADVICE)
3. The Sun and the Moon are often _____ in poetry. (PERSON)
4. I've never known such a _____ person. (QUARREL)
5. I don't care if you had had too much to drink. Your behaviour last night was _____. (DEFEND)
6. You can travel from one end of the park to the other on a _____ railway. (MINIMIZE)
7. I don't think Tom's getting too much sleep lately. His eyes are terribly _____. (BLEED)
8. _____ can be dangerously close to racism. (NATION)
9. The world champion was _____ by a younger Russian challenger. (THRONE)
10. Gift exchange is _____ expression of social relations. (SIGNIFY)

IV. Fill each gap of the following sentences with a suitable preposition. (1 point)

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1. If you want to have an evening out, the child is sure to be quite safe _____ the care of a baby-sitter.
2. Being afraid to disturb the other sleeping patients, the nurse's voice sank _____ a whisper: "The doctor insists _____ your taking this pill, it'll ease the pain."
3. He was prepared to get rid _____ the old thing _____ sany price.
4. Say something to cheer her _____, she is _____ low spirits today.
5. Our teacher is really intolerant _____ anyone who has a different point of view to her own.
6. They cleared the road _____ the remains of the broken car so that traffic could move.
7. We'll have to set _____ very early to avoid the rush-hour traffic.

V. Find and correct the mistake in each sentence below. (2 points)

1. The governor has not decided how to deal with the new problems already.
2. In that age of computers, it is difficult to imagine how tedious the work of accountants and clerks must have been in the past.
3. The notebook lists every opportunities for handicapped workers in the area.
4. Every candidate under considering for a federal job must undergo a thorough medical examination.
5. When I was a child, summers would be warmer and winters colder than now.
6. Why don't you congratulate our son about passing his final exam?
7. I'd lost my front door key and I had to smash a window by a brick to get in.
8. A thunder usually follows lightning by five seconds for every mile between the flash and the observer.
9. Weather and geography conditions may determine the type of transportation used in a region.
10. When you talk to the old man, please remember to speak out as he's hard of hearing.

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____
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6. _____	7. _____	8. _____	9. _____	10. _____
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SECTION 4: READING COMPREHENSION (3 POINTS)

1. Choose the suitable words to complete the following passage. (1.0 point)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Prime Minister's comments yesterday on education spending (1) _____ 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 (2) _____. 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 (3) _____ for exams. These aren't even real, important exams, as her GCSEs will be next year. They're just (4) _____ 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 (5) _____.

Thirdly, the standard (6) _____ doesn't give students any tuition in developing practical work-related, (7) _____ and social skills, or in skills necessary for higher education. How many students entering university have the first idea what the difference is between (8) _____ someone else's work and (9) _____ 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 (10) _____ - 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.

1. A. lose	B. escape	C. miss	D. fail
2. A. capacity	B. ability	C. achievement	D. potential
3. A. cramming	B. lecturing	C. reading	D. practising
4. A. false	B. mock	C. fake	D. artificial
5. A. latter	B. frontier	C. later	D. second
6. A. timetable	B. lecture	C. seminar	D. curriculum

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7. A. life	B. alive	C. living	D. live
8. A. writing	B. going over	C. plagiarising	D. repeating
9. A. taking	B. making	C. having	D. creating
10. A. reviewing	B. revision	C. distance learning	D. self-study

II. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for questions below. (1.0 point).

Most forms of property are concrete and tangible, such as houses, cars, furniture or anything else that is included in one's possessions. Other forms of property can be intangible, and copyright deals with intangible forms of property. Copyright is a legal protection **extended** to authors of creative works, for example, books, magazine articles, maps, films, plays, television shows, software, paintings, photographs, music, choreography in dance and all other forms of intellectual or artistic property.

Although the purpose of artistic property is usually public use and enjoyment, copyright establishes the ownership of the creator. When a person buys a copyrighted magazine, it belongs to this individual as a tangible object. However, the authors of the magazine articles own the research and the writing that went into creating the articles. The right to make and sell or give away copies of books or articles belongs to the authors, publishers, or other individuals or organizations that hold the copyright. To copy an entire book or a part of it, permission must be received from the copyright owner, who will most likely expect to be paid.

Copyright law distinguishes between different types of intellectual property. Music may be played by anyone after it is published. However, if it is performed for profit, the performers need to pay a fee, called a royalty. A similar **principle** applies to performances of songs and plays. On the other hand, names, ideas, and book titles are excepted. Ideas do not become copyrighted property until they are published in a book, a painting or a musical work. Almost all artistic work created before the 20th century is not copyrighted because it was created before the copyright law was passed.

The two common ways of **infringing upon** the copyright are plagiarism and piracy.

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Plagiarizing the work of another person means passing it off as one's own. The word *plagiarism* is derived from the Latin *plagiarus*, which means "abductor". Piracy may be an act of one person, but, in many cases, it is a joint effort of several people who reproduce copyrighted material and sell it for profit without paying royalties to the creator. Technological innovations have made piracy easy and anyone can duplicate a motion picture on videotape, a computer program, or a book. Video cassette recorders can be used by practically anyone to copy movies and television programs, and copying software has become almost as easy as copying a book. Large companies zealously monitor their copyrights for slogans, advertisements, and brand names, protected by a trademark.

(Nguồn: Internet)

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?
A. Legal rights of property owners B. Legal ownership of creative work
C. Examples of copyright piracy D. Copying creating work for profit
2. The word "**extended**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. explicated B. exposed C. guaranteed D. granted
3. It can be inferred from the passage that copyright law is intended to protect _____.
A. the user's ability to enjoy an artistic work
B. the creator's ability to profit from the work
C. paintings and photographs from theft
D. computer software and videos from being copied
4. The word "**principle**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. crucial point B. cardinal role
C. fundamental rule D. formidable force
5. Which of the following properties is NOT mentioned as protected by copyright?
A. music and plays B. paintings and maps
C. printed medium D. scientific discoveries
6. It can be inferred from the passage that it is legal if _____.
A. two songs, written by two different composers, have the same melody
B. two books, written by two different authors, have the same titles
C. two drawings, created by two different artists, have the same images
D. two plays, created by two different playwrights, have the same plot and characters

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7. With which of the following statements is the author most likely to agree?

- A. Teachers are not allowed to make copies of published materials for use by their students.
- B. Plays written in the 16th century cannot be performed in theatres without permission.
- C. Singers can publicly sing only the songs for which they wrote the music and the lyrics.
- D. It is illegal to make photographs when sightseeing or traveling.

8. The phrase “**infringing upon**” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. impinging upon
- B. inducting for
- C. violating
- D. abhorring

9. The purpose of copyright law is most comparable with the purpose of which of the following?

- A. A law against theft
- B. A law against smoking
- C. A school policy
- D. A household rule

10. According to the passage, copyright law is _____.

- A. meticulously observed
- B. routinely ignored
- C. frequently debated
- D. zealously enforced

III. Fill in each of the blanks with ONE suitable word to complete the passage. (1.0 points)

THE WONDROUS WORLD OF COFFEE

A cup of coffee, like any (1) _____ experience, can be enriched by selection and consciousness. "No beans about it," the best coffee decisions (2) _____ the ones most pleasant to one's own palate – the selection of one's coffee is a matter of personal preference. Choosing coffee beans can also be a perplexing experience, (3) _____ there is a huge range of coffee types and beans blends from all around the world. The final flavour and quality involves many complex factors, beginning with the coffee seed, the beans' botanies, a wide (4) _____ of soil and climate conditions, cultivation altitudes, and the care (5) _____ in harvesting the beans. Raw green coffee beans are then subjected (6) _____ many influencing factors, including various processing, production, roasting, blending and brewing methods. On a global note, the many species and varieties of coffee trees from different areas of the

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world also offer their (7) _____ distinctive flavours. There are more than forty-five coffee-exporting countries - all of (8) _____ use different classification systems - that supply the world with coffee beans, in sizes ranging over sixty known species of coffee plants. No wonder coffee can involve a puzzling java jargon! Fortunately, the world's coffee nomenclature, (9) _____ mountain to market, can be classified (10) _____ simple categories. This briefly outlines the basics of bean botanies, coffee cultivation and processing, and global classifications used by the coffee trade and coffee-producing countries.

SECTION 5: WRITING (5 POINTS)

1. Rewrite the sentences with the beginning in such a way that it means the same as the first one. (2.0 points)

1. Someone has suggested the resignation of the minister.

→ It

2. You think that fat people are always jolly, but you are wrong.

→ Contrary

3. You should have called the doctor at once.

→ It was

4. Gary is proud of the fact that he is never late.

→ Gary prides

5. "If you don't take it easy, you'll have another heart attack," the doctor said to the patient.

→ The doctor warned the patient

6. I know this reporter's background well and he's 100% honest.

→ This reporter,

7. They stretched a rope from one side of the crevasse to the other in order to haul their equipment across.

→ By

8. People no longer smoke so many cigarettes as they used to.

→ The

9. We've been thinking the matter over and have finally come to a decision.

→ We've given

10. If there's an emergency, ring this number.

→ In

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II. Complete the sentences using the word in bold. Use two to five words. (1 point)

1. Martin hasn't mentioned the party to me at all. **WORD**

→ Martin hasn't _____
about the party.

2. Apparently, Sheila wasn't listening to me. **APPEAR**

→ Sheila _____
listening to me.

3. Margaret was offered a place on the course but couldn't accept because she was ill. **TURN**

→ Margaret was offered a place on the course but _____ because she was ill.

4. Linda's plans for a picnic have been spoilt by the weather. **FALLEN**

→ Linda's plans for a picnic _____ because of the weather.

5. I don't know Leslie's reasons for his resigning. **IDEA**

→ I _____
Leslie resigned.

III. Write a paragraph (120-150 words) about what we should do to save energy. (2.0 points)

(Do not show your name, your school's name or your village's name in the paragraph.)

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ĐỀ SỐ 05

(Đề thi học sinh giỏi huyện Thiệu Hoá - Thanh Hoá năm học 2023 - 2024)

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SECTION A: LISTENING. (15 points)



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Listen and fill the gaps.

Digital cameras have changed the way that we look at (1) _____. Now there's a device that changes the way we (2) _____ them. This is the Lytro Illum, a digital camera that lets you refocus your (3) _____ after you've taken them.

The camera uses something called light-field (4) _____, which helps it catch millions of light rays with each image. Once you snap your photo, you (5) _____ the camera's software to choose what you want to focus on. You can also use it to shift perspective, create 3D images, and even animate still photos; (6) _____ what Lytro calls 'living pictures.'

The Illum is (7) _____ to look like a DSLR camera. It comes equipped with a fast and (8) _____ zoom lens and LCD touch-screen monitor... but all of this doesn't come cheap. The Illum goes for 1600 dollars. So, is this the (9) _____ of photography? That's still up for debate. Lytro released an earlier and much cheaper model in 2011 but the camera never (10) _____ off. After all, the Lytro Illum's 2d processed image is only about five megapixels, a far cry from (11) _____ some of today's smart phones can shoot. And a number of smart (12) _____ apps claim to imitate what light-field photography with varying success, for only a few (13) _____.

Still, other smart phone manufacturers are working on similar technology - but as they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. And (14) _____ year, Apple, patented its own light-field camera. So, (15) _____ Lytro really is on to something.

SECTION B: PHONETICS (5 points)

Question 1. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced

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differently from that of the rest (3 points)

16. A. wickeded B. uniteded C. increaseded D. attendeded

17. A. wound B. shoulder C. soul D. poultry

18. A. cough B. though C. rough D. tough

Question II. Choose the letter (A, B, C or D) next to the word whose main stress is placed differently from the others. (2 points)

19. A. balance B. carbon C. methane D. release

20. A. disruption B. pollutant C. atmosphere D. emission

SECTION C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 points)

Question I. Choose the correct answer from the four options marked A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence below. (10 points)

21. I think that young generations should be fully aware of the importance of preserving cultural heritage, _____?

A. should I B. should they C. shouldn't I D. shouldn't they

22. Obesity among teenagers is _____ that becomes one of the greatest concern for their parents.

A. a too serious health problem B. such a health problem serious
C. a very serious health problem D. so serious a health problem

23. Tony and Phillips are talking about social networking sites.

Tony: "I believe that there are some dangers of using social networking sites."

Phillips: "_____. They can expose us to identity theft."

A. I couldn't agree with you more B. That's not true
C. I don't go along with you D. No, I don't think so

24. The national park is also _____ to diverse flora and fauna.

A. home B. hometown C. birthplace D. house

25. I was shocked to learn that someone _____ bad rumours about me.

A. made up B. took up C. made for D. took in

26. The child is so full of _____ that it's tiring to be with him.

A. nuts B. peas C. berries D. beans

27. It's worrying that many secondary school students are addicted _____ social networking sites.

A. for B. at C. on D. to

28. The pair of jeans I bought for my son didn't fit him, so I went to the store and asked for _____.

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A. the other ones B. others ones C. another pair D. another jeans

29. It's undeniable that _____ Japanese is a difficult language to master.

A. an B. the C. a D. ø

30. I am sure that everything will be all right _____.

A. in the end B. at the end C. by the end D. for the end

Question II. Give the correct tense or form of the verbs in the blanks (7 points)

31. Today, the old couple has their family and friends (attend) _____ their golden wedding anniversary.

32. I didn't see the red light at the crossroads. Otherwise, I (stop) _____ my car.

33. Her mother can't stand (see) _____ her watching TV all day.

34. (Win) _____ the final match Road to Olympia 2023, Le Xuan Manh became the first champion from Thanh Hoa province.

35. By 10 p.m. yesterday, I (finish) all my assignments.

36. At no times _____ he (realize) _____ that her best friend is a thief.

37. I would rather (invite) _____ to the party yesterday, but I wasn't.

Question III. Give the correct form of the word in CAPITAL to complete the following sentences. Write the answer on your answer sheet (8 points)

38. "Dao, Pho and Piano" has _____ become a cinema phenomenon one week after its release. EXPECT

39. John is a _____ liar; you can't believe a word he says. COMPEL

40. The ethnic minority children have always been given _____ access to education. PREFER

41. Her son is always mischievous and _____, which annoys her very much. OBEY

42. Travelling is an effective way to _____ your knowledge of different cultures. RICH

43. Viet Nam is a _____ country with 54 ethnic groups. CULTURE

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

45. He eventually _____ his childhood interest in car toys and

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supermen. GROW

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

Example: Line 0: is → are

1	Table manners in Vietnam are an essential aspect of their rich cultural
2	heritage. When dining in Vietnam, it is important to follow certain customs
3	and practices. Firstly, it is customary to wait for the eldest or most respecting
4	person to start eating before you begin.
5	Chopsticks are widely used, and it is polite to hold them correctly and not
6	point them towards another. Additionally, the act of slurping or making loud
7	noises while eating is considered as impolite. It is traditional to eat with a
8	spoon and chopsticks, using the spoon to lift food to your mouth. Moreover,
9	during meals, people often engage in polite and light-hearted conversations.
10	Topics like family, work, and general interests are usually safe to discuss.
11	However, sensible or controversial topics should be avoided maintaining a
12	harmonious atmosphere. By observing and respecting these table manners,
13	you can demonstrate your appreciation for Vietnamese culture and enhance
14	your dining experience.

Your answer:

Line	
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	47.
	48.
	49.
	50.

SECTION D: READING COMPREHENSION (30 points)

Question I. Fill in each gap with ONE suitable word to complete the following paragraph. (10 points)

Vietnam is a country that often (51) _____ natural disasters. Its unique shape with a long coastline and diverse terrain makes (52) _____ vulnerable to various hazards like typhoons, storms, floods, droughts, and forest fires. Many of Vietnam's population. (53) _____ those who are poor and live in rural or urban areas, are (54) _____ risk from these disasters.

(55) _____ most of Vietnam's people live in coastal and low-lying delta areas, which are easily affected by disasters, Vietnam is among the top five countries likely to be greatly impacted by climate change. These low-lying areas are also important for agriculture and the economy, so when disasters (56) _____, the economy suffers as well. The economic (57) _____ caused by disasters amounts (58) _____ 1% of the country's GDP every year. In 2020, the total cost of damage from disasters was \$1.45 billion, which is almost half of the country's rice export value.

Disasters affect everyone, but people living in (59) _____ are more exposed to and affected by them. Women and girls, who often take care of household farming and water collection, are also disproportionately affected. Ethnic minority groups are (60) _____ group that is impacted more by these disasters.

Question II. Choose the cored answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the gaps in the passage below. (10 points)

THE INTERNET BUS

In the desert areas that surround Tucson city, USA, students spend hundreds of hours on yellow buses each year getting to and from their schools. But when mobile internet equipment was (61) _____ on a yellow school bus. The bored, often noisy, teens were transformed into quiet, studious individuals.

District officials got the idea during (62) _____ drives on school

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business to Phoenix, two hours each way, when they (63) _____ that, when they went in pairs, one person could drive and the other could work using a laptop and a wireless card. They (64) _____ if internet access on a school bus could (65) _____ students' academic productivity, too.

But the idea for what students call 'the internet bus' really took shape when the district's chief information officer (66) _____ across an article about having internet access in cars. He thought, "What if you could put that in a bus?" The officials have been delighted to see the (67) _____ of homework getting done, morning and evening, as the internet bus (68) _____ up and drops off students along the 70-minute drive. (69) _____ some students spend their time playing games or visiting social networking sites, most students do make (70) _____ of their travel time to study.

61. A. installed	B. set	C. included	D. structured
62. A. extraordinary	B. occasional	C. exceptional	D. few
63. A. believed	B. acknowledged	C. estimated	D. realised
64. A. thought	B. imagined	C. suspected	D. wondered
65. A. increase	B. enlarge	C. rise	D. heighten
66. A. got	B. looked	C. came	D. put
67. A. total	B. amount	C. number	D. measure
68. A. brings	B. picks	C. rides	D. catches
69. A. Since	B. Despite	C. Although	D. However
70. A. progress	B. work	C. use	D. part

Question III. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question. (10 points)

It is estimated that over 99 percent of all species that ever existed have become extinct. What causes extinction? When a species is no longer adapted to a change environment, **it** may perish. The exact causes of a species' death vary from situation to situation. Rapid ecological change may render an environment hostile to a species. For example, temperatures may change and a species may not be adapt. Food resources may be affected by environmental changes, which will then cause problems for a species requiring these resources. Other species may become better adapted to an environment, resulting in competition and, **ultimately**, in the death of a species. The fossil record reveals that extinction

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has occurred throughout the history of Earth. Recent analyses have also revealed that on some occasions many species became extinct at the same time - a mass extinction. One of the best - known examples of mass extinction occurred 65 million years ago with the **demise** of dinosaurs and many other forms of life. Perhaps the largest mass extinction was the one that occurred 225 million years ago, when approximately 95 percent of all species died. Mass extinctions can be caused by a relatively rapid change in the environment and can be worsened by the close interrelationship of many species. If, for example, something were to happen to destroy much of the **plankton** in the oceans, then the oxygen content of Earth would drop, affecting even organisms not living in the oceans. Such a change would probably lead to a mass extinction.

One interesting, and controversial **finding** is that extinctions during the past 250 million years have tended to be more intense every 26 million years. The periodic extinction might be due to intersection of the earth's orbit with a cloud of comets, but this theory is purely speculative. Some researchers have also speculated that extinction may often be random. That is, certain species may be eliminated and others may survive for no particular reason. A species' survival may have nothing to do with its ability or inability to adapt. If so, some of revolutionary history may reflect a sequence of essentially random events.

71. What does the author say in paragraph 1 regarding most species in Earth's history?

- A. They have been able to adapt to ecological changes.
- B. They have caused rapid change in the environment.
- C. They have remained basically unchanged from their original forms.
- D. They are no longer in existence.

72. The underlined word "**ultimately**" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. exceptionally B. unfortunately C. eventually D. dramatically

73. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 1 as resulting from rapid ecological change?

- A. Availability of food resources B. Introduction of new species
- C. Temperature changes D. Competition among species

74. The word "**It**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. extinction B. environment C. species D. situation

75. The word "**demise**" is closest in meaning to _____.

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A. help B. death C. recovery D. change

76. Why is “*plankton*” mentioned in the second paragraph?

- A. To emphasize the importance of food resources in preventing mass extinction.
- B. To illustrate a comparison between organisms that live on the land and those that live in the ocean.
- C. To point out that certain species could never become extinct.
- D. To demonstrate the interdependence of different species.

77. According to paragraph 2, evidence from fossils suggests that _____.

- A. There has been only one mass extinction in Earth’s history.
- B. Extinction of species has occurred from time to time throughout Earth’s history.
- C. Extinctions on Earth have generally been massive.
- D. Dinosaurs became extinct much earlier than scientists originally believed.

78. The underlined word “*finding*” is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. published information B. research method
- C. scientific discovery D. ongoing experiment

79. In paragraph 3, the author makes which of the following statements about a species’ survival?

- A. It is associated with astronomical condition.
- B. It may depend on chance events.
- C. It does not vary greatly from species to species.
- D. It reflects the interrelationship of many species.

80. Which of the following can be inferred from the theory of periodic extinction mentioned in paragraph 3?

- A. The theory is no longer seriously considered.
- B. Most scientists believe the theory to be accurate.
- C. Many scientists could be expected to disagree with it.
- D. Evidence to support the theory has recently been found.

SECTION E: WRITING (30 points)

Question 1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Write the answers on your answer sheet.

81. I don't find it difficult to get up early in the morning.

→ I am used

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82. Although the exam for the gifted students is challenging, she did it exceptionally well.

→ Challenging

83. She hasn't met her mother for several months.

→ The last time

84. As he didn't take his father's advice at the first place, he doesn't win the competition today.

→ If he

85. People believe that the little poor boy was unfairly treated by his step-mother.

→ The little poor boy

Question II. Rewrite each of the following sentences using the given word in brackets so that it keeps the same meaning. Write the answers on your answer sheet (5 points)

86. I go to school by bicycle in ten minutes. (TAKES)

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87. The twins look extremely like their mother. (SPITTING)

88. When Tet holiday comes, Vietnamese people often decorate their houses.
(DO)

89. The gasoline prices have risen dramatically over the last few weeks.
(INCREASE)

90. Many companies were immediately affected by the new regulations.
(EFFECT)

Question III. Writing a paragraph on the following topic. (10 points)

In recent years, online shopping has been becoming more and more popular among teenagers. Do you think this is a good trend for young people? Write a paragraph (120 - 150 words) to express your opinion.

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PART A: LISTENING (4.0 points)

Part I. Listen and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (1.0 point)

1. What has the girl forgotten to bring?

- A. Her pen B. Her keys C. Her essay D. Her coffee

2. What is the man's job now?

- A. A painter B. A businessman
C. A photographer D. A teacher

3. What time will the writer arrive at the bookshop?

- A. 1:45 B. 2:15 C. 2:45 D. 3:30

4. What did the children see at the zoo?

- A. Horses, monkeys and lions B. Monkeys, lions, and tigers
C. Horses, birds and monkeys D. Birds, monkeys, and tigers

5. What has the woman lost?

- A. Her mobile phone B. Her purse
C. Her pen D. Her keys

Part II. Listen and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (1.0 point)

1. The boy _____.

- A. doesn't study B. studies and does well
C. studies and doesn't do well D. studies with best method

2. The boy usually studies _____.

- A. at public places B. in his friend's house
C. at home D. in the library

3. On the boy's desk, there are _____.

- A. pencils, books and pens B. erasers, sharpeners and books
C. a pencil case and pens D. books, papers and pens

4. The girl _____.

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- A. exercises for thirty minutes B. studies for thirty minutes
C. drink water every five minutes D. has a break for thirty minutes

5. When the boy studies, _____.

- A. he has a break for two or three hours
B. he has two or three breaks each hour.
C. C. he doesn't take breaks
D. he never studies for two or three hours

Part III. Listen and fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS.

Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (2.0 points)

ZOOKEEPER

Lucas used to enjoy looking after the (1) _____ when he first worked at the zoo.

Every morning, Lucas checks to see if any monkeys are (2) _____ or if any babies have been born.

Every morning, Lucas also cleans the monkeys' cages and replaces the (3) _____.

The monkeys eat many different things, but are especially fond of (4) _____.

Lucas once injured his (5) _____ when a gorilla escaped from its cage.

Lucas particularly likes talking to the (6) _____ who come to the zoo.

Lucas says that giving the monkey food such as (7) _____ is unsuitable.

Lucas once took a box of baby monkeys home by (8) _____.

Lucas is now taking a course in (9) _____ so that he can further his career.

Lucas's ambition is to visit a (10) _____ for wild animals in Africa to see the work done there.

B: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (3.0 points)

I. Choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.

Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (2.0 points)

1. The Chief of police, _____ work is very important, takes care of the public safety.

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A. who B. whom C. whose D. which

2. She is wearing a _____ skirt.

A. short nice nylon B. nice short nylon
C. nylon short nice D. nylon nice short

3. The _____ items in the cake are flour, sugar and shortening.

A. alternative B. enviable C. commercial D. essential

4. Older people rarely approve _____ habits of the younger generation.

A. for B. to C. of D. with

5. I suppose that he'd better look for a different job, _____?

A. shouldn't he B. hadn't he C. should he D. don't I

6. _____ traveling is educational, it can also be stressful and expensive.

A. Since B. Providing C. While D. Even

7. You should pay _____ to what the instructor is saying.

A. attendance B. invention C. convention D. attention

8. *John and Sarah are talking about using cars in the next few years.*

- John: "I believe that electric cars will displace petroleum cars in a few years."

- Sarah: "_____. We will still use petroleum cars because electric ones are too expensive."

A. I think so B. I couldn't agree with you more
C. I'm not interested D. That's not true

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

9. Her courage not only **inspired** her followers but also moved her rivals as well.

A. depressed B. motivated C. overlooked D. rejected

10. I only applied for this business with a view to **accumulating** first-hand experience.

A. attaining B. gaining C. penetrating D. accomplishing

II. Read the passage and use the correct forms of the words given. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (1.0 point)

Some recent research into (1) _____ (CONVERSE) between men and women has produced results which will surprise few women. Men are always interrupting women when they talk. One (2) _____ (RESEARCH)

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feels that men regard female talk as a kind of conversational (3) _____ (HOUSE). They expect women to play a (4) _____ (SUPPORT) role. So, a man interrupts in a display of dominance or control. Men also have a much more (5) _____ (PLEASANT) listening style. Whereas a woman uses gestures or says: "mm", a man will say such things as "right" or "okay", which settles the stage for an (6) _____ (INTERRUPT). Conversation of this kind, then, hardly has (7) _____ (MEAN) communication. Male talk is often (8) _____ (ARGUE) while women are more tentative, asking more questions and tending to build up their replies on what the other person had said. The research would indicate that women are better (9) _____ (LISTEN) than men. Yet, listening secretly to conversation between groups of women, one has the (10) _____ (IMPRESS) of several simultaneous monologues into which no man would be able to get a chance to speak.

C: READING (6.0 points)

I. Read and choose the best option A, B, C or D to complete the passage.

Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (2.0 points)

Television is one of man's most important (1) _____ of communication. It brings (2) _____ and sounds from around the world into millions of homes. A person with a television set can sit in his house and watch the President (3) _____ a speech or visit a foreign country. He can see a war being fought and watch statesmen try to (4) _____ about peace. (5) _____ television, home viewers can see and learn about people, places, and things in faraway lands. TV even takes its viewers out of this world. It brings them (6) _____ of America's astronauts as the astronauts explore out of space. In (7) _____ to all these things, television brings its viewers a steady stream of programs that are (8) _____ to entertain. In fact, TV provides many more (9) _____ programs than any other kinds. The programs include action packed dramas, light comedies, sporting (10) _____ and motion pictures.

1. A. ways	B. manners	C. means	D. fields
2. A. news	B. pictures	C. characters	D. messages

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3. A. make	B. speak	C. say	D. do
4. A. talk	B. cause	C. bring	D. tell
5. A. By	B. Because of	C. Thanks	D. Through
6. A. coverage	B. lot	C. information	D. amount
7. A. order	B. spite	C. addition	D. exchange
8. A. used	B. designed	C. made	D. going
9. A. entertainment	B. music	C. film	D. news
10. A. games	B. plays	C. happens	D. events

II. Read the following passage and choose the correct option to answer. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (2.0 points)

Today we take electricity for granted and perhaps we do not realize just how useful this discovery has been. Steam was the first invention that replaced wind » power. It was used to drive engines and was passed through pipes and radiators to warm rooms. Petrol mixed with air was the next invention that provided power. Exploded in a cylinder, it drove a motor engine. Beyond these simple and direct uses, those forms have not much adaptability.

On the other hand, we make use of electricity in thousands of ways. From the powerful voltages that drive our electric trains to the tiny current needed to work a simple calculator, and from the huge electric magnet in steel works that can lift 10 tons to the tiny electric magnet in a doorbell, all are powered by electricity. An electric current can be made with equal ease to heat a huge mass of molten metal in a furnace, or to boil a jug for a cup of coffee.

Other than atomic energy, which has not as yet been harnessed to the full, electricity is the greatest power in the world. It is flexible, and so adaptable for any task for which it is wanted. It travels so easily and with incredible speed along wires and conductors that it can be supplied instantly over vast distances.

To **generate** electricity, huge turbines or generators must be turned. In Australia they use coal or water to drive this machinery. When dams are built, falling water is used to drive the turbines without polluting the atmosphere with smoke from coal.

Atomic power is used in several countries but there is always the fear of an accident. A tragedy once occurred at Chernobyl, in Ukraine, at an atomic power plant used to make electricity. The reactor leaked, which caused many deaths

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through radiation.

Now scientists are examining new ways of creating electricity without harmful effects to the environment. They may harness the tides as **they** flow in and out of bays. Most importantly, they hope to trap sunlight more efficiently. We do not use solar heaters for swimming pools but as yet improvement in the capacity of the solar cells to create more current is necessary. When this happens, electric cars will be viable and the world will rid itself of the toxic gases given off by trucks and cars that burn fossil fuels.

1. What could be the best title for this passage?

- A. Types of Power Plants
- B. Electricity: Harmful Effects on Our Life
- C. How to Produce Electricity
- D. Why Electricity is So Remarkable

2. The author mentions the sources of energy such as wind, steam, petrol in the first paragraph to _____.

- A. suggest that electricity should be alternated with safer sources of energy
- B. emphasize the usefulness and adaptability of electricity
- C. imply that electricity is not the only useful source of energy
- D. discuss which source of energy can be a suitable alternative to electricity

3. The word **“generate”** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

- A. invent
- B. use
- C. create
- D. discover

4. What does the author mean by saying that electricity is flexible?

- A. It is cheap and easy to use
- B. It is used to drive motor engines
- C. It can be adapted to various uses
- D. It can be made with ease

5. What do we call machines that make electricity?

- A. Voltages
- B. Electric magnets
- C. Generators or Turbines
- D. Pipes and radiators

6. The main forms of power used to generate electricity in Australia are _____.

- A. atomic power and water
- B. water and coal
- C. sunlight and wind power
- D. wind and gas

7. The word **“they”** in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. harmful effects
- B. the tides
- C. scientists
- D. new ways

8. According to the passage, electric magnets are used in steel works to _____.

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- A. lift heavy weights up to ten tons B. test the steel for strength
C. heat the molten steel D. boil a jug of water

9. The advantage of harnessing the power of the tides and of sunlight to generate electricity is that they _____.

- A. do not pollute the environment B. are more reliable
C. are more adaptable D. do not require attention

10. According to the passage, the following power sources cause no pollution to the environment EXCEPT _____.

- A. sunlight B. petrol C. water D. wind

III. Read the following passage and do the tasks that follow. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (2.0 points)

A

Instead of buying costly prepared meals, which often tend to be high in calories, cook your own at home. Plan out your meals with high-fiber foods like beans and whole grains which will keep you full and are a cheaper, healthier alternative to rich proteins and more processed grains.

B

Eating less leads to weight loss, and cost savings, especially if you cut down on the right things. Start by cutting your portions of pricy meat and poultry. Or swap out meat and poultry for cheaper vegetarian proteins like beans, lentils, tofu, and eggs for some of your meals.

C

Vegetables are great for weight loss, as well as all-around health. They are low in calories and high in water and fiber - two things that keep you feeling full. Save cash by shopping for those that are in season. Frozen vegetables can be a great bargain, with just as much nutrition as fresh, since they are picked and frozen at their peak ripeness.

D

You don't need to shell out a monthly gym fee to get moving. Instead, find fun activities you enjoy for free. If you're just getting started with a regular exercise routine, try your beginning with daily walks: start slowly and build up time and speed.

E

One of the most powerful resources you have for helping you lose weight is your

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social network. Find a friend who is also trying to lose weight and agree to help each other stay motivated. One study found that when friends participated in a group weight-loss program together, they lost more weight than people who did the same program on their own.

Questions 1-5: The paragraphs of reading passage are lettered A-E. Choose the most suitable heading for each paragraph from the list of headings below.

Paragraph	Lists of Headings
1. ____ Paragraph A	i. Eat Less
2. ____ Paragraph B	ii. Get Creative with Your Exercise Options
3. ____ Paragraph C	iii. Make Friends with Someone
4. ____ Paragraph D	iv. To Plan Out Your Costly Prepared Meals
5. ____ Paragraph E	v. Plan to Cook at Home vi. Vegetables Can Keep You Feeling Full vii. Get Creative with Your Exercise Options viii. Double Up on Vegetables ix. Joining a Program You Can Lose More Weight Than Your Partner

Questions 6-10: Complete each of the following statements with words taken from the passage. Write ONE or TWO WORDS for each answer.

6. As prepared meals are so _____, you can cook at home with high-fiber foods like beans and whole grains.

7. To cut down on your daily calories, you should _____ on animal proteins for some of your meals.

8. Vegetables can keep you feeling full, you feel healthier and _____ with fresh vegetables in season.

9. You do not have to pay _____ for fun activities.

10. We can infer from the article that a partner can make you feel _____ in losing weight.

D: WRITING (5.0 points)

I. Email writing: (2.0 points)

Your English friend, John, is planning to visit some places of interest in Ninh Bình when he comes to Viet Nam on his summer vacation this year.

Write an email of around 150 words to him. In this email, you should:

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- introduce some famous places of interest in Ninh Binh
- make a plan to take him to these places

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You must **NOT** write your own name and address. Begin and finish your email as:

Dear John,

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II. Paragraph writing. (3.0points)

Write a paragraph of around 180 words to support your answer.

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Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút

SECTION 1: LISTENING (2,0 points)

Part 1. Listen to the conversation and complete the booking form below. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS OR A NUMBER for each answer.

BOOKING FORM

To: Milton
Date: 17th October No. of passengers: One
Bus time: (1) _____ p.m. Type of ticket: (2) _____
Name: Janet (3) _____
Flight No: (4) _____ AC From: London Heathrow
Address in Milton: Vacation Motel, (5) _____ Street
Fare: \$ 35

Part 2: Listen to the talk and choose the correct answer for each question. Write your answer A, B, or C in the numbered box. (1,0 point)

1. Today, a solar eclipse is compared to a _____.
A. religious experience B. scientific event C. tourist attraction
2. Scientifically speaking, the dark spot of an eclipse is _____.
A. simple to predict B. easy to explain C. randomly occurring
3. With regard to an eclipse, the ancient Chinese were _____.
A. fascinated B. confused C. disturbed
4. For the speaker, the most impressive aspect of an eclipse is the _____.
A. exceptional beauty of the sky
B. chance for scientific study
C. effect of the Moon on the Sun
5. Eclipses occur rarely because of the size of the _____.

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A. Moon

B. Sun

C. Earth

SECTION 2: PHONETICS (1,0 point)

II. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest by choosing A, B, C or D. (0,6 point)

1. A. procession B. mention C. production D. confusion

2. A. beloved B. comprised C. crooked D. interacted

3. A. telepathy B. cyberworld C. netiquette D. terrorist

III. Choose the word that has different stress pattern by circling A, B, C, or D. (0,4 point)

1. A. zoology B. geography C. bibliography D. demography

2. A. traditional B. multicultural C. technological D. uncontrollable

SECTION 3: LEXICO- GRAMMAR

IV.a. Choose the correct answer to complete each of the following sentences. (5,0 points)

1. If we care about plastic waste, _____.

A. why don't we buy plastic bags?

B. we would use reusable shopping bags.

C. we will throw away plastic water bottles.

D. why won't we stop drinking bottled water?

2. - Jane: "Do you think we will travel to Mars in 15 years?"

 - Tim: "_____. But there are positive signs."

A. I'm not so sure.

B. Sounds interesting!

C. It's wonderful.

D. Yes, why not?

3. Sheila Hammond, who was only twenty-three when she was elected as a Member of Parliament, said she owed her success all to the way she had been _____ by her mother, Margaret.

A. brought up

B. taken after

C. looked for

D. grown up

4. The third contestant managed to win _____ of the difficult questions.

A. except

B. on behalf

C. regardless

D. thanks

5. She gave me a _____ box and told me that she looked up to me.

A. jewelry metal small square

B. small square jewelry metal

C. jewelry small metal square

D. small square metal jewelry

6. There was a huge decline _____ the number of tigers in India.

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A. in B. for C. of D. on

7. She _____ in order to send her children to school.

A. cut comers B. worked her fingers to the bone
C. made a meal of it D. called it a day

8. The charity organization helped to provide food and clean water for the victims of the earthquake. _____, it trained health workers and supplied medicines.

A. Moreover B. Nevertheless C. However D. Otherwise

9. Vivian said that she _____ Jim at the supermarket the previous day.

A. was meeting B. had met C. would meet D. met

10. The twins always back _____ up in everything they do.

A. one another B. ourselves C. themselves D. each other

11. Her English accent is so good that she is thought of as a _____ speakers.

A. natural B. official C. non-native D. native

12. Nobody was injured in the accident, _____?

A. was it B. weren't they C. were they D. wasn't it

13. Both universities speak _____ of the programme of student exchange and hope to cooperate more in the future.

A. highly B. largely C. strongly D. widely

14. The chapi is _____ unique musical instrument of _____ Raglai people.

A. a/ø B. an/the C. a/the D. ø/the

15. Andrew _____ greater responsibilities when he was promoted.

A. went over B. put up C. took on D. got over

16. _____ every part of the world has experienced an earthquake in recent years.

A. Most of B. Each C. Most D. Almost

17. Up _____ when it saw its master.

A. the dog jumped B. did the dog jump
C. jumped the dog D. does the dog jump

18. He suggests that I use a shower instead of a bath because a bath uses _____ a shower.

A. twice as much water as B. as water as twice
C. twice as water as D. as much water as twice

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19. It is vital that France _____ on preventing COVID-19 epidemic disease.

- A. focuses B. focusing C. focus D. to focus

20. My friend in the United States _____ a very good salary as a pharmacist.

- A. make B. do C. makes D. does

21. *Katie and Jimmy are in a restaurant.*

- Katie: "Waiter, we're not happy with the taste of the soup."

- Jimmy: "_____, Katie. There's nothing wrong with the soup."

- A. Speak up B. Talk about it C. Talk nonsense D. Speak for yourself

IV.b. Choose the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

22. My youngest sister is sleeping sound in my mother's arms.

- A. deeply and peacefully B. easily to wake up
C. sensibly D. safely

23. My grandparents didn't have a mobile phone, so they used to talk face to face.

- A. facing them B. in person C. looking at them D. seeing them

IV.c. Choose the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

24. My neighbors are really tight with money. They hate throwing away food, don't eat at restaurant, and always try to find the best price.

- A. to spend money too easily B. to not like spending money
C. to not know the value of money D. to save as much money as possible

25. Affluent families find it easier to support their children financially.

- A. Impoverished B. Well- off C. Wealthy D. Privileged

V. Choose the underlined word or phrase in each sentence that needs correcting. (1,0 point)

1. Because social media networks, we are now able to interact with thousands of people all over the world.

- A. all over the world B. Because
C. interact with D. are now able

2. Long-term exposure to loud noise results permanent hearing loss.

- A. to B. permanent C. results D. Long-term

3. It is reported that fifty people trapped in collapsed buildings have freed until now.

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A. have freed B. trapped C. is reported D. collapsed

4. Riding E-bike without safety helmet aren't allowed by traffic law.

A. without B. Riding C. aren't D. by traffic law

5. For most of their history, especially since the 1860's, New York City has been undergoing major ethnic population changes.

A. changes B. especially C. the 1860's D. their

VI. Complete the sentences, using the correct form of the words in brackets. (1.0 point)

1. Which countries have the most English _____? (speak)

2. A _____ lifestyle has its advantages and disadvantages. (nomad)

3. The *Tay* are known for their _____ garments and their houses on stilts. (weave)

4. They all cheered _____ as their team came out. (enthusiasm)

5. The study points out that many people's health has been affected from bathing in or drinking _____ water. (pure)

VII. Give the correct form or tense of the verbs in brackets (1.0 point).

1. The Statue of Liberty, an American Symbol of freedom, actually (make) _____ in France.

2. I (stay) _____ with my aunt when I am on holiday in Ho Chi Minh City at this time next month.

3. You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane (leave) _____ at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by five.

4. The bed-ridden old man objected to (regard) _____ as a burden on his family.

5. Were you (improve) _____ your English speaking skill, you would easily get that job.

SECTION 4. READING

VIII. Read the passage and choose the correct option for each blank to complete the passage. (2 points)

MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Last year over 200 climbers were rescued from the mountains of Scotland alone by local rescue teams, (1) _____ go out in all weathers to do whatever they can to help when a disaster strikes. These people are volunteers, giving

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their time and energy freely and, on occasion, putting (2) _____ in danger. They will risk life and limb in an emergency when they are called on to rescue fool hardy or unlucky climbers.

A whole (3) _____ of things can go wrong up in the mountains. A storm can brew (4) _____ without warning, reducing visibility to virtually zero. Then only the most experienced mountaineer could find their way back down to safety. And it is easy to come to (5) _____, breaking a leg - or worse. Many climbers owe a huge (6) _____ of gratitude to the rescue teams!

While rescue teams work for no pay, there are considerable costs (7) _____ in maintaining an efficient service. Equipment such as ropes and stretchers is of vital (8) _____, as are vehicles and radio communications devices. (9) _____ some of the costs are borne by the government, the rescue teams couldn't operate without donations from the public. Fortunately, fund raising for a good cause like this is not difficult; anyone who has ever been up in the mountains will gladly (10) _____ a contribution.

1. A. which	B. that	C. who	D. whom
2. A. themselves	B. themselves	C. himself	D. himself
3. A. scope	B. extent	C. range	D. scale
4. A. on	B. off	C. up	D. down
5. A. pain	B. trouble	C. problem	D. grief
6. A. debt	B. liability	C. recognition	D. obligation
7. A. implied	B. involved	C. featured	D. connected
8. A. importantly	B. important	C. unimportance	D. importance
9. A. However	B. But	C. Though	D. Therefore
10. A. make	B. take	C. do	D. hand

IX. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each of the questions below. Write your answers in the space provided. (1,0 point)

A JAPANESE FOLKTALE

Once upon a time, in a Japanese mountain inn, there was a greedy innkeeper who was always thinking about money.

One day, a rich man stopped at the inn. The innkeeper looked at the guest's fat money belt and thought, "Oh, if only all that money could be mine!" The rich man requested the most luxurious room at the inn. Then he went up to

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his room to dress for dinner.

Now, all around the inn there grew delicate Japanese ginger plants. In Japan, there is a saying that eating too many ginger buds makes you stupid and forgetful. This gave the innkeeper an idea.

“This evening for dinner I’ll serve ginger bud tempura!” she thought. “Then, when the rich man leaves in the morning, he’ll be forgetful and leave his money belt behind!” She ran into the kitchen and started cooking up the most delicious ginger bud tempura she had ever made.

Later that evening, the rich man came down the stairs and requested dinner. The innkeeper could hardly contain her delight as she served him dish after dish of ginger buds. “Delicious!” declared the rich man loudly. After he finished his dinner, he went to bed happy, full of ginger buds.

The next morning, the innkeeper said goodbye to the rich man. As soon as he was out of sight, she **raced** up to his room. She looked all over the room for the money belt, but she couldn’t find **it**. Suddenly, she noticed a piece of paper on the floor. It was the rich man’s bill. He had forgotten to pay it! She ran after him, down the stairs, out the front door, and up the road until she was out of breath, but the rich man was already far, far away.

1. What lesson does the author want us to learn from this story?

- A. Innkeepers are always thinking about money.
- B. Trying to take things that belong to others is wrong.
- C. Rich people contribute a lot to making a better community.
- D. If you ever stay at a country inn, be careful about your money.

2. After the rich man left, the innkeeper raced up to the room to.

- A. check if he paid his bill
- B. cook a delicious meal
- C. look for his money belt
- D. clean the room

3. The word **it** in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. the room
- B. the money belt
- C. a piece of paper
- D. the floor

4. The word **raced** in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. went slowly
- B. walked quietly
- C. jumped suddenly
- D. went quickly

5. After he left the inn, the rich man was probably.

- A. very angry at the innkeeper.

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- B. feeling lucky that he didn't lose his money.
- C. not aware that anything had happened.
- D. going to grow many ginger plants.

X. Fill in each blank with a suitable word to complete the paragraph

As Australia's largest and oldest city, Sydney carries many traces of its history. Time seems to stand still in the city's old streets and in (1) _____ many magnificent, ancient buildings, such as the Sydney Town Hall, the Queen Victoria Building, and St. Mary's Cathedral. (2) _____ explore the city's present and past, head for The Rocks - the oldest neighbourhood in Australia and Sydney, (3) _____ sandstone houses built in the 18th century still stand. You (4) _____ stroll through the pretty streets, visit a traditional pub for some craft beer, and try delicious (5) _____ dishes.

Sydney is blessed with natural gifts that (6) _____ cities can rival. This city is full of greenery. Parks and nature reserves mingle with urban areas. Thanks to this, you need not travel far to see rare (7) _____ in numerous city zoos; or enjoy fresh air and a range of plants (8) _____ all comers of the world, all gathered in boundless parks. For those visitors keen to explore the sea, Sydney is heaven with over 70 spectacular bays and beaches. These (9) _____ beautiful Bondi Beach, which is said to be the loveliest on the planet, where visitors can sunbathe, and play various water sports.

Sydney is said to be a (10) _____ world of attractions, captivating visitors. It is a must-go destination on every tourist's bucket list, should they visit the beautiful land of Australia.

(Adapted from Heritage)

SECTION 5: WRITING

XI. Rewrite the following sentences in such a way that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first one (1,0 point).

1. My boss works better when he's pressed for time.
→ The less time
2. The car was so rusty that it couldn't be repaired.
→ The car was too
3. "You should have waited for us," the team leader said to John.
→ The team leader criticized
4. The plane had hardly left the airport when the accident happened.

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Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút

SECTION A: LISTENING (15 points)

I. You will hear a telephone conversation between a passenger and an officer at the London Heathrow airport

Listen to the conversation TWICE and complete the booking form below.

Write ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE BOOKING FORM

To: Milton
Date: (1) _____ No. of passengers: One
Bus time: (2) _____ p.m. Type of ticket: (3) _____
Name: Janet Thompson
Flight No: AC936 From: London Heathrow
Address in Milton: Vacation Motel, (4) _____ Street
Fare: \$ 35
Credit card No: (Visa) (5) _____

II. You will hear people talking about different situations. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. What does the woman say about learning Chinese?

- A. It's more difficult to speak than write.
- B. She finds the pronunciation easy to learn.
- C. The grammar is not so difficult.

2. What does the woman say about her current job?

- A. She is able to focus on her work.
- B. She finds her colleagues very chatty.
- C. She likes the atmosphere in the office.

3. What does the man say about travelling alone?

- A. There is always someone to talk to.
- B. It can be a problem if you are ill.

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C. Decisions are easier to make.

4. What does the man plan to do after his voluntary work?

A. Find a job in a zoo.

B. Do a journalism course.

C. Work in Borneo.

5. Why is the woman calling?

A. To explain changes in arrangements.

B. Because she's run out of money.

C. To avoid being late for an interview.

SECTION B: PHONETICS (5 point)

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

1. A. cholera B. character C. mechanic D. charity

2. A. learned B. beloved C. naked D. played

3. A. meteor B. faucet C. decline D. basket

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

1. A. mature B. upload C. harvest D. midterm

2. A. resident B. nomadic C. poisonous D. herbicide

SECTION C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 points)

Question I. Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence. (10 pts)

1. The police say they have some important clues _____ the murder.

A. on B. about C. to D. in

2. On our trip to Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

3. You are now wet. You _____.

A. should bring B. should have bought
C. must bring D. have to bring

4. They set the money won in the lottery _____ for their old age.

A. up B. along C. aside D. in

5. _____, he remained optimistic.

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- A. Though badly wounded he was B. Badly wounded as he was
C. As badly wounded was he D. Badly wounded though was he
6. I object to _____ like this.
A. be treated B. treating C. being treated D. have been treated
7. After a terrible argument with her boss, she handed in her _____.
A. application B. reputation C. resignation D. reservation
8. She fell in love with a boy and ran away from home to marry him.
A. young silly French B. silly young French
C. silly French young D. French young silly
9. We're both tired. Let's _____. We can finish this work tomorrow.
A. call it a rest B. say it's a day C. call it a day D. say it a rest
10. Tim: "Will you come for a walk with me?" - Mary: "_____."
A. No, I won't, thanks B. No, I shan't, thanks
C. No, I'd prefer not, thanks D. No, I'd prefer not to, thanks

Question II. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (8 pts)

11. I don't know why you always (*talk*) _____ in class, boys.
12. They had their house (*break*) _____ into last week.
13. It is strongly recommended that the machines (*check*) _____ every year.
14. In a few minutes' time, when the clock strikes six, I (*wait*) _____ for you here.
15. Minh (*not/steal*) _____ your money yesterday because we went out together all yesterday.
16. Supposing the lights went out, what (*we / do*) _____?
17. She (*sleep*) _____ for 10 hours! You must wake her up.
18. Hardly the captain (*appoint*) _____ of the team when he had to face the problems.

Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in bold. (7 pts)

19. It was very _____ of you to send the flowers. (THINK)
20. He has a positive _____ on life even after going through so many hardships. (LOOK)
21. The state of Colorado is known for its spectacular scenery and _____ view. (BREATH)

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22. You'll be punished for all your _____. (DO)
23. We have a bed ready in the spare room in case visitors arrive _____. (EXPECT)
24. He didn't feel happy because he worked _____. (SUCCESS)
25. The environmental damage from industry has made vast areas _____, leading communities to move to safer places. (HABITAT)

Question IV. The passage below contains 5 mistakes (only ONE word for ONE mistake from 26 to 30. Find out the mistakes and correct them. (5 pts)

Example: Line 1: is → are

1	Almost children with healthy appetites is ready to eat most anything that is
2	offering to them and a child rarely dislikes food unless it is badly cooked.
3	The way a meal is cooked and served is the most important and an attractive
4	served meal will often improve a child's appetite. Never ask a child whether
5	he likes or dislikes a food or never discuss likes or dislikes in front of him or
6	never allow nobody else to do so. If the father says he hates fat meat or the
7	mother refuses vegetables within the child's hearing, he is likely to copy this
8	procedure. Take it with granted that he likes everything and he probably
9	will. Nothing healthful should be omitted from the meal because the
10	supposed dislike. At meal times, it is a good idea to give a child a small
11	portion and let him come back for a second helping.

Question	Line	Mistakes	Correction
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27.			
28.			
29.			
30.			

SECTION D. READING COMPREHENSION (30 points)

Question I. Read the following passage and fill in each blank with ONE suitable word. (10 pts)

Every corner of the globe boasts unique customs and traditions that define the cultural (1) _____ of a place. These practices, passed (2) _____ through generations, offer a glimpse into a community's history, beliefs, and values. From vibrant festivals to everyday rituals, traditions foster a strong (3) _____ of belonging and connection among people. One prominent (4) _____ is the celebration of religious holidays. Christmas, for instance, (5) _____ gift giving and family gatherings, reflecting themes of generosity and togetherness. Similarly, Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a Hindu tradition (6) _____ symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and the importance of light in dispelling darkness. Traditions can also be (7) _____ linked to a region's environment. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a highly ritualized practice that emphasizes respect, mindfulness, and peace. (8) _____ contrast, a Spanish tradition like La Tomatina, a massive tomato fight, is an exuberant and lively expression of joy. (9) _____, globalization and technological advancements can (10) _____ a threat to the preservation of traditions. The younger generation might be drawn to adopt modern trends, potentially neglecting traditional practices.

Question II. For each gap, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D which best fits the context (10 pts)

The latest addiction to trap thousands of people is the Internet, which has been (11) _____ for broken relationships, job losses, financial ruin and even one suicide. Psychologists now recognize Internet Addiction Syndrome (IAS) (12) _____ a new illness that could cause serious problems and ruin many lives. Special help groups have been set up to (13) _____ suffers help and support. Psychologists have described many worrying examples, including one man who took his own life after (14) _____ more than 14,000 pounds to feed his addiction, and a teenager who had to receive psychiatric treatment for his 12-

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hour-a-day (15) _____. “This illness is not fake, and it must be seriously,” said an expert in behavioral addiction at Nottingham Trent University. “These are not sad people with serious personality defects; they are people who were fine (16) _____ they found the Internet”.

IAS is similar to other problems like gambling, smoking and drinking: addicts have dreams about the Internet, they need to use it first thing in the morning; they (17) _____ to their partner about how much time they spend online; they wish they could cut down, but are unable to do so. A recent study found that many users spend up to 40 hours a week on the Internet; (18) _____ they felt guilty, they became depressed if they were made to stop using it.

Almost anyone can be at risk. Some of the addicts are teenagers who are already hooked on computer games and who (19) _____ it very difficult to resist the games on the Internet. Surprisingly, (20) _____, psychologists say that most victims are middle-aged housewives who have never used a computer before.

11. A. blamed	B. faulted	C. mistaken	D. accused
12. A. like	B. such	C. as	D. for
13. A. offer	B. suggest	C. recommend	D. advise
14. A. gaining	B. lending	C. borrowing	D. winning
15. A. custom	B. habit	C. manner	D. routine
16. A. before	B. after	C. as soon as	D. when
17. A. betray	B. deceive	C. cheat	D. lie
18. A. although	B. despite	C. unless	D. without
19. A. say	B. feel	C. find	D. have
20. A. therefore	B. thus	C. however	D. because

Question III. Read the passage then choose the best answer to each question that follows. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet. (10 points)

Legend has it that sometime toward the end of the Civil War (1861-1865) a government train carrying oxen traveling through the northern plains of eastern Wyoming was caught in a snowstorm and had to be abandoned. The driver returned the next spring to see what had become of his cargo. Instead of the skeletons he had expected to find, he saw his oxen, living, fat, and healthy. How had **they** survived?

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The answer lay in a resource that unknowing Americans lands trampled underfoot in their haste to cross the "**Great American Desert**" to reach lands that sometimes proved **barren**. In the eastern parts of the United States, the **preferred** grass for forage was a cultivated plant. It grew well with enough rain, then when cut and stored it would cure and become nourishing hay for winter feed. But in the dry grazing lands of the West that familiar bluejoint grass was often killed by drought. To raise cattle out there seemed risky or even hopeless.

Who could imagine a fairy-tale grass that required no rain and somehow made it possible for cattle to feed themselves all winter? But the surprising western wild grasses did just that. They had wonderfully convenient features that made them superior to the cultivated eastern grasses. Various known as buffalo grass, grama grass, or mesquite grass, not only were they immune to drought; but they were actually preserved by the lack of summer and autumn rains. They were not juicy like the cultivated eastern grasses, but had short, hard stems. And they did not need to be cured in a bam, but dried right where they grew on the ground. When they dried in this way, they remained naturally sweet and nourishing through the winter. Cattle left outdoors to fend for themselves thrived on this hay. And the cattle themselves helped plant the fresh grass year after year for they trampled the natural seeds firmly into the soil to be watered by the melting snows of winter and the occasional rains of spring. The dry summer air cured them much as storing in a bam cured the cultivated grasses.

21. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. A type of wild vegetation
- B. Western migration after Civil War
- C. The raising of cattle
- D. The climate of the Western United States

22. What can be inferred by the phrase "**Legend has it**" in line 1?

- A. Most history books include the story of the train.
- B. The story of the train is similar to other ones from that time period.
- C. The driver of the train invented the story.
- D. The story of the train may not be completely factual.

23. The word "**they**" in line 5 refers to _____.

- A. plains
- B. skeletons
- C. oxen
- D. Americans

24. What can be inferred about the "**Great American Desert**" mentioned in line 7?

- A. Many had settled there by the 1860's.

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B. It was not originally assumed to be a fertile area.

C. It was a popular place to raise cattle before the Civil War.

D. It was not discovered until the late 1800's.

25. The word "**barren**" in line 8 is closed in meaning to _____.

A. lonely

B. uncomfortable

C. infertile

D. dangerous

26. The word "**preferred**" in line 8 is closed in meaning to _____.

A. favored

B. available

C. ordinary

D. required

27. Which of the following can be inferred about the cultivated grass mentioned in the second paragraph?

A. Cattle raised in the Western United States refused to eat it.

B. It had to be imported into the United States.

C. It would probably not grow in the western United States.

D. It was difficult for cattle to digest.

28. Which of the following was NOT one of the names given to the western grasses?

A. Mesquite grass

B. Bluejoint grass

C. Buffalo grass

D. Grama grass

29. Which of the following was NOT mentioned as a characteristic of western grasses?

A. They contain little moisture.

B. They have tough stems.

C. They can be grown indoors.

D. They are not affected by dry weather.

30. According to the passage, the cattle help promote the growth of the wild grass by _____.

A. eating only small quantities of grass

B. continually moving from one grazing area to another

C. naturally fertilizing the soil

D. stepping on and pressing the seeds into the ground

SECTION E: WRITING

Question 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. (5 points)

1. He told me that it was wrong of me to leave early.

→ He criticized

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2. I regret not finishing my homework last night.

→ I wish

3. I explained what had happened but they totally refused to accept what I said.

→ They found

4. I could realize how important English is only after I graduated from university.

→ It was

5. It was reported that there were serious problems with the new design.

→ There

Question 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.

(5 points)

6. It took her quite a long time to recover from her illness. (OVER)

→ _____ It _____ took

7. People say that Chinese people invented paper thousands of years ago. (SAID)

→ _____ Paper

8. I spent all night studying for the exam, but it turns out it was cancelled. (NEEDN'T)

→ _____ I _____ needn't

9. Richard persuaded me to sign up for the school band. (TALKED)

→ Richard _____ for the school band.

10. We'd like to implement the idea immediately, but we should wait a while. (PRACTICE)

→ We'd like to _____ but we should wait a while.

Question III. Writing a paragraph on the following topic. (10 points)

"Online shopping provides customers with many benefits, but it also comes with

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its fair share of drawbacks." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? In about 130 - 160 words, write a paragraph to express your idea.

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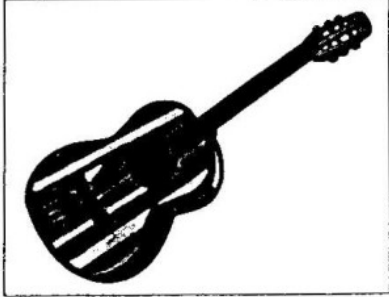

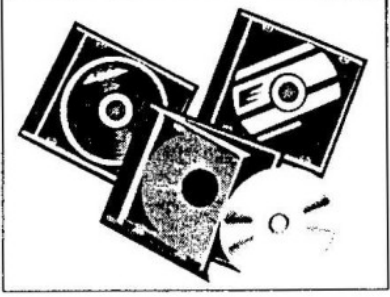
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Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

SECTION A: LISTENING (20 points)

Part I. There are 5 questions in this part, for each question there are 3 pictures and a short recording. Choose the correct picture. Write in capital letters A, B or C in the answer box. (5 points)

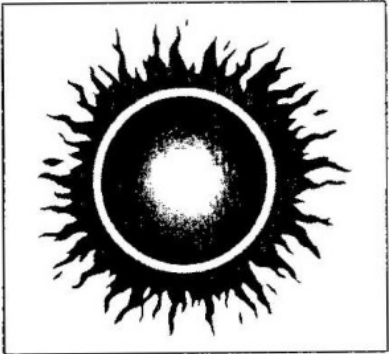


1. What music will they have at the party?

		
A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

2. When will the man go on holiday?

June	July	August
A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

3. What will the weather be like tomorrow?


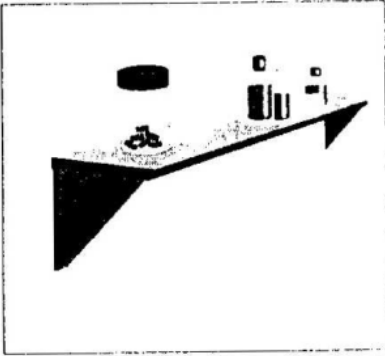
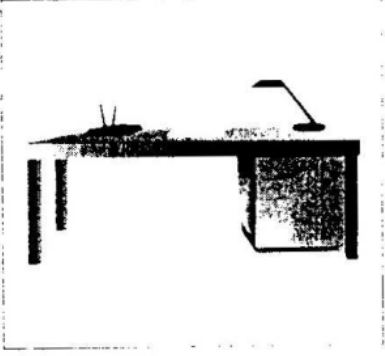
		
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4. What colour is Mary's coat?

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<i>yellow</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>brown</i>
A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

5. What job does Mark's brother do?

		
A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

Part II. Listen to Paul talking to a friend about his family. What does each person do? Match the person with the job you hear. (6 points)

PEOPLE		JOB
1. Sally	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. bank clerk
2. Bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. doctor
3. David	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. teacher
4. Paul's mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	D. student
5. Paul's father	<input type="checkbox"/>	E. writer
6. Paul	<input type="checkbox"/>	F. stopped worker

Part III. Listen to Philip talking to a friend about his photography course. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) for each space. (9 points)

1. Where does Philip do the photography classes?

A. Park College B. City College C. South College

2. What time do the photography classes begin?

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A. 5.15 p.m. B. 6.00 p.m. C. 6.45 p.m.

3. How much does Philip pay for the photography course?

A. 55 pounds B. 75 pounds C. 95 pounds

4. Philip's happy with the course because he's _____.

A. learning about famous photographers

B. using a new camera

C. getting better at photography

5. Philip thinks it's easy to take photographs of _____.

A. trees

B. animals

C. children

6. After the course Philip will _____.

A. buy a new camera

B. get a job in photography

C. make photography his hobby

SECTION B: PHONETICS (10 point)

Part I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest. (5 pts)

1. A. other B. leather C. wealthy D. brother

2. A. television B. elephant C. section D. Swedish

3. A. explain B. current C. desire D. electric

4. A. threaten B. thread C. seat D. bread

5. A. deaf B. leaf C. meat D. heat

Part II. Choose the word that has a different stress pattern from the others in the group. (5 points)

1. A. affect B. pollute C. effect D. litter

2. A. cholera B. pollutant C. permanent D. ground water

3. A. radiation B. political C. historical D. contaminant

4. A. seriously B. measurement C. scientific D. logical

5. A. aquatic B. historic C. physic D. botanical

SECTION C: LEXICO AND GRAMMAR (80 points)

Part I. Choose the word, phrase or expression which best completes each sentence. (20 points)

1. It's recommended that we become more concerned _____ the environment

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around us.

A. of B. to C. with D. about

2. Air _____, together littering, is cause many problems in our cities today.

A. pollute B. pollution C. polluted D. polluting

3. On Christmas Eve, most big cities, especially London are _____ with coloured lights across the streets and enormous Christmas trees.

A. decorated B. hang C. put D. made

4. In the United, there are 50 _____ and six different time zones across the country.

A. states B. nations C. towns D. show

5. Nowadays you still see the _____ men wear kilts (skirts) to wedding or other formal occasions.

A. Scot B. Scotland C. Scots D. Scottish.

6. What _____ we do to prevent these natural disasters?

A. may B. ought C. should D. be able

7. _____ at someone is usually considered rude.

A. Point B. To point C. To pointing D. Pointing

8. My father shouted at me, _____ made me feel sorrowful.

A. that B. who C. whose D. which

9. I believe that our new manager has the _____ to work well in this business environment.

A. inflexible B. flexibly C. flexibility D. flexible

10. "Are Mary and Peter still living in Paris?" - "No, they _____ to NewYork."

A. are just moved B. had just moved

C. have just moved D. will just move

11. "What is the _____ of the USA?" - "The dollars."

A. current B. population C. territory D. currency

12. We can see many international programs _____ different channels.

A. in B. at C. on D. of

13. This hat is different _____ the one I had.

A. for B. to C. from D. at

14. What will happen if the pollution _____ on.?

A. puts B. goes C. keeps D. takes

15. He said he was afraid this article was _____ date.

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A. over B. on C. behind D. out of

16. I had to get up early, _____ I would miss the train.

A. otherwise B. if not C. but D. unless

17. Most young people want to _____ more about environmental problems.

A. look after B. find out C. look for D. make out

18. _____ always gives me real pleasure.

A. I arrange flowers B. The flowers are arranged

C. Arranging flowers D. While arranging flowers.

19. Nga had difficulties in bringing the heavy box, and Mai, her friend, offered to help. Mai: "Need a hand with your heavy box, Nga?" - Nga: " _____ "

A. I don't need B. Not at all

C. That's very kind of you D. No, thanks

20. Peter: " _____?" - Mary: "Well, I'd like to see that dress."

A. Do you want anything B. May I help you

C. What would you like D. What do you want to do

Part II. Give the correct form of the words to complete the following sentences. (20 points)

John watched a **(1. document)** _____ on TV last night. It was all about the problems **(2. threaten)** _____ our environment. He was shocked to find out how little he knew about **(3. globe)** _____ warning or acid rain. He had heard the term before but he knew **(4. practical)** _____ nothing about the damage they cause to our planet. He feels he should do something to be **(5. help)** _____. He would like to join an **(6. organize)** _____, but he doesn't know which one to join. He has seen so many **(7. advertise)** _____ in newspapers that he can't make up his mind. However, he believes that it is **(8. acceptable)** _____ not to be environmentally aware and he is **(9. hope)** _____ that one day everyone will be part of a world movement to save the earth. He was sure that in this time of **(10. technology)** _____ advances, we find some way to solve the world's problems.

Part III. Identify the mistake in each sentence below by circling the capital letter. (20 points)

1. It was wrong with (A) you to allow (B) a 4 year-old (C) child to walk (D) home

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alone.

2. The Smiths are very proud about (A) that their (B) son always gets high marks in (C) his courses (D).
3. We called the baseball park up (A) to ask that (B) when the game was scheduled (C) to begin that afternoon (D).
4. The American Indians killed (A) the buffalo only (B) when necessity (C) to obtain food, clothing (D) and shelter.
5. Some relatives of mine (A) like staying (B) at their cabin on (C) Lake Omega every summer holidays (D).
6. In the United States among (A) 60 percent of the space (B) on the pages of newspapers is reserved (C) for advertising. (D)
7. Gilbert Newton Lewis, a (A) chemist, helped to develop (B) the modern electron theory of valence, a theory explains (C) the forces holding atoms together (D) in molecules.
8. Because of a high birthrate (A) and considered (B) immigration, the United States population in (C) the late nineteenth century increased (D) tremendously from 31 million in 1860 to 76 million in 1900.
9. For most of their (A) history, especially (B) since the (C) 1860's, New York City has been undergoing major ethnic population changes (D).
10. Rocks have forming (A), wearing away (B) and re-forming ever since (C) the Earth took (D) shape.

Part IV. Give the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (20 points)

1. The classroom is still very dirty. I don't think it (clean) _____.
2. (Lie) _____ on the beach on a sunny day is pleasant.
3. After (shout) _____ for help, she (take) _____ off her shoes and (jump) _____ in (save) _____ him.
4. Once you (try) _____ Gloswhite toothpaste, you (never use) _____ anything else.
5. (Write) _____ the letter, she put it in an envelope.
6. Each July, George together with his family (go) _____ to Spain for holiday.

SECTION D. READING COMPREHENSION (40 points)

Part I. Fill in each gap with ONE suitable word to complete the following

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paragraph. (20 points)

Our classes take place for three hours every morning from Monday (1) _____ Friday. The maximum class size is twelve (2) _____ the average is ten. We use modern methods of (3) _____ and learning, and the school has a language laboratory, a video camera and recorders. However, you will only be successful in improving (4) _____ English if you work hard and (5) _____ speaking English as much as you can. You will take a short (6) _____ in English as soon as you arrive. In this way, we can put you in a (7) _____ at the most suitable level.

There are two classes at the Elementary level; one is for complete beginners and the other is for students who know only a little English. In both classes you will practise simple conversations. In the class (8) _____ the intermediate level you will have a lot of practice in communication in real-life situations because we help you to use the English you have previously (9) _____ in your own country. You will also have chances to improve your (10) _____ of English grammar and to build up your vocabulary.

Part II. Choose the correct answer A, B, C, D that best fits each of the blank spaces. (10 points)

Around the age (1) _____ sixteen, you must make one of the biggest decisions of your life. Do I stay on at school and hopefully, go on to university later? Do I leave and start work or beginning a training (2) _____?

The decision is yours, but it may be (3) _____ remembering two things: There is more unemployment (4) _____ those who haven't been to university, and people (5) _____ have the right skills will have a big advantage in the competition for jobs. If you decide to go straight into a job, there are (6) _____ opportunities for training. Getting qualifications will (7) _____ you get on more quickly in many careers, and evening classes allow you to learn (8) _____ you earn. Starting work and taking a break to study when you are older is (9) _____ possibility. This way, you can save up money for your student days, as well as (10) _____ practical work experience.

1. A. at	B. in	C. on	D. of
2. A. school	B. class	C. course	D. term

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3. A. worth	B. necessary	C. important	D. useful
4. A. between	B. among	C. with	D. through
5. A. whom	B. which	C. who	D. whose
6. A. much	B. many	C. little	D. few
7. A. permit	B. help	C. let	D. give
8. A. where	B. while	C. when	D. what
9. A. also	B. again	C. another	D. always
10. A. getting	B. making	C. taking	D. doing

Part III. Read the passage below and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (10 points)

THE GREAT HANSHIN EARTHQUAKE

The Great Hanshin earthquake, or the Kobe earthquake as it is more commonly known **overseas**, was an earthquake in Japan that measured 7.3 on the Japan Meteorological Agency magnitude scale. It **occurred** on January 17th, 1995 at 5:46 a.m. in the southern part of Hyōgo Prefecture, and lasted for approximately 20 seconds. The epicentre of the earthquake was on the northern end of Awaji Island near Kobe, a cosmopolitan city of over 1.5 million people. A total of 6,434 people, mainly in the city of Kobe, lost their lives. Additionally, it caused approximately ten trillion yen in damage. It was the worst earthquake in Japan since the Great Kantō earthquake in 1923, which claimed 140,000 lives.

- The word "**overseas**" in the text is closest in meaning to _____.
A. abroad B. at sea C. by sea
- The word "**occurred**" in the text is closest in meaning to _____.
A. ended B. happened C. started
- It is stated in the passage that the number of deaths in the city of Kobe _____.
A. was greater than that of the Great Kantō earthquake
B. was not as high as in the Great Kantō earthquake
C. exceeded that of any known earthquake
- The northern end of Awaji Island was the place where _____.
A. the effects of the earthquake were felt most strongly
B. there was no damage to people and property
C. 1.5 million people lost their lives

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5. We understand from the passage that the Kobe earthquake _____.

A. is internationally known as the Great Hanshin earthquake

B. didn't cause any damage in the neighbourhood of Kobe

C. is not the deadliest earthquake in the history of Japan.

SECTION E: WRITING (50 points)

Part I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (10 points)

1. The match couldn't start because of the heavy snow.

→ The heavy snow

2. My mother was a worker in a factory when she was young.

→ My mother used

3. You can improve your English by practicing speaking every day.

→ If

4. "I really must leave now," Mr. Fatt said.

→ Mr. Fatt insists

5. It often took my mom half an hour to get to work by underground every morning last month.

→ My mom spent

Part II. Rewrite each of the following sentences so that it means exactly the same as the given one. Using the given word in brackets. Do not change the word. (10 points)

1. I'm not you, but I think you should recycle these plastic carrier bags. (if)

2. Emma came first because she worked hard. (result)

3. Eating too much sugar can result in health problems. (lead)

4. All flights had to be cancelled as a result of the pilots' sudden strike. (so)

5. If I could swim, I would go scuba diving with Terry. (because)

In 150 - 180 words, write a passage about “the importance of learning English and suggest some effective ways that help us learn English well”.

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PART A: LISTENING

Listen to the tape twice and do the task below.

Questions 1 - 4: Complete the sentences below.

Write NO MORE THAN ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Dreamtime travel agency

Tour information

Holiday length: 2 days
Types of transportation: (1) _____.
Maximum group size: (2) _____ people.
Next tour date: (3) April _____.
Hotel name: (4) The _____.

Q

+ Questions (5) and (6): Choose TWO letters A-E.

Which TWO things are included in the price of the tour?

- A. fishing trip
- B. guided bushwalk
- C. reptile park entry
- D. table tennis
- E. tennis

+ Questions 7–10: Complete the sentences below.

Write NO MORE THAN ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

7. The tour costs of \$ _____.
8. Bookings must be made no later than _____ days in advance.
9. A _____ deposit is required.
10. The customer's reference number is _____.

PART B: STRESS-LEXICO-GRAMMAR

1. Pick out the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently front that of the other words.

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1. A. meth <u>o</u> d	B. fat <u>h</u> er	C. feath <u>e</u> r	D. weath <u>e</u> r
2. A. ch <u>e</u> mistry	B. ch <u>i</u> ldren	C. sch <u>o</u> oling	D. ch <u>a</u> racter
3. A. stat <u>e</u>	B. stat <u>u</u> s	C. stat <u>i</u> on	D. stat <u>u</u> e
4. A. bur <u>y</u>	B. carr <u>y</u>	C. heav <u>y</u>	D. man <u>y</u>
5. A. spear	B. gear	C. fear	D. pear

II. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others.

1. A. comprise	B. mausoleum	C. religion	D. compulsory
2. A. intelligent	B. population	C. opportunity	D. economics
3. A. federation	B. economic	C. environment	D. documentary
4. A. unimportant	B. incomplete	C. disadvantage	D. encouragement
5. A. interesting	B. astonishing	C. amazing	D. surprising

III. Choose the correct answer from the four options marked A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence below.

- As the drug took _____, the patient became quicker.
A. force B. influence C. action D. effect
- Either you or your friend _____ on charge today.
A. are B. is C. was D. were
- _____ here, he would help us with these troubles.
A. Were Peter B. If were Peter
C. Unless were Peter D. Unless Peter were
- This is not the right _____ to ask for my help: I am far too busy even to listen.
A. moment B. situation C. opportunity D. circumstances
- 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
- "My daughter, Mary, tries to _____ to see me at least once a week", Mrs. Jones told the social worker.
A. call up B. go up C. come on D. drop in
- A wedding is a wonderful opportunity for _____ off new clothes.
A. wearing B. carrying C. showing D. putting
- It's a good idea to see your doctor regularly for _____.
A. a revision B. a control C. an investigation D. a

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check-up

9. _____ from Bill, all the students said they would go.

A. Except B. only C. Apart D. separate

10. Anne: "Make yourself at home". - John: "_____."

A. Yes, can I help you

B. Not at all. Don't mention it

C. Thanks! Same to you

D. That's very kind. Thank you

IV. Give the correct form of the word in CAPITAL. Writing the correct answer on your answer sheet

1. Humphry Davy helped Faraday much in his later _____.
(DISCOVER)

2. The farmer is trying to _____ the pig before killing it for meat.
(FAT).

3. This organization is very concerned about the _____ of the rain forests. (DESTROY)

4. I was annoyed at his _____ to cooperate. (REFUSE)

5. Two _____ from the group "Friends of the Earth" are talking to the students. (REPRESENT)

6. This knife is _____. It can't cut anything. (USE)

7. This photo has just been _____. (LARGE)

8. She has been _____ since her husband died. (POVERTY)

9. Most orphans are bred in _____. (ORPHAN)

10. _____ covers the sky at night. (DARK)

V. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the following sentences.

1. You may feel frightened when you are in a forest (surround) _____ by tall trees.

2. What (you / do) _____ at the time I (phone) _____ you last night?

3. Your room (not tidy) _____ for weeks. It is too messy.

4. I remember (take) _____ to the zoo by my father once a week when I was six.

VI: Supply the correct preposition in each space to complete the following sentences

1. _____ now on, please remember to come prepared to class with the required

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books.

2. The boy broke the window _____ a heavy stone.
3. Our house is similar _____ yours. Perhaps yours is a bit larger.
4. My sister was late for her exam because her alarm clock didn't go _____.
5. Santa Claus is based _____ the description of Saint Nicholas.

PART C. READING

I. For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word for each space.

The big tree at my gate was old and beautiful. I was saddened when it blew (1) _____ in a winter storm. After the storm I sawed (2) _____ the remains of the tree to level (3) _____ the ground. Some of the wood was rotten. Pieces came away in my (4) _____. But a good part of the wood was alive and strong. I did not dig (5) _____ the roots of the tree. I (6) _____ them in the ground. Three months (7) _____, in spring, the old tree began to grow again. It grew strong and beautiful, straight up (8) _____ the side of the sawn-off part. The color and smell of its heart-shaped (9) _____ were exactly the same as (10) _____ of the old tree. I felt very happy.

II. Choose the most suitable answer from the four options marked A, B, C, or D to complete each of the numbered gaps in the passage below.

YOUR BEST FRIEND IN DISGUISE?

Do you (1) _____ people on what they look like? I think we all (2) _____ that we shouldn't do this although many of us still do. Some people are impressed by clothes from a particular (3) _____; others think that things such as someone's hairstyle is critical to their (4) _____ of someone. But, if you sit and chat to people, you can see that, whatever they look (5) _____, that person may be really good (6) _____ and could become a close friend of yours - if only they were given the (7) _____. The point is that we should take people as they are and not dismiss them just because they (8) _____ differently from us. You may ignore someone who could be your best friend just because they are (9) _____ the wrong jeans. We need to look past the clothes, the tattoos and the hairstyles and think about personality, not (10) _____.

1. A. decide	B. rule	C. consider	D. judge
2. A. notice	B. catch	C. realize	D. aware

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3. A. seller	B. designer	C. cutter	D. maker
4. A. view	B. sight	C. thought	D. picture
5. A. alike	B. as	C. similar	D. like
6. A. pleasure	B. laugh	C. fun	D. sport
7. A. moment	B. opportunity	C. occasion	D. hope
8. A. dress	B. wear	C. clothe	D. look
9. A. fitting	B. wearing	C. matching	D. carrying
10. A. figure	B. form	C. manner	D. appearance

III: Read the passage and choose the best answer to each question from the four choices (A or B, C, D).

Carbohydrates, which are sugars, are an essential part of a healthy diet. They provide the main source of energy for the body, and they also **function** to flavor and sweeten foods. Carbohydrates **range** from simple sugars like glucose to complex sugars such as amylose and amylopectin. Nutritionists **estimate** that carbohydrates should make up about one-fourth to one-fifth of a person's diet. This translates to about 75-100 grams of carbohydrates per day.

A diet that is **deficient** in carbohydrates can have an adverse effect on a person's health. When the body lacks a sufficient amount of carbohydrates it must then use its protein supplies for energy, a process called gluconeogenesis. **This**, however, results in a **lack** of necessary protein, and further health difficulties may occur. A lack of carbohydrates can also lead to ketosis, a build-up of ketones in the body that causes fatigue, lethargy, and bad breath.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Carbohydrates are needed for good health.
- B. Carbohydrates prevent a build-up of proteins.
- C. Carbohydrates can lead to ketosis.
- D. Carbohydrates are an expendable part of a good diet.

2. The word "**function**" as used in line 2 refers to which of the following?

- A. neglect
- B. serve
- C. dissolve
- D. profess

3. The word "**range**" as used in line 3 is closest in meaning to which of the following?

- A. probe
- B. proceed
- C. hail
- D. extend

4. In line 4, the word "**estimate**" could best be replaced by _____.

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A. disbelieve B. declare C. calculate D. wonder

5. According to the passage, what do most nutritionists suggest?

- A. Sufficient carbohydrates will prevent gluconeogenesis.
- B. Carbohydrates are simple sugars called glucose.
- C. Carbohydrates should make up about a quarter of a person's daily diet.
- D. Carbohydrates should be eaten in very small quantities.

6. Which of the following do carbohydrates NOT do?

- A. prevent ketosis B. cause gluconeogenesis
- C. provide energy for the body D. flavor and sweeten food

7. Which of the following words could best replace "**deficient**" as used in line 7?

- A. outstanding B. Abundant C. Insufficient D. unequal

8. What does the word "**this**" refer to in line 9?

- A. using protein supplies for energy.
- B. converting carbohydrates to energy.
- C. having a deficiency in carbohydrates.
- D. having an insufficient amount of protein.

9. According to the passage, which of the following does NOT describe carbohydrates?

- A. a protein supply B. a necessity
- C. a range of sugars D. an energy source

10. The word "**lack**" in line 9 is most similar to which of the following?

- A. plethora B. shortage C. derivation D. commission

PART D: WRITING

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.

1. You must see it to believe it

→ It

2. The furniture was so expensive that I couldn't buy it.

→ The furniture was

3. The garage is going to repair the car for us next week.

→ We're going

4. A child can't stay too far from home.

→ It is

5. Many others have the same situation as you.

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→ Your situation is

II. Write a paragraph (120 -150 words) about the following topic:

Water is important for all living things. Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

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Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

PART ONE: LISTENING (3.0 pts)

Listen and fill in the gaps: (15 X 0.2 = 3.0 pts)

Part I. Listen and tick the box the correct answer. There is one example.

1. How many suitcases will they take?

A. ☐ two

B. ☐ four

C. ☐ five

2. What time does the plane leave?

A. ☐ 11:15

B. ☐ 12:15

C. ☐ 12:30

3. Where will the family have lunch?

A. ☐ at the airport

B. ☐ in the hotel

C. ☐ on the plane

4. What must Mum remember to put in her bag?

A. ☐ a torch

B. ☐ money

C. ☐ a dictionary

5. What will Paul wear tomorrow?

A. ☐ jeans

B. ☐ shorts

C. ☐ a sweater

Part II. Listen to Patrick talking to his mother about a photo of his old school friends. What is each person wearing? From questions 6-10, write A - H next to each person as the example.

People	Clothes
6. Martin <input type="checkbox"/>	A. coat
7. Joanna <input type="checkbox"/>	B. dress
8. Amy <input type="checkbox"/>	C. hat
9. James <input type="checkbox"/>	D. jacket
10. Robert <input type="checkbox"/>	E. jeans
	F. shirt
	G. sweater
	H. T-shirt

Part III. You will hear a man making a telephone call. Listen and complete questions.

MESSAGE

To:

Diana

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From: lan
Name of the hotel: (11) _____
Address: (12) _____ Street.
Meeting finishes at: (13) _____
Bring: (14) _____
Visit factory on: (15) _____

PART TWO: PHONETICS (2.0 pts)

I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently:
(5 X 0.2 = 1.0 pt)

16. A. <u>ty</u> phoon	B. <u>ske</u> ptical	C. <u>to</u> aster	D. <u>po</u> sition
17. A. de <u>com</u> pose	B. c <u>on</u> scious	C. <u>p</u> osition	D. c <u>on</u> cern
18. A. <u>per</u> manently	B. <u>tr</u> agedy	C. <u>a</u> cademic	D. <u>a</u> dequate
19. A. <u>k</u> nife	B. <u>k</u> nowledge	C. <u>k</u> nee	D. blan <u>k</u> et
20. A. bu <u>ff</u> alo	B. bu <u>ll</u> etin	C. <u>cr</u> ush	D. <u>u</u> mbrella

II. Choose the word whose main stress pattern is not the same as that of the others: (5 X 0.2 = 1.0pt)

21. A. de <u>vice</u>	B. cu <u>rl</u> y	C. <u>w</u> isdom	D. ob <u>je</u> ct
22. A. a <u>g</u> ree	B. su <u>cc</u> eed	C. su <u>gg</u> est	D. na <u>ti</u> on
23. A. de <u>ci</u> sion	B. en <u>co</u> urage	C. me <u>m</u> ory	D. be <u>ha</u> vi <u>or</u>
24. A. re <u>c</u> ycle	B. re <u>si</u> dent	C. in <u>je</u> ction	D. co <u>mm</u> ercial
25. A. sa <u>ti</u> sfactory	B. pa <u>rt</u> icipation	C. e <u>d</u> ucational	D. en <u>te</u> rtainment

PART THREE: VOCABULARY AND STRUCTURES (5.0 pts)

26. After a few days, my cousins got used to _____ in the new place.

A. live B. lived C. to live D. living

27. Minh and Huy were absent from school _____ of their sickness two days ago.

A. because B. instead C. though D. but

28. We should recycle all used things because our _____ resources are limited.

A. nature B. naturing C. natural D. naturally

29. Would you mind if I _____ your car to work, Dad?

A. drive B. drove C. driving D. to drive

30. My parents are very _____ that my first sister won the championship last

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month.

A. sad B. interesting C. pleasing D. delighted

31. Thanks _____ Alexander G. Bell's invention, we can communicate with each other easily.

A. for B. from C. on D. to

32. "Don't make noise!", I said to Hoang.

A. I told Hoang don't make noise B. I told Hoang not to make noise
C. I told to Hoang not to make noise D. I said to Hoang don't make noise

33. We _____ English for over two years so far.

A. learn B. learning C. learnt D. have learnt

34. There were _____ beautiful flowers that we couldn't decide what to buy.

A. so much B. so few C. so little D. so many

35. Mr. Parker was hit with a stick while he _____ in the field this morning.

A. work B. worked C. was working D. has worked

II. Give the correct form of the words given to complete the sentences.
(10 X 0.2 = 2.0pts)

36. _____, dark clouds appeared and it began to rain. (FORTUNATE)

37. Vinamilk company has served customers a lot of _____ recently.
(PRODUCE)

38. My cousin, Ba, didn't pass the driving test again, so he felt very _____.
(HOPE)

39. My uncle, Mr. Thomas, he is so _____. He hates waiting. (PATIENT)

40. It was a complete _____ due to our poor planning. (FAIL)

41. We're lucky to get the tickets for the first _____ of the hit musical.
(PERFORM)

42. Please send your _____ to 45 Market St. (APPLY)

43. In _____, I would like to thank the people who have helped me while I have been working here. (CONCLUDE)

44. Recently, many rural areas in our country have been _____.
(URBAN)

45. Alexander Graham Bell _____ demonstrated his invention.
(SUCCESS)

III. Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets: (5 X 0.2 = 1.0 pt)

46. The man advised the boy (not/ cross) _____ the street against the

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red light.

47. _____ You (use/ live) _____ on a farm in Hoa Binh Province when you were small?

48. An English-speaking contest (hold) _____ at my school yesterday afternoon.

49. The Statue of Liberty (present) _____ to the United State by the French people in 1876?

50. _____ your aunt (work) _____ here since she left school?

PART FOUR. READING COMPREHENSION (5.0 pts)

I. Choose the word or phrase that best fits each gap of the passage. (10 x 0.2 = 2.0pts)

Dear Nga,

I've just returned from a four-day trip to Da Lat. It's my parents' reward for my (51) _____ result in the last school year. The trip was very interesting and I'm eager (52) _____ you about it.

My parents and I stayed in a small hotel (53) _____ Xuan Huong lake. Walking around the lake and enjoying the (54) _____ cool air, we felt very comfortable. Da Lat has (55) _____ interesting places such as Cam Ly fall, Bao Dai palace and Cu hill. The weather was rather cold at night and in the early (56) _____, but it was cool during the day.

The (57) _____ was excellent there and we enjoyed a lot of vegetables and fruits. Returning home from Da Lat, we all felt very (58) _____.

Did you go anywhere during this summer holiday?

Write to me (59) _____ you have time. It would be nice to (60) _____ about what you have been doing.

Love,

Huong

51. A. bad	B. good	C. dangerous	D. simple
52. A. tell	B. telling	C. to tell	D. told
53. A. near	B. next to	C. by	D. all are correct
54. A. fresh	B. bad	C. polluted	D. dirty
55. A. many	B. much	C. a lot	D. a little
56. A. morning	B. afternoon	C. day	D. week

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57. A. people	B. restaurants	C. food	D. cinemas
58. A. health	B. healthily	C. healthiness	D. healthy
59. A. where	B. when	C. what	D. which
60. A. listen	B. meet	C. watch	D. hear

II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space.

(10x0.2 = 2.0pts)

When you want to book a flight to a certain place, visit your nearest **(61)** _____ agent. Tell the travel agent the date when you want to travel **(62)** _____ the destination to which you want to go. The travel agent will then type this information into a small **(63)**. After checking everything on the computer screen, he/she will send this information to a central computer. This central computer contains all information **(64)** bookings and destinations, and sends a reply, showing which are the **(65)** suitable flights. It also shows whether the flights are fully booked **(66)** not. The information which is now shown on the small computer screen is continually changing as other bookings are made in other parts of **(67)** world.

The travel agent now types in your booking. Then the computer will **(68)** for your name and address as well as for certain other information. It will also ask how you pay for your ticket (by cheque or by credit card). Next, the computer confirms the booking and makes a request for **(69)**. When you have paid for your ticket, the travel agent types this information into the computer as well. Finally, some computers print out a **(70)** before you leave the travel agent's.

III. Read the text, make questions then answer. (5 X 0.2 = 1.0pt)

TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Every nation and every country has its own customs and traditions. In Britain, traditions play a more important part in the life of the people than in other countries. Englishmen are proud of their traditions and carefully keep them up. It has been the law for about 300 years that all theatres are closed on Sundays. No letters are delivered, only a few Sunday papers are published.

To this day an English family prefers a house with a garden to a flat in a modern house with central heating. English people like gardens. Sometimes the garden in front of the house is a little square covered with cement painted green in imitation of grass and a box of flowers.

Holidays are especially rich in old traditions and are different in Scotland, Ireland,

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Wales and England. Christmas is a great English national holiday, and in Scotland it is not kept, except by clerks in banks, all shops and factories are working.

71. How important/ traditions/ Britain/ ?/

72. What/ Englishmen/ do/ their tradition/ ?/

73. Which/ English family/ prefer,/ house/ a garden/ flat/ ?/

74. Find sentences/ the text/ which/ show/ that/ English people/ like/ garden/ very much./

75. How/ Christmas/ kept/ Scotland/ ?/

PART FIVE: WRITING (5.0 pts)

1. Rewrite the sentences without changing the meaning. Use the given words. (5 x 0.2 = 1.0pt)

76. Tom fell down onto the road because of his carelessness.

→ Because Tom

77. “Do you know how to use this cell phone?” Thomas asked me.

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→ Thomas asked me

78. Albert is so sad that he wasn't accepted in that group.

→ Albert is so sad not

79. Your youngest brother, Bill, is too young to drive a motorbike.

→ Your youngest brother, Bill, is not

80. It is thought that the prisoner was recaptured while drinking in a pub.

→ The prisoner

II. Use the following words and phrases to write complete and meaningful sentences. Make all the necessary changes and additions if necessary. (5 x 0.2 = 1.0 pt)

81. Vietnamese people/ believe/ that/ how/ people/ act/ during Tet holiday/ influence/ whole year/.

82. My great/ grandmother/ ninety-three/ old/ and/ always/ forget/ things/./

83. All/ us / ought / use / cloth bags / instead / reuse / plastic ones/./

84. You/ can/ try/ get/ Hoang Anh/ lend you/ his bike, but/ not succeed/ ./

85. My uncle/ unemployed/ since/ he / leave/ his job/ two years ago/./

III. Nowadays shopping online is very popular. Do you think it is good to shop online? Write a paragraph (200 - 250 words) to express your opinion. (3.0 pts)

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PART A: LISTENING

Part I. You will hear five short conversations. There is one question for each conversation. You will hear each conversation twice.

1. What was the weather like when the holiday began?

- A. rainy B. snowy C. windy

2. Which is the boy's next lesson?

- A. P.E B. Music C. Maths

3. How far is it to the beach?

- A. 7 km B. 10 km C. 12 km

4. What size does the woman buy?

- A. 42 B. 40 C. 38

5. What did Joe get for his birthday?

- A. a jacket B. a bike C. a CD player

Part II. You will hear some information about a cinema. Listen and complete each space with ONE word or number.

CINEMA	
Name of cinema:	North London Arts Cinema
Open:	(1) _____ days a week
Next week's film	(2) Midnight _____
From:	(3) _____ to Thursday.
Special student ticket costs:	(4) £ _____
Nearest car park:	(5) in _____ Street

PART B: PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

1. A. surpr <u>i</u> se	B. prom <u>i</u> se	C. dev <u>i</u> se	D. real <u>i</u> se
2. A. he <u>a</u> lth	B. he <u>a</u> l	C. ste <u>a</u> lth	D. de <u>a</u> lt
3. A. ho <u>p</u> eful	B. po <u>s</u> tal	C. lo <u>c</u> al	D. op <u>p</u> osite
4. A. ch <u>e</u> rish	B. ch <u>o</u> rus	C. ch <u>a</u> os	D. sch <u>o</u> lar
5. A. sou <u>u</u> thern	B. accou <u>u</u> nt	C. sou <u>u</u> th	D. amou <u>u</u> nt

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II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question.

6. A. industry	B. poisonous	C. atmosphere	D. awareness
7. A. generous	B. extensive	C. accomplish	D. eternal
8. A. medicine	B. decide	C. distance	D. patient
9. A. arrangement	B. relationship	C. scientist	D. improve
10. A. discount	B. compile	C. local	D. website

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Choose the right word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1.** What Marilyn did at the party was certainly _____ bad taste.
A. of B. about C. in D. Under
- 2.** Your room is messy. Please _____ as much junk as possible and clean it up.
A. get rid of B. make clean of C. drop a line D. stop over
- 3.** Sorry, but that book is _____. We'll get some copies from the publisher next Monday.
A. out of print B. out of order C. off shelf D. out of stock
- 4.** We _____ gas, so we have to wait until a car passes by.
A. gave out on B. ran out of C. walked out on D. disposed of
- 5.** Politicians should never lose _____ of the needs of the people they represent.
A. view B. sight C. regard D. prospect
- 6.** The move to a different environment had brought about a significant _____ in Mary's state of mind.
A. impact B. effect C. influence D. chance
- 7.** She _____ regretted having been so unkind.
A. bitterly B. severely C. fully D. awfully
- 8.** The color of the handle does not _____ so long as it is the right size.
A. worry B. affect C. matter D. concern
- 9.** In some countries environmental organizations have been _____ to inform people and gain their support.
A. put up B. made up C. carried out D. set up
- 10.** This clock _____ on two small batteries.
A. goes B. works C. runs D. moves.

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11. _____ Jenny, everyone admires him for fine sense of humor.
A. Except for B. Apart C. Except D. Unless
12. After police found drugs there, the disco was _____.
A. closed down B. banned C. ignored D. abolished
13. The injured man was taken to hospital and _____ for international injuries.
A. cured B. healed C. operated D. treated.
14. According to the _____ of the contract, tenants must give six months notice if they intend to leave.
A. laws B. rules C. terms D. details
15. Picasso was a _____ cubist painter.
A. artistic B. celebrated C. colorful D. knowledgeable.

II. There are 8 mistakes in the following passage. Find and correct them.

PREPARING A DINNER PARTY

Giving a dinner party is a wonderful way of entertain people. You can also make new friends and give other the chance to get to know each other better.

It needs plan, though. First, make a guest list, with different kinds of people and a mixture of women and men. Don't invite couples because of they aren't so much fun.

When you know that can come, find out what they like to eat and drink. Note down any who are vegetarians, or who can't eat or drink certain things for religious reasons.

Then plan their menu. Included a first course, a choice of main courses and a dessert, plus lots of people's favorite drinks.

The next thing to do is the shopping. Make sure you buy more than enough of everything, but that someone can help you carry it!

On the day, start cooking early. Give people appetizers like Greek mezze or Spanish tapas, such they don't get hungry if they have to wait. Serve the delicious meal, sit down with your guests and have a good time - you've earned them!

Mistake	Correction	Mistake	Correction
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2.		6.	

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3.		7.	
4.		8.	

III. Complete the following sentences by giving the correct form of the words in the blanks.

1. How are you getting on with your (CORRESPOND) _____ course in Russia?
2. What time do you (USE) _____ start work?
3. There was ice on the pavement, which made it very difficult to walk as it was so _____ (SLIP).
4. I could never be a teacher. I am far too _____ (PATIENT).
5. I don't know what the matter with Tommy is lately. His (BEHAVE) _____ seem to be getting worse and worse.
6. It is becoming (INCREASE) _____ difficult to find a job nowadays.
7. While money can't exactly buy you (HAPPY) _____ at least it helps you suffer in comfort.

PART D. READING

I. Choose the correct answer from A, B, C or D to fill in the gaps in the following passage.

MUSIC - A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Music is universal - it is produced by all cultures. Some scientists believe that music came before speech and (1) _____ as a development of mating calls. In fact, there is one theory that the (2) _____ languages were chanted or sung, rather than spoken. Indeed, in some cultures, music is a form of (3) _____ history. The Aboriginal Australians, for example, use music as a means to (4) _____ on stories of the land and spirits to the next generation.

New evidence suggests that music does not just (5) _____ the feel - good factor but it is also good for the brain. A study of intellectually (6) _____ children showed that they could recall more information after it was given to them in a song than after it was read to them as a story. Researchers also report that people (7) _____ better on a standard intelligence test after listening to Mozart. The so-called "Mozart effect" has also been (8) _____ by findings that rats brought up on Mozart run faster through a complex network of paths or passages, (9) _____ as a maze. Overall, it seems that in most instances people who suffer from any form of mental (10) _____ benefit from listening to music.

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1. A. was	B. swelled	C. arose	D. reacted
2. A. earliest	B. newest	C. easiest	D. simplest
3. A. enjoying	B. making	C. recording	D. stating
4. A. move	B. pass	C. hand	D. happen
5. A. convince	B. satisfy	C. please	D. prefer
6. A. disabled	B. inactive	C. incapable	D. disordered
7. A. examine	B. prepare	C. achieve	D. score
8. A. supported	B. given	C. marked	D. remembered
9. A. called	B. heard	C. regarded	D. known
10. A. badness	B. hurt	C. illness	D. pain

II. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer by circling the corresponding letter A, B, C or D.

In Death Valley, California, one of the hottest, most arid places in North America, there is much salt, and salt can damage rocks impressively. Inhabitants of areas elsewhere, where streets and highways are salted to control ice, are familiar with the resulting rust and deterioration on cars. That attests to the chemically corrosive nature of salt, but it is not the way salt destroys rocks. Salt breaks rocks apart principally by a process called crystal prying and wedging. This happens not by soaking the rocks in salt water, but by moistening their bottoms with salt water. Such conditions exist in many areas along the eastern edge of central Death Valley. There, salty water rises from the groundwater table by capillary action through tiny spaces in sediment until **it** reaches the surface.

Most stones have capillary passages that suck salt water from the wet ground. Death Valley provides an ultra-dry atmosphere and high daily temperatures, which promote evaporation and the formation of salt crystals along the cracks or other openings within stones. These crystals grow as long as salt water is available. Like tree roots breaking up a sidewalk, the growing crystals exert pressure on the rock and eventually pry the rock apart along planes of weakness, such as banding in metamorphic rocks, bedding in sedimentary rocks, or preexisting or incipient fractures, and along boundaries between individual mineral crystals or grains. Besides crystal growth, *the expansion of halite crystals (the same as everyday table salt) by heating and of sulfates and similar salts by hydration* can contribute additional stresses. A rock **durable** enough to have withstood natural conditions for a very long time in other areas

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could probably be **shattered** into small pieces by salt weathering within a few generations.

The **dominant** salt in Death Valley is halite, or sodium chloride, but other salts, mostly carbonates and sulfates, also cause prying and wedging, as does ordinary ice. Weathering by a variety of salts, though often subtle, is a worldwide phenomenon. Not restricted to arid regions, intense salt weathering occurs mostly in salt-rich places like the seashore, near the large saline lakes in the Dry Valleys of Antarctica, and in desert sections of Australia, New Zealand, and central Asia.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The destructive effects of salt on rocks.
- B. The impressive salt rocks in Death Valley.
- C. The amount of salt produced in Death Valley.
- D. The damaging effects of salt on roads and highways.

2. The word "**it**" in bold refers to _____.

- A. salty water
- B. groundwater table
- C. capillary action
- D. sediment

3. In paragraph 2, why does the author compare tree roots with growing salt crystals?

- A. They both force hard surfaces to crack.
- B. They both grow as long as water is available.
- C. They both react quickly to a rise in temperature.
- D. They both cause salty water to rise from the groundwater table.

4. The word "**durable**" in bold is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. large
- B. strong
- C. flexible
- D. pressured

5. The word "**shattered**" in bold is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. arranged
- B. dissolved
- C. broken apart
- D. gathered together

6. The word "**dominant**" in bold is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. most recent
- B. most common
- C. least available
- D. least damaging

7. According to the passage, which of the following is true about the effects of salts on rocks?

- A. Only two types of salts cause prying and wedging.
- B. Salts usually cause damage only in combination with ice.

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- C. A variety of salts in all kinds of environments can cause weathering.
D. Salt damage at the seashore is more severe than salt damage in Death Valley.

8. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about rocks that are found in areas where ice is common?

- A. They are protected from weathering.
B. They do not allow capillary action of water.
C. They show similar kinds of damage as rocks in Death Valley.
D. They contain more carbonates than sulfates.

III. Read the following passage and choose the most suitable heading from the list A-I for each part (1-7) of the passage. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. One example has been done for you.

- A.** Indoor climbing is preferred
B. Early imperfections
C. Putting up with nature
D. Useful attachments
E. Something in common
F. The demand for indoor practice
G. The inventor of the wall
H. A lighter construction method
I. Watching the expert

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The crowd holds its breath. High above them on the climbing wall, hanging upside down by the tips of two fingers, is the French climber Francois Lombard. He is competing in the World Cup Climbing Championships at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

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The National Indoor Arena is more famous for staging the TV show Gladiators, but the television programme and the World Cup Climbing Championships share at least one feature - The Wall. And the fact that either event is possible is the result of a new and rapidly developing technology.

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Until the mid- 1960s, climbers practiced their skills on cliffs in areas where

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there was a plentiful supply of good climbing angles. During the winter they would either tolerate the cold weather, go walking instead or climb on snow and ice in Scotland.

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However, as the sport developed it was increasingly important for top climbers to keep fit. With the cliffs unusable for much of the year, they used brick-edges or stone buildings to “work out” on. This allowed them to keep their fingers strong and beat off the boredom of not being able to climb. It wasn’t long before many sports centre started building walls specifically for the task, using bricks with special edges to cling on to.

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Many of these early walls followed the example set by Don Robison, a teacher of physical education who, during the mid- 1960s, constructed a climbing wall in corridor of his department at Leeds University. Robison developed the idea of setting natural rock in a block of concrete, which could then be included in a wall.

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Scores of climbing walls of this kind were built in sports halls up and down the country throughout the 1970s but they had obvious design problems. Walls could only be built in a vertical plane, whereas cliffs outside have features like overhangs and angled slabs of rock. There was the added drawback that once the walls were up they couldn’t be altered and climbers would eventually tire of their repetitive nature, despite thinking of every combination of holds possible.

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In 1985, a Frenchman, Francois Savigny, developed a material which he moulded into shapes like those that climbers would find on the cliffs. These could be fixed onto any existing wall and then taken off when climbers got bored with a particular combination.

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French manufactures also began to experiment with panels on steel framework. Concrete had proved too heavy to create overhanging walls without major building work, but steel frames could be erected anywhere as free - standing structures. A system of interchangeable fixtures gave climbers an

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endless supply of new holds.

PART E: WRITING

1. Rewrite each of the following sentences in such a way that it has a similar meaning to the original one. You must not change the word given.

1. There is no point in waiting any longer. He's not going to come. (WORTH)

→ It

2. They said he wasn't tall enough to play basketball in the national team. (T00)

→ According

3. The number of students applying for our scholarship has increased dramatically. (INCREASE)

→ There has

4. “You broke my bicycle, Minh!” said Hoa. (ACCUSED)

→ Hoa

5. He was so angry that he was lost for words. (ANGER)

→ Such was

II. Write a paragraph within 150 words on the following topic.

“Social network sites like Facebook are not good for teenagers, especially students at lower secondary schools.”

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

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PART A: LISTENING (10 pts)

Part I. Listen to Duncan talking to a friend about a tennis course, choose the correct answer.

1. How long was the tennis course?

- A. one day B. two days C. five days

2. Duncan stayed in a hotel _____.

- A. in a town B. near the sea C. in the mountains

3. Duncan's teacher was born in _____.

- A. England B. France C. Canada

4. How much did Duncan pay for the course?

- A. £ 185 B. £ 205 C. £ 265

5. Before the course, Duncan bought himself some new _____.

- A. shoes B. clothes C. balls

Part II. You will hear a conversation about an art club. Listen and complete.

MUSEUM ART CLUB	
Day:	North London Arts Cinema
Starts at:	(1) _____
Next week they will make:	(2) _____ to put on the wall
One meeting cost:	(3) £ _____
Place:	(4) in the _____
Need to bring:	(5) a (an) _____

PART B: PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently.

1. A. <u>flour</u>	B. <u>four</u>	C. <u>pour</u>	D. course
2. A. ceas <u>e</u> d	B. decr <u>e</u> as <u>e</u> d	C. caus <u>e</u> d	D. promis <u>e</u> d
3. A. carriag <u>e</u>	B. voyag <u>e</u>	C. massag <u>e</u>	D. dosag <u>e</u>
4. A. belov <u>e</u> d	B. plough <u>e</u> d	C. learn <u>e</u> d	D. nak <u>e</u> d
5. A. breath <u>h</u>	B. moth <u>h</u> er	C. fath <u>h</u> er	D. breath <u>e</u>

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II. Pick out the word that stressed differently from the others.

1. communicate	A.	B. experience	C. inspiration	D. embroidery
2. A. banyan		B. blanket	C. exchange	D. gather
3. A. decorate		B. behave	C. expect	D. describe
4. A. realize		B. product	C. mechanic	D. separate
5. A. comment		B. garment	C. cement	D. even

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 pts)

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

- Listen to what I am saying, _____?
A. would you B. will you C. don't you D. do you
- People don't like the way he shows off, _____?
A. don't they B. does he C. do they D. doesn't he
- Let's wait for them here. I'm sure that they will _____ soon.
A. turn off B. turn up C. turn down D. turn over
- I took someone else's coat from the restaurant by _____.
A. one's self B. mistake C. error D. hand
- He is in a much _____ mood than usual.
A. best B. better C. good D. well
- His father was working _____ at his desk.
A. industry B. industrial C. industrious D. industriously
- Last Sunday was _____ that we decided to go on a picnic.
A. so beautiful a day B. such beautiful a day
C. so beautiful day D. such a beautiful day
- Living organisms contain more water _____ substance.
A. than do any other B. other than do they any
C. than any other D. does than any other
- _____ he loved her, he didn't forgive her for what she had done.
A. Much as B. Because C. No matter D. However
- "Is it all right if I use your bike?" - "_____"
A. Sure, go ahead. B. Oh, forget it. C. I don't care. D. I accept it.
- That wasn't a true story. He just _____ it up.
A. did B. made C. got D. put

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12. _____ happens, I'll stand by you.

- A. Whatever B. What C. Which D. That

13. Our teacher asks us to write _____ compositions every other week.

- A. two - thousand - word B. two - thousands - word
C. two - thousand - words D. two - thousands - words

14. It was _____ that he couldn't finish it alone.

- A. a so difficult work B. a so difficult job
C. such a difficult job D. such a difficult work

15. "Are they good pianists?" - "Malve's a good pianist _____."

- A. but Somsri isn't too B. and Somsri is, too
C. but Somsri isn't either D. and Somsri is either

II. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. On Christmas Day, I often send my friends _____ cards. (greet)

2. Paris is _____ for the Eiffel Tower. (fame)

3. He has been an active _____ in the contest. (participate)

4. Over 200 _____ entered the race. (compete)

5. Her father soon died of a _____ heart. (break)

6. Some of my _____ live in the countryside. (relate)

7. This knife needs _____. (sharp)

8. A fairy appeared and _____ changed her clothes. (magic)

9. She gets angry if you _____ with her ideas. (agree)

10. Stamp _____ can be a very expensive hobby. (collect)

III. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I've decided (stop) _____ smoking.

2. How many times _____ you (be) _____ to London this year?

3. This house (build) _____ three years ago.

4. We are tired of (work) _____ for low salary.

5. This is the second time you (break) _____ a cup.

6. He (break) _____ his glasses when he (play) football.

7. I'll wait until he (write) _____ his next story.

8. He said he (be) _____ sorry as he (give) _____ me so much trouble.

IV. Each sentence below contains an error. Underline it and write the

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correct answer in the space provided.

1. The men told the children didn't play too noisily.

2. The company has been opened in 1999.

3. Mary asked me how did I go to school every day.

4. The amount of the money they took from the bank were very little.

5. I am going to have my car to repair in the garage.

PART D. READING (20 pts)

I. Read the passage and use only one suitable word to fill in each gap.

A pioneer in the field of telecommunications, Alexander Graham Bell, was (1) _____ in 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He moved to Ontario, and then to the United States, setting in Boston, before beginning his career as an inventor. Throughout his life, Bell had been interested (2) _____ the education of deaf people. This interest led him to (3) _____ the microphone and, in 1867, his "electrical speech machine", which we now call a (4) _____. News of his invention quickly (5) _____ throughout the country, even throughout Europe. By 1878, Bell had set up the first telephone exchange in New Haven, Connecticut. By 1884, long distance connections were (6) _____ between Boston, Massachusetts and New York City.

Bell imagined great uses for his telephone, like the model from (7) _____ 1920s, but would he ever have (8) _____ telephone lines being used to transmit video images? Since his (9) _____ in 1922, the telecommunication industry has undergone an amazing revolution. Today, non-hearing people are able to use a special display telephone to communicate. Bell's "electrical speech machine" paved the way (10) _____ the information superhighway.

II. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for each gap by circling it.

Most people think of computer as very modern inventions, products of our new age. But actually the idea for a computer was (1) _____ out over two centuries ago by a man (2) _____ Charles Babbage.

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Babbage was born in 1791 and (3) _____ up to be a brilliant mathematician. He drew up plans for several calculating machines (4) _____ he called “engines”. But 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 (8) _____ on one of Babbage’s designs.

It has taken six years to complete and more (9) _____ four thousand parts have been special made. Whether it worked or not, the machine will be on show at a special exhibition in the Science Museum to (10) _____ people of Babbage’s work.

1. A. invented	B. thought	C. turned	D. worked
2. A. known	B. recognized	C. called	D. written
3. A. grew	B. developed	C. brought	D. expected
4. A. there	B. who	C. which	D. whose
5. A. wanted	B. made	C. started	D. missed
6. A. until	B. whether	C. while	D. though
7. A. the	B. an	C. some	D. that
8. A. depended	B. based	C. insisted	D. influenced
9. A. than	B. therefore	C. when	D. then
10. A. encourage	B. say	C. inform	D. remind

PART E: WRITING

1. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

1. “I think you should go by train.” he told us.

→ He advised

2. It was such a boring film that she felt asleep.

→ The film

3. We find it difficult to understand this question.

→ This question

4. Peter spent three hours repainting his house.

→ It

5. They’ve lived here for six years.

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→ They moved

6. I've never read a more romantic story.

→ It's the

7. Noone works harder than Barbara.

→ Barbara

8. I haven't met him for two years.

→ It's

9. It was my breakfast time when Susan rang.

→ I was

10. My advice for you is to get there on time.

→ I'd rather

II. Use the following sets of words and phrases to write complete sentences.

1. Learning/ foreign language/ necessary/ us/ get/job./

2. Video film/ interesting/I / see/ twice.

3. Boxing/ too/ dangerous/ her/ play,/ it?

4. He/ try/ stop/ smoking/ many times/ but/ he/ never/ succeed./

5. Tomorrow, parents/ come/ stay/ me/ few days/ so/I/ excited/ now.

6. Dear Nga,

a. I/ be/ sorry/I / not/ write/ you/ such/ long time/ but I/ be/ very busy./

b. as you know,/ we/ just/ move/ new flat/ center/ city/.

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c. We/ like/ you/ come over/ dinner/ our new flat/ 7p.m./ next Saturday/.

d. Please give me/ ring/let/ know/ you/ able/ come./

e. I/ really/ look forward/ see/ you again.

A lot of love,

Mai

III. Write (over 150 words) about the festival(s) that you have joined recently. (The essay must have a title and three parts: Opening — Body and Conclusion. Don't show your proper names/ school/ village..., and has about 150 words or more)

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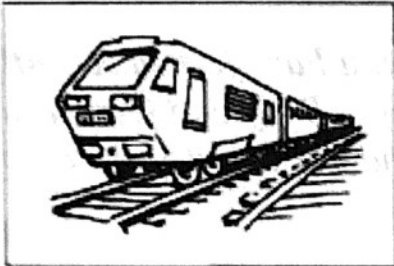
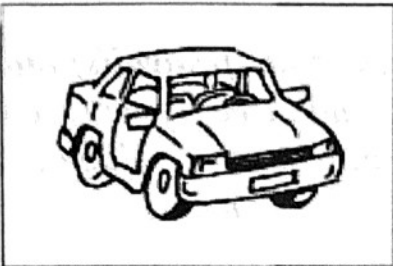

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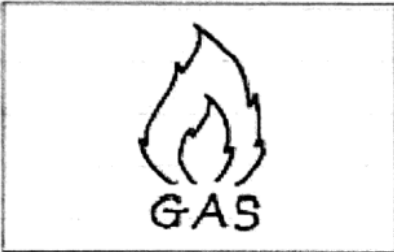

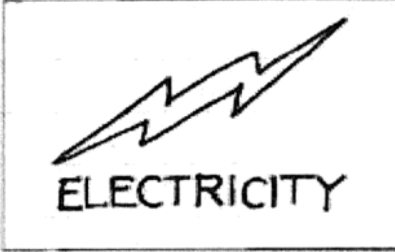
PART A: LISTENING (10 pts)

Part I. You will hear five short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For question 1-5, put a tick (✓)



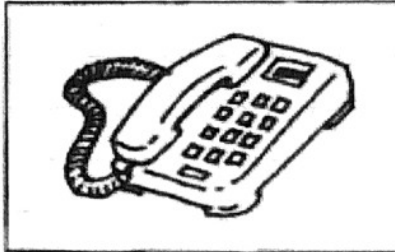
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2. Which bill has just arrived?




		
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3. How did the man hear about the fire?



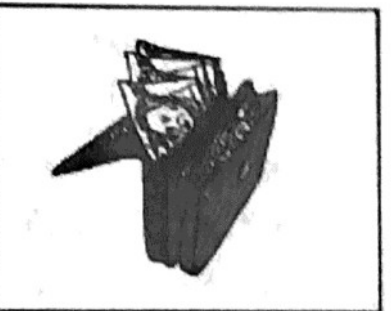
		
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4. What time will the writer arrive at the bookshop?

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5. What did the woman leave in the restaurant?

		
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Part II. You will hear a man asking some information about a language school. Listen and complete questions.

School for Italian Studies	
Length:	6 or 9 months
Next courses begin on:	(6) _____
Number of students in each class:	(7) _____
Extra pay only for:	(8) _____ book
School hours: Saturday	(9) _____ to 1.p.m.
Nearest underground station:	(10) _____

PART B: PHONETICS (7 pts)

I. Choose the word A, B, C or D whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1. A. nor <u>th</u> ern	B. sunba <u>th</u> ing	C. bre <u>th</u>	D. <u>th</u> under
2. A. is <u>l</u> and	B. rescue	C. institute	D. limestone
3. A. ju <u>n</u> gle	B. <u>g</u> ist	C. <u>g</u> ind	D. emigrate
4. A. stre <u>t</u> cher	B. <u>ch</u> emistry	C. <u>Ch</u> ristmas	D. <u>ch</u> aracter
5. A. herit <u>a</u> ge	B. short <u>a</u> ge	C. teen <u>a</u> ge	D. lugg <u>a</u> ge

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II. Choose the word A, B, C or D whose main stress is different from the others in the group.

1. A. reserved	B. invent	C. beneath	D. wardrobe
2. A. character	B. transmit	C. opposite	D. dangerous
3. A. festival	B. heritage	C. resident	D. selection
4. A. expensive	B. sensitive	C. negative	D. sociable
5. A. morning	B. college	C. arrive	D. famous

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (33 pts)

I. Complete the sentence with suitable prepositions.

1. Jane doesn't spend much money _____ clothes.
2. In Da Lat it is usually cold _____ night, but it's warm _____ the day.
3. She always takes good care _____ her children.
4. _____ the rice-cooking festival, fire is made _____ the traditional way.
5. He congratulated me _____ winning the competition.
6. Suddenly, the canoe overturned and everyone fell _____ the deep and dangerous water.
7. She got _____ late this morning because her alarm clock didn't go _____.

II. Put the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. Phuong Linh arranged flowers the most _____ (attract) in the contest.
2. It is a contest in which _____ (participate) have to read two poems in English.
3. _____ (environment) are concerned about the use of dynamite to catch fish.
4. The police are interested in the sudden _____ (appear) of the valuable painting.
5. Nam put _____ (press) on that towel to stop the bleeding.
6. After many years of _____ (fail), Edison finally succeeded in inventing the light bulb.
7. We use first-aid in order to ease the victim's pain and _____ (anxious).
8. She felt _____ (relief) after she passed the exam.
9. You'll meet the tour guide on your _____ (arrive) at the hotel.

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10. Sapa is considered the most beautiful _____ (mountain) resort in the north of Viet Nam.

III. Find and correct a mistake in each sentence.

1. If he would speak more slowly, I could understand him.

2. The boys hurt himself when they jumped down from the tree.

3. After living in London for two months, my brother got used to drive on the left.

4. Linh wishes that she is given a teddy bear at Christmas.

5. The returned ticket is more expensive than the single one.

6. I suggested that you writing to them to accept their offer.

7. They asked me where was I going to spend my vacation that summer.

8. Everybody I know like to eat chocolates and ice-cream.

9. My brother enjoys to read detective stories in his free time.

10. Your brother hardly goes to work by bus, doesn't he?

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IV. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. He (watch) _____ a film on TV when I (come) _____ to see him last night.
2. _____ (you / buy) a new school bag by your father two years ago?
3. I (not see) _____ my cousin for a month. He (not go) _____ out since he (buy) _____ a new color TV.
4. Leave me alone. I (do) _____ my homework.
5. On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong (step) _____ down onto the Moon.
6. I am used (get) _____ up early now. Last year, I used (get) _____ up late.

PART D. READING COMPREHENSION (20 pts)

I. Choose the best word in the box to fill in each blank in the following

has	to	is	teaching	cover
teacher	more	and	high	decided

FOREIGN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS FOR SCHOOLS IN VIETNAM

Vietnam (1) _____ well on its way to integrate with the world and for that reason emphasis on English language skills (2) _____ become very essential. Recently, the City Department of Education and Training (3) _____ to recruit foreign native English speakers to teach in elementary, middle and (4) _____ schools in Vietnam.

The policy calls for social contributions to improve English language (5) _____ from primary schools to senior high schools by employing only foreign native English teachers. Each student will chip in VND120,000 (\$5.8) a month to (6) _____ the \$35 an hour salary of the foreign (7) _____. Compared (8) _____ traditional English teaching methodology, it is better that thousands of students in the City have a chance of practicing listening (9) _____ speaking skills with native English speakers, who create a (10) _____ exciting atmosphere in classrooms for students.

II. Read and fill a suitable word in each blank.

Christmas is always held (1) _____ December the twenty fifth every year. Every family in England decorates a Christmas tree and puts (2) _____ in the middle of the living room. And Santa Claus plays an important (3) _____ in this festival. There is a poem to relate him. In 1823, the patron

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saint of children, Saint Nicholas appeared in a poem (4) _____ **A Visit Saint Nicholas**. The character in the poem (5) _____ a fat jolly man who wore a (6) _____ suit and gave children (7) _____ on Christmas Eve. The poem, which was (8) by Clement Clarke Moore, an American professor, became popular (9) _____ the USA. Santa Claus is based (10) _____ the description of Saint Nicholas in this poem.

PART E: WRITING (30 pts)

I. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1. Couldn't you find a better hotel?

→ Is this

2. haven't seen that man here before.

→ This is

3. Old car tires are recycled to make shoes and sandals.

→ People

4. The coffee is so hot that I can't drink it.

→ The coffee is too

5. Somebody repaired his car yesterday.

→ He had

6. It was thought that the painting had been destroyed.

→ The painting

7. That's the strangest film I've ever seen.

→ I have never

8. I can't buy the tickets. They are too expensive.

→ The tickets are so

9. Peter spent three hours repainting his house.

→ It

10. Leave now or you will miss the train.

→ Unless

II. Complete the following sentences, use the words given.

1. I/ play table tennis/ Nam/ when/ my friends/ come.

2. We ought/ use/ cloth bags/ instead/ reuse/ plastic bags.

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3. Could/ give me/ information?

4. I/ used/ look after/ younger/ brother/ sister/ when/ parents/ at/ work.

5. Why/ we/ have/ put/ dangerous things/ out/ children's reach?

6. How long/ it/ take you/ get/ school?

7. He/ not interested/ buy/ new/ house.

8. We/ have/ wonderful/ time/ moment/ SaPa.

9. I/ bored/ doing/ same thing/ day after day.

10. Marie Curie/ born/ Poland/ 1867.

III. Write an essay (over 200 words) about advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside. (10 pts)

(The essay must have a title and three parts: Opening - Body and Conclusion. Don't show your proper names/ school/ village...)

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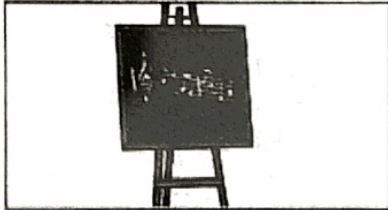
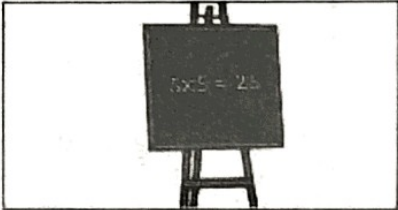
PART A: LISTENING (10 pts)

Part I. You will hear five short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. There is one question for each conversation. For question 1-5, put a tick (✓)




1. What doesn't the girl like about her photo?

		
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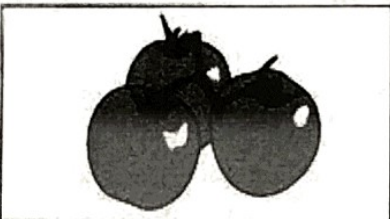
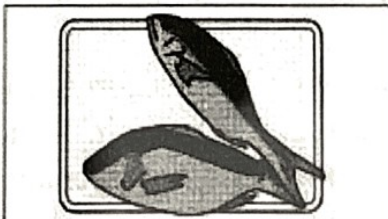

2. Which the boy's next lesson?

		
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3. What will the woman do first?

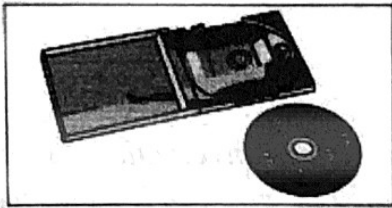

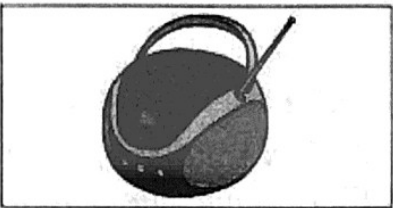
		
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4. What do they need to buy for dinner?

		
A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

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5. What did Joe get for his birthday?

		
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Part II. You will hear a man leaving a message. Listen and complete questions.

Phone Message	
From:	Bike shop
Colour of bike:	(6) _____
Bike costs:	(7) £ _____
Shop has also got:	(8) bicycle _____
Come tonight before:	(9) _____ p.m.
Address to go to:	(10) _____ King Street

PART B: PHONETICS (5 pts)

I. Choose the word A, B, C or D whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1. A. look <u>e</u> d	B. watch <u>e</u> d	C. stop <u>p</u> ed	D. carri <u>e</u> d
2. A. bath	B. father	C. the <u>a</u> ter	D. health
3. A. s <u>u</u> dy	B. s <u>u</u> ccess	C. s <u>u</u> rprise	D. s <u>u</u> gar
4. A. ch <u>i</u> ldren	B. ch <u>a</u> rity	C. ch <u>a</u> rm	D. ch <u>a</u> mpagne
5. A. d <u>a</u> nger	B. a <u>n</u> gry	C. l <u>a</u> nguage	D. p <u>a</u> ssage

II. Choose the word whose main stress is not the same as that of the others.

1. A. humorous	B. generous	C. mysterious	D. precious
2. A. favorite	B. identify	C. influence	D. government
3. A. orchestra	B. collector	C. teenager	D. moderate
4. A. biology	B. effective	C. experience	D. chemical
5. A. veteran	B. lifeguard	C. campaign	D. harvest

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (40 pts)

I. Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentences.

1. Someone _____ tickets are free.

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A. said me B. said me that C. told me D. told to me

2. When she lived in the countryside, she _____ in the river.

A. was swimming B. used to swim C. has swum D. is used to swimming

3. Saigon _____ more than three hundred years ago.

A. was built B. has been built C. was building D. built

4. It is nearly ten years _____ I saw her.

A. when B. since C. for D. while

5. Would you mind if I _____ a photo?

A. take B. took C. would take D. am going to take

6. Last week I _____ my children to the biggest zoo in town.

A. got B. brought C. fetch D. took

7. They _____ me if I could speak Japanese.

A. told B. said C. asked D. talked

8. Are you proud _____ your country and its tradition?

A. about B. on C. of D. for

9. Do you collect stamps or other things? - Yes, I am a stamp _____.

A. collecting B. collector C. collect D. collection

10. There were _____ flowers that I couldn't decide what to buy.

A. so many B. so few C. so little D. so much

11. She doesn't like Spanish _____ she has to study the language.

A. so B. though C. but D. when

12. It took him six years to _____ a doctor and now he is a good doctor.

A. make B. do C. qualify D. become

13. She asked me _____.

A. if I like pop music or not B. whether I like pop music or not
C. if I liked pop music or no D. if I liked pop music or not

14. My brother and I _____.

A. am having a wonderful time here B. am having a wonder time here
C. are having a wonderful time here D. are having a wonder tune here

15. Don't shout, dear. I can't _____ the shout!

A. stand B. sit C. listen D. hear

II. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses to complete the following sentences.

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1. Mary spent hours (repair) _____ her bike.
2. They advised him (not/ cross) _____ the street against the red lights.
3. He and his sister (not/ meet) _____ my friends since last Christmas.
4. _____ (she / work) here since she left school?
5. Everyone (read) _____ this novel, let us (discuss) _____ it.

III. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of words in brackets.

1. I know all the boys who live in my _____. (neighbor)
2. People in the countryside is _____. (friend)
3. All _____ between Paris and Hanoi have been cancelled due to fog. (fly)
4. Do you know the _____ of St Paul's Cathedral? (high)
5. Taxi drivers have to have a very good _____ on the street names. (know)
6. The hotel was large and _____. (comfort)
7. During his _____ the family lived in Cornwall. (child)
8. Every woman nowadays seems to want to lose _____. (weigh)
9. It's a nice shop and the assistants are all polite and very _____. (help)
10. The keys were locked inside the car. _____, a side window was open. (luck)

IV. Find the mistakes in the following sentence and correct them (one mistake in each sentence).

1. You know (A), it is difficult to me (B) to make him understand (C) what I mean (D).
2. My dear (A) friends, I wish (B) you will (C) visit us someday (D) this summer.
3. I will come and stay (A) with you (B) and your family (C) on March (D).
4. Let's (A) gathering (B) somewhere for a coffee (C) after this wonderful meeting (D).
5. I look (A) forward to hear (B) from (C) my mother in Singapore (D).
6. The collect (A) of stamps made (B) him become (C) famous in the country (D).
7. Let's practise (A) listening (B) to English (C) programs in the radio (D).
8. What about (A) play tennis (B) instead of (C) going to (D) the cinema?

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9. Don't turn on (A) the TV, please (B). I am so (C) tired to watch (D) it.

10. They turn in (A) the radio (B) to listen to (C) some news (D).

PART D. READING COMPREHENSION (15 pts)

I. Read the passage and choose the correct answer in the blanket

For many people, traveling by plane is an exciting experience. Others, however, find the whole idea quite terrifying, (1) _____ flying is no more dangerous (2) _____ any other form of travel and some experts say it is considerably safer. It is known, however, that most accident occurs (3) _____ taking off and landing when a (4) _____ decisions are vitally important. The people (5) _____ job it is to look (6) _____ the passengers, the stewards and stewardesses play an important part in helping passengers to (7) _____ safe and comfortable. Indeed for many passengers being (8) _____ such care of is all part of the total experience. (9) _____ other form of travel involves waiting for people in quite the same (10) _____, with food, drink, newspapers, magazines, music, and even video films.

1. A. although	B. too	C. and	D. because
2. A. than	B. as	C. then	D. with
3. A. while	B. during	C. for	D. through
4. A. leader's	B. chiefs	C. driver's	D. pilot's
5. A. whose	B. which	C. their	D. that
6. A. for	B. up	C. after	D. round
7. A. feel	B. rest	C. experience	D. lie
8. A. given	B. kept	C. shown	D. taken
9. A. Any	B. No	C. All	D. Not
10. A. way	B. kind	C. sort	D. part

II. Read the following passage then choose the correct answer for the questions below.

Every year people in many countries learn English. Some of them are young children. Others are teenagers. Many are adults. Some learn at school. Others study by themselves. A few learn English just by hearing the language in films, on television, in the office or among their friends. Most people must work hard to learn English.

Why do all these people learn English? It's not difficult to answer this question.

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Many boys and girls learn English at school because **it** is one of their subjects. Many adults learn English because it is useful for their work. Teenagers often learn English for their higher studies because some of their books are in English at the college or university. Other people learn English because they want to read newspapers or magazines in English.

1. According to the writer. English is learned by _____.

A. young children B. adults C. teenagers D. all are correct

2. In the line 2 of the second part, the word "**it**" refers to _____.

A. country B. young children C. English D. question

3. Where do many boys and girls learn English?

A. at home B. at school
C. in evening classes D. in the office

4. Why do adults learn English?

A. Because they want to see movies in English.
B. Because they need it for their job.
C. Because they are forced to learn it
D. Because it's not difficult to learn.

5. What of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

A. Children like reading English newspapers.
B. People in many countries learn English.
C. English is one subject in school.
D. Some books are written in English.

PART E: WRITING (30 pts)

1. Build sentences based on the words given.

- 1.** There/ used/ be/ church/ near/ post office/ my town.
- 2.** While/I/ open/ letter/,/phone/ ring.
- 3.** I/ be/ very pleased/ see/ Tom/ again/ after/ long time.
- 4.** You/ look/ thinner. You/ lose/ weight?
- 5.** You/ think/ you/ make/ radio/ work again?
- 6.** I/ buy/ book/ 5 days ago.
- 7.** A man/ said/girl/ there/ cafe/ nearby.
- 8.** When/ I/ see/ Nancy/ yesterday/ she/ drive/ car.
- 9.** They/ know/ each other/ 3 months.

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10. Nam's teacher/ teach/ him/ he/ come/ here/ 2000.

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. "Can you lend me some money?" Henry said to Susan.

→ Henry

2. Both of the chairs are uncomfortable.

→ Neither of

3. They will have to change the date of the meeting again.

→ The date

4. Peter spent three hours repainting his house.

→ It

5. They've lived here for six years.

→ They moved

6. I've never read a more romantic story.

→ It's the

7. Noone works harder than Barbara.

→ Barbara

8. I haven't met him for two years.

→ It's

9. Richard can cook very well.

→ Richard is a

10. The film's ending is dramatic.

→ The film

III. Paragraph writing. (10 points)

Participating in extracurricular activities plays an important role in students' life. Write a paragraph of about 180 words about the benefits of extracurricular activities.

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ĐỀ SỐ 16

Đề chọn HSG lớp 8 - Tỉnh Nam Định

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

PART A. LISTENING (5.0 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.
- Mở đầu và kết thúc phần nghe có tín hiệu nhạc, hướng dẫn đã có trong bài nghe.

Part 1. (2.0 points)

Listen to the recording twice. Complete the table below. Write ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

COOKERY CLASSES

Cookery Class	Focus	Other Information
Example The Food Studio	how to (1) _____ and cook with seasonal products	* small classes * also offers (2) _____ classes * clients who return get a (3) _____ percent discount
Bond's Cookery School	food that is (4) _____	* includes recipes to build up your (5) _____ * they have a free (6) _____ every Thursday evening
The _____ (7) Centre	mainly (8) _____ food	* located just by the (9) _____ * a special two-hour course in skills with a (10) _____ is sometimes available

Part 2 (2.0 points)

Questions 1-5. Complete the notes. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

BASIC DETAILS OF PROJECT

Example Pre-phase:	involves selecting rooms & (1) _____
Phase 1:	involve drawing (2) _____ time needed: 3 days staff involved: Jenna, Marco, & Fred

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Phase 2:	involve collecting, (3) _____ analysing, and preparing the final report time needed: (4) _____ staff involved: Mike, with (5) _____ from Leo
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Questions 6-10. Circle the correct letter A, B, or C.

6. The main form of data collection will be _____.

A. questionnaires

B. Internet polling

C. face-to-face interviews

7. To finish in time, the staff will have to _____.

A. come in early

B. work late

C. take some work home

8. The final report will contain _____.

A. three appendices

B. a supplementary booklet

C. material from the company website

9. The final report will be handed in on the _____.

A. 15th

B. 5th

C. 25th

10. At the end, there will be _____.

A. an office party

B. a restaurant dinner

C. presents for all involved

Part 3 (1.0 point)

Questions 1-5. Listen to a morning briefing and write true (T) if the sentence is correct or false (F) if the sentence is not correct. You will listen TWICE. There is an example at the beginning (0).

	STATEMENTS	T/F
0	The briefing will be short this morning.	T
1	The new head of department is starting this week.	
2	The car park will be closed for improvements.	
3	If you arrive early in the morning, you should not park in a small car park on Brown Street.	
4	There will be no parking in the church car park after 6 p.m.	
5	You can only pay with credit and debit cards in the canteen.	

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PART B. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (5.0 POINTS)

I. Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following sentences. (2.0 points)

1. She didn't do it herself. She got some workmen _____ it for her.
A. do B. done C. to do D. did
2. I was so pleased to have the _____ to visit your country.
A. opportunity B. necessity C. possible D. possibility
3. Tim had revised all his lessons. _____, he did very well on the test.
A. However B. In addition C. Therefore D. Moreover
4. Mrs. Linda paid \$2 for her meal, _____ she had thought it would cost.
A. not as much B. not so much C. less as D. not so many as
5. Hoa and her family had _____ to their home village.
A. two-days trip B. a two-day C. a two-day trip D. two-day trip trips
6. Mrs. Smith together with her sons _____ away for holiday.
A. go B. are C. were D. is
7. You _____ have seen my sister because I have no sister living on the other end of this city.
A. can't B. mustn't C. could D. must
8. - Lan: "I've had a very enjoyable summer holiday with my family."
- Ba: "_____."
A. I'm jealous of your holiday. B. No, I don't envy you.
C. That's great, thanks. D. I envy you.
9. You will become ill _____ you stop working so hard.
A. unless B. when C. provided that D. if
10. Several methods for preserving food _____ in the nineteenth century.
A. are covered B. was covered C. invented D. were invented

II. Give the correct form of the words given. Write your answers in the blanks. (2.0 points)

1. He enjoys _____ with friends and going out at the weekend.
(SOCIAL)
2. When you grow up, you'll feel you want more _____ and

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responsibility. **(DEPEND)**

3. _____, we hold the Spring Festival on the 15th of January in the lunar calendar. **(TRADITION)**

4. The scenery of the mountainous regions is peaceful and _____. **(PICTURE)**

5. He pushed against the rock with all his _____. **(STRONG)**

6. Some parents have unrealistic _____ for their children. **(EXPECT)**

7. Con Dao National Park helps raise the _____ of local residents about the importance of nature. **(AWARE)**

8. Teams should learn teamwork, and they should also have good _____ skills. **(COMMUNICATE)**

9. I cannot find my pen. It has _____ since I bought it. **(APPEAR)**

10. _____ are concerned about the threat to the Arctic's unique ecosystems. **(CONSERVE)**

III. Complete each sentence with the correct form of ONE of the phrasal verbs below. Write your answers in the blank. Each verb is used ONLY once. (1.0 point)

break with	come across	cheer up	look back on	turn up
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1. We were walking through the woods when we _____ a trap set by hunters.

2. We arranged to meet at 7:30, but she never _____.

3. Lan is from a family of teachers, but she _____ family tradition when she went to a medicine university.

4. Mr. Ha _____ when he heard the good news.

5. Whenever I _____ my childhood, I realize what a happy time it was.

PART C. READING (5.0 POINTS)

I. 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 points)

Man has always depended on plants for food **(1)** _____ many other useful products. For this reason, farming is one of the world's most important industries. At first, **(2)** _____ man did not know how to plant seeds and raise crops. He **(3)** _____ wild fruits and vegetables where he found them.

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The man discovered how to grow his own food. He (4) _____ seeds and waited for the crop to grow. For the first time, he could be reasonably sure of his food supply. He could settle down and set up shelters in the places (5) _____ he grew food.

As populations began to increase, the (6) _____ for food became greater. Old-fashioned tools and farming methods were insufficient in (7) _____ the demand, so man cultivated more and more land and invented complicated machines to make his work easier. Tractors replaced horses and other farm animals. Scientists studied and (8) _____ with plants. They told farmers how to control plant diseases, and how to grow bigger and better crops. Now one man, (9) _____ a wide knowledge of plants and the help of machines, can cultivate (10) _____ acres. He can raise plants which did not originally grow in the soil or climate of his community.

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. A. yet | B. so | C. and | D. but |
| 2. A. early | B. initial | C. primary | D. original |
| 3. A. complicated | B. gathered | C. assembled | D. amassed |
| 4. A. brought up | B. raised | C. grew | D. planted |
| 5. A. which | B. where | C. that | D. when |
| 6. A. demand | B. request | C. requirement | D. necessity |
| 7. A. taking | B. getting | C. meeting | D. achieving |
| 8. A. practiced | B. tried on | C. tested | D. experimented |
| 9. A. on | B. in | C. at | D. with |
| 10 A. hundreds | B. thousand of | C. hundreds of | D. ten of |

II. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions. (2.0 points)

An air pollutant is defined as a compound added directly or indirectly by human to the atmosphere in such quantities as to affect humans, animals, vegetation, or materials **adversely**. Air pollution requires a very flexible definition that permits continuous change. When the first air pollution laws were established in England in the fourteenth century, air pollutants were limited to compounds that could be seen or smelled – a far cry from the extensive list of harmful substances known today. As technology has developed and knowledge of the health aspects of various chemicals has increased, the list of air pollutants

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has lengthened. In the future, even water vapor might be considered an air pollutant under certain conditions.

Many of the more important air pollutants, such as sulfur oxides, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides, are found in nature. As the Earth developed, the concentration of these pollutants was altered by various chemical reactions; they became components in biogeochemical cycles. These serve as an air purification scheme by allowing the compounds to move from the air to the water or soil. On a global basis, nature's output of these compounds dwarfs that resulting from human activities.

However, human production usually occurs in a **localized** area, such as a city. In such a region, human output may be dominant and may temporarily overload the natural purification scheme of the cycles. The result is an increased concentration of noxious chemicals in the air. The concentrations at which the adverse effects appear will be greater than the concentrations that the pollutants would have in the absence of human activities. The actual concentration need not be large for a substance to be a pollutant; in fact, the numerical value tells us little until we know how much of an increase this represents over the concentration that would occur naturally in the area. For example, sulfur dioxide has detectable health effects at 0.08 part per million (p.p.m.), which is about 400 times its natural level.

(Adapted from: A Collection of - TOEFL Reading - Comprehension Tests)

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?
 - A. What constitutes an air pollutant.
 - B. The economic impact of air pollution.
 - C. How much harm air pollutants can cause.
 - D. The effects of compounds added to the atmosphere.
2. The word "**adversely**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. quickly
 - B. negatively
 - C. admittedly
 - D. considerably
3. It can be inferred from the first paragraph that _____.
 - A. water vapor is an air pollutant in localized areas
 - B. most air pollutants today can be seen or smelled
 - C. a substance becomes an air pollutant only in cities
 - D. the definition of air pollution will continue to change
4. Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

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- A.** In nature, we find many of the more important air pollutants.
- B.** The list of air pollutants has lengthened, due to the development of technology.
- C.** The Earth is developed by various chemical reactions.
- D.** England established the first air pollution laws in the 14th century.
- 5.** For which of the following reasons can natural pollutants play an important role in controlling air pollution?
- A.** They occur in greater quantities than other pollutants.
- B.** They function as part of a purification process.
- C.** They are less harmful to living beings than other pollutants.
- D.** They have existed since the Earth developed.
- 6.** According to the passage, human-generated air pollution in localized regions _____.
- A.** can overwhelm the natural system that removes pollutants
- B.** can be dwarfed by nature's output of pollutants
- C.** will damage humans outside of the localized regions
- D.** will react forcefully with natural pollutants
- 7.** The word "**localized**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A.** circled **B.** specified **C.** surrounded **D.** encircled
- 8.** According to the passage, the numerical value of the concentration level of a substance is only useful if _____.
- A.** the other substances in the area are known
- B.** it is in a localized area
- C.** it can be calculated quickly
- D.** the natural level is also known
- 9.** What is TRUE according to the passage?
- A.** The air decreased concentration of noxious chemicals.
- B.** There are no noxious chemicals in the air.
- C.** Sulfur dioxide has measurable health effects at 0.08 part per million.
- D.** Biogeochemical cycles cannot serve as an air purification scheme.
- 10.** Which of the following is best supported by the passage?
- A.** To effectively control pollution, local government should regularly review their air pollution laws.
- B.** One of the most important steps in preserving natural lands is to better

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enforce air pollution laws.

C. Human activities have been effective in reducing air pollution.

D. Scientists should be consulted in order to establish uniform limits for all air pollutants.

III. Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in the reading passage. Write:

True (T) if the statement agrees with the claims of the writer.

False (F) if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer.

NOT GIVEN (NG) if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this.

Write your answers in the box provided. (1.0 point)

Studying the Benefits of Cacao

Used to make chocolate and a range of other cacao products, cacao beans are actually the seeds of the cacao tree, which grows throughout the tropical regions of Central and South America. Eating these seeds has long been thought to have positive effects on people's health. Cacao is generally considered to be a good source of antioxidants including flavonoids, which can stop or prevent cell damage. One study conducted by Cornell University has discovered that a cup of hot cocoa, a warm chocolate drink made from cacao, has far more antioxidants than a similar serving of red wine or tea. Indeed, eating or drinking some chocolate is a good way to get a regular dose of cacao, the positive effects of which offset the calories if consumed in moderation.

Scientists have also studied the effects of consuming cacao on rates of heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, with some surprising results. Norman Hollenberg, a professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School, conducted a study on the Kuna people in Panama, who drink more than five cups of cacao every day. Hollenberg discovered that four of the five most common fatal diseases - strokes, heart failure, cancer and diabetes - were much less common among the Kuna than among other Panamanian people. While Hollenberg's study is fascinating, the observational nature of his research means his findings do not indicate scientific proof that cacao would have the same benefits for everyone. The isolation of the Kuna people from the outside world also makes Hollenberg's research results questionable. Nevertheless, it is apparent that cacao intake does have some link with reduced rates of disease. Therefore, although further

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studies need to be carried out on how exactly cacao affects the body, more people should consider eating it regularly.

STATEMENTS	T/ F/ NG
1. There are a higher number of antioxidants in cacao than wine.	_____
2. Regularly eating large amounts of chocolate is beneficial.	_____
3. The Kuna people rely on cacao for many essential nutrients.	_____
4. Cancer is the only disease that is less common among the Kuna.	_____
5. The Kuna's isolation raises questions about the claim that eating cacao is beneficial to everyone.	_____

PART D. WRITING (5.0 POINTS)

I. Finish each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the clues at the beginning of each sentence.

There's an example at the beginning (0). (1.6 points)

Example: It takes him at least three hours a day to chat on Facebook.

→ Every day he spends at least three hours chatting on Facebook.

1. "If you don't go out, we'll phone the police.," said to the kidnappers.

→ The woman threatened

2. Our mother used to make us clean the house.

→ We were always

3. He speaks too much and people feel bored.

→ The more

4. Miss Hoa left the house after saying goodbye to her parents.

→ After Miss Hoa

5. I had just arrived when I was told to go back.

→ Scarcely

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6. I don't have much free time, so I can't visit you more often.

→ _____ If _____ I _____

7. It was cold in the morning, so the children went to school in heavy clothes.

→ _____ Because _____ of _____

8. Jane had terrible problems with solving this math problem.

→ _____ Jane _____ could _____

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one, using the word given. Do not change the given words in brackets. You must use NO MORE THAN FOUR WORDS, including the given word. There is an example at the beginning (0) (1.4 points)

Example: Turning down that job was very foolish of you. **(FOOL)**

→ You were a fool to turn down that job.

1. I couldn't go to work because of the transport strike. (PREVENTED)

→ I _____ to work by the transport strike.

2. We drove away as fast as we could, ready to begin our adventure. (FULL)

→ We drove _____, ready to begin our adventure.

3. That play really affected me. (IMPRESSION)

→ _____ That _____ play _____ really _____ me.

4. Given that he has no experience, will Mr. Ba be able to do this job? (AFFECT)

→ Will Mr. Ba's _____ to do this job?

5. It was wrong of you to borrow my book without asking. (HAVE)

→ You _____ for permission before you borrowed my book.

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6. Hoa wasn't able to leave her room because of the terrible rain. (IMPOSSIBLE)

→ The terrible rain _____ Hoa to
leave her room.

7. Though the students weren't listening, Miss Lan didn't get angry.

(ATTENTION)

→ Though the students _____ what Miss Lan was saying, she didn't get angry.

III. Paragraph writing. (2.0 points)

Online shopping is a popular way of buying goods and services from the comfort of your home. However, it also has some disadvantages that you should be aware of.

Write a paragraph of 150-180 words about the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping.

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Đề kiểm tra chất lượng HSG lớp 8 - huyện Lý Nhân, tỉnh Hà Nam

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

SECTION I: LISTENING

Part 1. You will hear a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called Krispy with his sister Mel. Choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. When Nick and Mel were younger, _____.
A. they study 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 music together, they _____.
A. disagreed about the style they should have
B. didn't want to be the same as other bands
C. were influenced by different kinds of music
3. The band Krispy was started after _____.
A. Nick began studying at music school
B. two other musicians heard Nick and Mel playing
C. Nick and Mel advertised for the band members
4. In the band's first year together, _____.
A. concert audience liked their music
B. they signed a recording contract
C. their national tour was very successful
5. 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 is no opportunity for them to relax together.
6. 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.

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Part 2. Listen to Jack and Mark talking about a new sports center. Which sport can they do each day at the center?

Days	Sports	Your answers
(0) Monday	A. badminton	(0) - D
1. Tuesday	B. basketball	(1) - _____
2. Wednesday	C. football	(2) - _____
3. Thursday	D. golf	(3) - _____
4. Friday	E. hockey	(4) - _____
5. Saturday	F. swimming	(5) - _____
	G. tennis	
	H. volleyball	

Part 3. Listen to a conversation about the Go Green Club. Answer the questions or complete the answers with no more than TWO WORDS and/or a number. You will listen TWICE.

1. How many members did Go Green have when it was founded?

- _____

2. What is the purpose of Go Green?

- To raise people's awareness about _____.

3. What is Go Green's regular activity?

- _____ at Hoan Kiem Lake.

4. What is Go Green's activity every three months?

- Organize a _____.

5. What is an Ecobag?

- It is made from _____ materials.

SECTION II: PHONETICS

Part 1. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others by circling A, B, C or D.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A. <u>h</u> obby | B. <u>h</u> onest | C. <u>h</u> umour | D. <u>h</u> ole |
| 2. A. <u>e</u> xhaust | B. <u>e</u> xhibit | C. <u>e</u> xist | D. <u>e</u> xhibition |
| 3. A. <u>s</u> pecial | B. <u>d</u> ictionary | C. <u>o</u> fficial | D. <u>s</u> ocial |
| 4. A. <u>m</u> oustache | B. <u>m</u> achinery | C. <u>c</u> hampagne | D. <u>c</u> hampion |
| 5. A. <u>t</u> emperature | B. <u>e</u> ffect | C. <u>m</u> ysterious | D. <u>i</u> ncredible |

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Part 2. Choose the word that has a different stress pattern from the others.

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. A. academic | B. reputation | C. experience | D. intermediate |
| 2. A. foreign | B. practice | C. examine | D. language |
| 3. A. affect | B. pollute | C. effect | D. litter |
| 4. A. individual | B. comparison | C. electrify | D. biologist |
| 5. A. absolutely | B. temperature | C. contamination | D. atmosphere |

SECTION III: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Question 1. Choose the best answer to finish each of the following sentences.

- The organization is distributing food to the earthquake _____.
A. movers B. helpers C. rescuers D. victims
- I believe that our new manager has the _____ to work well in this business environment.
A. inflexible B. flexibly C. flexibility D. flexible
- Typhoon Haiyan made the damage and _____ of life became great in the Philippines.
A. lose B. loses C. losing D. loss
- When my parents traveled to Singapore, they bought me a/an _____ piano.
A. ancient precious wood B. wooden ancient precious
C. wooden precious ancient D. precious ancient wooden
- Yesterday I went to the garage near my house to _____.
A. have my car serviced B. have my car service
C. get my car to service D. get my car service
- The earthquake caused damage to _____ that was estimated at \$6 million.
A. money B. property C. possession D. belonging
- Mary seldom does exercises at school, _____?
A. isn't she B. doesn't she C. is she D. does she
- I've _____ an idea about our environment project.
A. led to B. come up with C. given D. caused
- It is almost _____ to keep up with the latest development in computing.
A. impossible B. possible C. possibility D. possibly

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10. Nothing could stop her from reaching her goal. She was _____.
A. determined B. effective C. thoughtful D. interested
11. A number of other provinces will declare drought _____ in the coming weeks.
A. accident B. emergency C. event D. situation
12. John is talking to Sally about the news he watched on TV last night.
- John: "The whole village was submerged in the flood."
- Sally: " _____ "
A. That's awful! B. _____ That's C. My fault. D. That's a relief!
surprising!
13. Our actions can have a significant impact on the environment.
A. effect B. ignore C. weakness D. donation
14. - Jenny: "Thank you very much for your donation, Mr. Robinson."
- Mr. Robinson: " _____ "
A. You can say that again. B. I see.
C. You are right. D. Delighted I was able to help.
15. "Is it far to Stamford?" - "It's only _____ from here."
A. stone's cut B. short cut
C. bird's eye view D. step in the right direction

Question 2. Supply the correct tense/form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Can you imagine what I **(come)** _____ across when I **(roll)** _____ up the carpet yesterday?
2. What you **(do)** _____ if you **(give)** _____ \$1,000,000?
3. The last time Minh **(see)** _____ in the public, he **(wear)** _____ a red suit.
4. Next week, I'm busy **(help)** _____ my students with their homework. What you **(do)** _____ at that time?
5. The teacher asked those who **(complete)** _____ their tests **(turn)** _____ in their papers.

Question 3. Supply the correct form of the words in parentheses.

1. A fairy appeared and _____ changed her old clothes. **(MAGIC)**
2. The policy is _____ and so will cost the government a lot of money. **(ECONOMY)**
3. We are continuing to pour billions of tons of _____ into the

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atmosphere every year. **(POLLUTE)**

4. His boss told him off because he had behaved _____.

(RESPONSIBLE)

5. _____ is very important in scientific experiments. **(ACCURATE)**

6. You must realize that such _____ cannot be tolerated. **(OBEY)**

7. Our visit to Cuc Phuong National Park last week was an _____ experience. **(FORGET)**

8. You shouldn't touch another person's head because it's _____.

(RESPECT)

9. There are different kinds of _____ provided throughout Disneyland. **(ENTERTAIN)**

10. _____ are doing their best to make us aware of the danger of all pollution. **(ENVIRONMENT)**

Question 4. Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to show the underlined part that needs correction.

1. Although **(A)** colour is a minor **(B)** factor in soil composition, it is excellent **(C)** characteristic by which we can distinguish different soil layers **(D)**.

2. The **(A)** printing press makes it possibly **(B)** to print books more cheaply **(C)** and more quickly than ever before **(D)**.

3. We all **(A)** think that she will be suitable for **(B)** the work because she has been working **(C)** like **(D)** a secretary for a long time.

4. Almost **(A)** medical doctors have had **(B)** some training **(C)** in **(D)** psychology and psychiatry.

5. Not one **(A)** in one hundred children exposed to **(B)** the disease are **(C)** likely to develop symptoms **(D)** of it.

6. The children forgot picking **(A)** up the note **(B)** from **(C)** the office and now they are **(D)** worried.

7. Of all **(A)** mammals, dolphins are undoubtedly **(B)** between **(C)** the friendliest **(D)** to humans.

8. Harmony **(A)**, melody and rhythm are **(B)** important elements in mostly **(C)** forms of **(D)** music.

9. Only by reading **(A)** carefully and slowly that you can **(B)** understand what **(C)** the manual says **(D)**.

10. A galaxy, where it may **(A)** include billions **(B)** of stars, is held **(C)** together

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(D) by gravitational attraction.

SECTION IV: READING

Question 1. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Not everybody recognizes the benefits of new developments **(1)** _____ communication technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative **(2)** _____ on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at **(3)** _____ of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. **(4)** _____ in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about **(5)** _____ to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each **(6)** _____ with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The readings made by the sensors will be automatically **(7)** _____ into text messages and beamed to the Internet. The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to **(8)** _____ aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny 'pigeon kit' containing all these gadgets. Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, **(9)** _____ from the camera, which will hang around its neck. The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the form of a map, which will provide local residents with up-to-the-minute **(10)** _____ on their local air quality.

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. A. in | B. for | C. with | D. to |
| 2. A. outcome | B. consequence | C. effect | D. result |
| 3. A. danger | B. threat | C. risk | D. jeopardy |
| 4. A. Therefore | B. What's more | C. Whereas | D. That is |
| 5. A. taking | B. take | C. to taking | D. to take |
| 6. A. armed | B. loaded | C. granted | D. stocked |
| 7. A. adapted | B. converted | C. revised | D. applied |
| 8. A. capture | B. catch | C. seize | D. grab |
| 9. A. instead | B. except | C. apart | D. besides |
| 10. A. inform | B. information | C. informative | D. informed |

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Question 2. Fill in each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.

Most people think of computers as very modern inventions, products of our new technological age. But actually, the idea for computers was **(1)** _____ out over two centuries ago by a man **(2)** _____ Charles Babbage.

Babbage was born in 1791 and **(3)** _____ up to be a brilliant mathematician. He drew up plans for several calculating machines **(4)** _____ he called “engines”. But despite the fact that he **(5)** _____ building some of these, he never finished any of them. Over the years, people have argued **(6)** _____ his machines would ever work. Recently, however, the Science Museum in London has finished building an engine based **(7)** _____ one of Babbage’s designs.

It has **(8)** _____ 6 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 to **(10)** _____ people of Babbage’s work.

Question 3. Read the passage below and choose the best answer from the four options marked A, B, C or D.

Do you feel like your teenager is spending most of the day glued to a phone screen? You’re not too far off. A new survey from the Pew Research Center reveals the surprising ways that technology **intersects** with teen friendships - and the results show that 57 percent of teens have made at least one new friend online. Even more surprisingly, only 20 percent of those **digital** friends ever meet in person.

While teens do connect with their friends face-to-face outside of school, they spend 55 percent of their day texting with friends, and only 25 percent of teens are spending actual time with their friends on a daily basis (outside of school hallways). These new forms of communication are key in maintaining friendships day-to-day - 27 percent of teens instant message their friends every day, 23 percent connect through social media every day, and 7 percent even video chat daily. Text messaging remains the main form of communication - almost half of survey respondents say it’s their chosen method of communication with their closest friend.

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While girls are more likely to text with their close friends, boys are meeting new friends (and maintaining friendships) in the gaming world-89 percent play with friends they know, and 54 percent play with online-only friends. Whether they're close with their teammates or not, online gamers say that playing makes them feel "more connected" to friends they know, or gamers they've never met.

When making new friends, social media has also become a major part of the teenage identity-62 percent of teens are quick to share their social media usernames when connecting with a new friend (although 80 percent still consider their phone number the best method of contact). Despite the negative consequences-21 percent of teenage users feel worse about their lives because of posts they see on social media - teens also have found support and connection through various platforms. In fact, 68 percent of teens received support during a challenging time in their lives via social media platforms.

Just as technology has become a gateway for new friendships, or a channel to stay connected with current friends, it can also make a friendship **breakup** more public. The study reveals that girls are more likely to block or unfriend former allies, and 68 percent of all teenage users report experiencing "drama among their friends on social media."

1. The word "**digital**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
A. analogue **B.** numeracy **C.** numerous **D.** online
2. The following sentences are true, EXCEPT _____.
A. Most teenagers use video chat to maintain relationship with friends
B. New forms of communication play an important role in keeping friendships
C. According to the survey, more than half of teens have ever made new friends online
D. Teens only meet face-to-face one fifth of online friends they have made
3. What can be inferred from the passage?
A. The majority of teenage users agree that social media has negative consequences in their lives.
B. Thanks to social media, more than two thirds of teens are supported when they face with challenges in their lives.
C. Boys are more likely to meet new friends than girls.
D. Most teens are not easy to give others their usernames when making new

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friends.

4. The word “**intersects**” in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. interrupts B. generates C. maintains D. involves

5. According to the passage, what is the proportion of teenagers experiencing daily online communication?

- A. 27 percent B. 57 percent C. 7 percent D. 23 percent

6. According to the passage, what percentage of teens spend actual time with their friends?

- A. 23 percent B. 25 percent C. 27 percent D. 55 percent

7. What does the writer mean when saying: 68 percent of all teenage users report experiencing “**drama among their friends on social media**”?

- A. Most teenagers take part in drama on social media.
B. Most friends on social media of teens are reported in drama.
C. Most teenagers use their experience in drama with their friends on social media.
D. Most teenagers have ever had conflicts with friends on social media.

8. What is the synonym of the word “**breakup**” in the last paragraph?

- A. commencing B. popularity C. termination D. divorce

9. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. A larger number of teens are reluctant to give others their online usernames.
B. Most teenage users agree that social media has negative consequences in their lives.
C. More than two-thirds of teens are helped online when facing challenges in their lives.
D. It is less likely that boys are going to make new relationships faster than girls.

10. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The difference of making new friends between girls and boys.
B. Social media connects friendship.
C. Social media affects friendship too much.
D. Teenagers are making and keeping friends in a surprising way.

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SECTION V: WRITING

Question 1. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

1. If we can solve the problem of the traffic sooner, people will suffer less.

→ The sooner

2. The only way you can become a good athlete is to train hard every day.

→ Only by

3. We will solve the problem of energy shortage by using solar energy.

→ The problem

4. "I'm sorry, I gave you the wrong number," Paul said to Susan.

→ Paul apologized

5. One runner was too exhausted to complete the last lap of the race.

→ One runner was so

6. I had only just put the phone down when the boss rang back.

→ Hardly

7. I strongly disapproved of your behavior. However, I will help you this time.

→ Despite my

8. I only recognized the man in a black suit when he came into the light.

→ Not until the man

9. You should read guidelines for the new tsunami carefully.

→ It's

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10. It's impossible for me not to laugh when he starts singing.

→ _____ I _____ can't _____ help

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Question 2. Use the given word to write the second sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. Do not change the form of the given word.

1. They were unable to finish their game of badminton because of the heavy rain.

(FROM)

→ _____

2. The service at the hotel wasn't as good as I expected. **(COME)**

→ _____ The _____ service _____ at _____ the _____ hotel

3. I don't really like her even though I admire her achievement. **(MUCH)**

→ _____

4. The flight to Ho Chi Minh City lasted one hour and a half. **(TOOK)**

→ _____

5. Hoa cannot get a good job because she does not have any qualifications. **(IF)**

→ _____

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Question 3. It is said that robots will soon replace teachers at schools. Do you agree or disagree with this idea? Write a composition to express your idea. (about 200 - 220 words)

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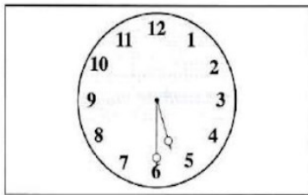
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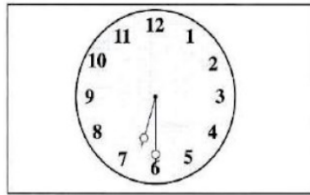
SECTION A: LISTENING

Part 1. For each question, choose the correct picture.

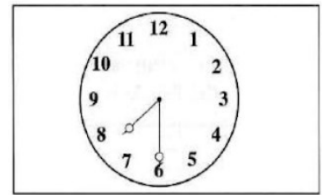
1. What time will the taxi arrive at the woman's house?



A ☐

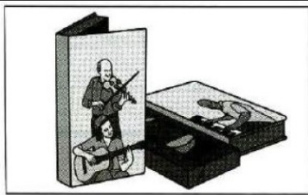


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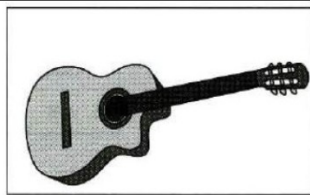


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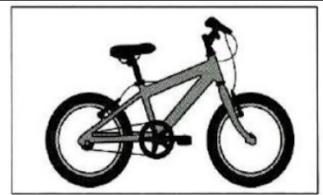
2. What will they give George?



A ☐

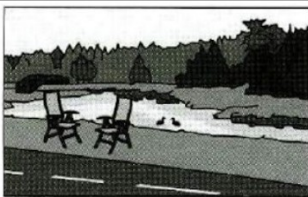


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C ☐

3. Where will they sit?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

4. What size does the woman buy?

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A ☐

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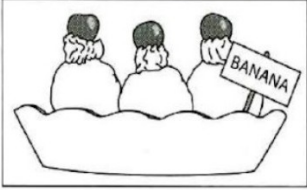
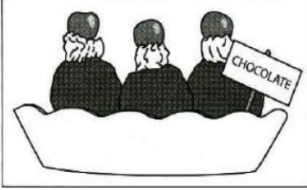
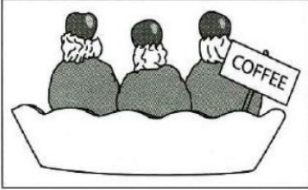
B ☐

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C ☐

5. Which ice cream will they have?

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A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2. Listen to Sam talking to her friend Paul about a play. What will each person help with? Write a letter A-H next to each person.

People	Help with
6. Marco <input type="checkbox"/>	A. clothes
7. Mary <input type="checkbox"/>	B. actors
8. Robert <input type="checkbox"/>	C. lights
9. Ivanna <input type="checkbox"/>	D. dancers
10. Diego <input type="checkbox"/>	E. instruments
	F. photographs
	G. tickets
	H. singers

Part 3. You will hear a manager, Victoria, talking to her assistant, Daniel, about the company building. Choose the correct answer.

11. How will staff find out about the new building?

- A. in an email
- B. at a meeting
- C. at a company meal

12. Why is the company moving to a new building?

- A. to save money
- B. to be in the town center
- C. to have larger offices

13. When will staff start working in the new building?

- A. the end of May
- B. the beginning of July
- C. the middle of August

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14. What does Daniel think the staff will enjoy most about the new area?

- A. the restaurant
- B. the shops
- C. the gym

15. What does Daniel need to order next?

- A. keys
- B. signs
- C. furniture

Part 4. Complete the note below. Write one word and/or a number for each answer.

CLASS TRIP

When: Tomorrow
Where: the (16) _____ Museum
Time we leave: (17) _____ a.m.
Meet at the: (18) _____
Bring: (19) _____
Cost: (20) £ _____

SECTION B: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Part 1. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes each of the following exchanges.

1. I don't know that because I _____ today's newspaper yet.

- A. don't read B. am not reading C. haven't read D. didn't read

2. _____ his exhaustion, he won the marathon by nearly three minutes.

- A. In spite B. Despite C. Although D. However

3. We took _____ of the fine weather and spent the day on the beach.

- A. chance B. advantage C. occasion D. effect

4. Sorry, but that book is _____. We'll get some copies from the publisher next Monday.

- A. out of print B. out of order C. off shelf D. out of stock

5. While my father was watching TV, the light _____ out.

- A. was going B. went C. go D. to go

6. I suggest that we _____ some money for poor children.

- A. to raise B. raising C. raised D. should raise

7. Her mother has just bought a _____ car for her.

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- A. Italian beautiful black B. beautiful black Italian
C. black Italian beautiful D. black beautiful Italian

8. Thomas and Peter are meeting after a long time.

Thomas: "How have you been recently?" Peter: "_____."

- A. I am going on holiday next week. B. By car, usually
C. I am working here D. Pretty busy, I think

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following question.

9. I'm sorry I can't come out this weekend - I'm up to my ears in work.

- A. very busy B. very bored C. very scared D. very idle

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following question.

10. A new study suggests that artificial sweeteners are linked to weight gain - not weight loss - as well as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.

- A. traditional B. unhealthy C. innovative D. natural

Part 2. There are 10 mistakes in the following passage. Identify the mistakes and write the corrections in the corresponding numbered boxes.

When Vicky Harmiston was a child, her parents gave her and her brother Jamie the free to decide what they did in their spare time. Vicky chose to do lots of difference sports. She was a good swimmer, and the coach at the swimming club she went to thought she might be good enough to become a championship. But the club was a long way from her home, so it was difficult for her fitting the training around her schoolwork. When they were teenager, Jamie, who loved cycling, bought himself a special track-racing bike and started taking part on competitions. Vicky thought it looked very excited and decided to try it for herself. She says that was the better decision she ever made. Soon she was cycling every day and doing really well. The track was near her school, which meant it was no problem for her to attend training sessions after school every day. Vicky went on to have successful career in track cycling and won several competition. Then, when she was 28, she retired from competitive cycling. Vicky told me: "For years I'd loved winning competitions but I began to get a bit tired of the whole thing - and when the excitement stops, there's no point. Lucky, I went

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on to have a new career."

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

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION

Part 1. Read the following passage and decide which option A, B, C, or D best fits each space.

People today are probably more concerned about food than ever before. We worry about eating foods that **(1)** _____ too much fat or carbohydrates, and so we cut **(2)** _____ on things like meat, bread, potatoes, and dairy **(3)** _____. The problem with making dramatic changes to our eating **(4)** _____ like these is that we may also be cutting out good **(5)** _____ of iron or other vitamins and minerals. Suddenly we start feeling tired and irritable. The secret of a **(6)** _____ diet is to reduce foods that are **(7)** _____ in cholesterol while, at the same time, eating those that are **(8)** _____ in calcium and iron like soy protein, sesame seeds, spinach, and broccoli. Eating well does not mean that you should cut out all your **(9)** _____ foods; it just means eating sensibly and trying to avoid too much **(10)** _____ food!

1. A. hold	B. contain	C. enclose	D. carry
2. A. out	B. off	C. down	D. up
3. A. products	B. specimens	C. examples	D. samples
4. A. customs	B. rules	C. norms	D. habits
5. A. bases	B. origins	C. sources	D. causes
6. A. balanced	B. neutral	C. steady	D. solid
7. A. large	B. tall	C. high	D. big
8. A. strong	B. rich	C. full	D. wealthy
9. A. preferred	B. lovely	C. favourite	D. admired
10. A. rubbish	B. junk	C. trash	D. garbage

Part 2. Fill each blank with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in the numbered blanks provided below the passage.

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The idea of World Music day or Fete de la Musique began in France **(1)** _____ the 1980s but has quickly spread across the globe and is now celebrated **(2)** _____ 21st June in over 120 countries. **(3)** _____ American musician, Joe Cohen, who was working for a French radio station, first came up **(4)** _____ the idea for a music festival that everyone could enjoy and take **(5)** _____ in. He suggested an all-night music festival **(6)** _____ celebrate the summer solstice (the longest day). The French minister for culture liked the idea and it first became reality in June 1982. The main idea behind the festival is that music is a great way to bring people together regardless **(7)** _____ their nationality, ethnic and cultural background or age. It was extremely popular, particularly because all the events were free.

Today the event is celebrated in cities **(8)** _____ far apart as Potsdam and Osaka, New York and Sydney. The day does not **(9)** _____ involve individual musicians but also orchestra, cultural organizations, and schools. The best thing about the festival is that musicians are encouraged to perform outside the usual music venues and concert halls. Whole towns **(10)** _____ turned into huge outdoor concerts. And every kind of music is on offer. You can hear classical music, jazz bands, rock groups, pop bands, folk music and singersongwriters all in the same place, and all for free.

Part 3. Read the passage below and choose the best answer to each question.

In 1826, a Frenchman named Niépce needed pictures for his business. He was not a good artist, so he invented a very simple camera. He put it in a window of his house and took a picture of his yard. That was the first photograph. The next important date in the history of photography was 1837. That year, Daguerre, another Frenchman, took a picture of his studio. He used a new kind of camera and a different process. In his pictures, you could see everything clearly, even the smallest details. This kind of photograph was called a daguerreotype.

Soon, other people began to use Daguerre's process. Travelers brought back daguerreotypes from all around the world. People photographed famous buildings, cities, and mountains.

In about 1840, the process was improved. Then photographers could take pictures of people and moving things. The process was not simple, and photographers had to carry lots of film and processing equipment. However, **this**

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did not stop photographers, especially in the United States. After 1840, daguerreotype artists were popular in most cities.

Matthew Brady was one well-known American photographer. He took many portraits of famous people. The portraits were unusual because they were lifelike and full of personality. Brady was also the first person to take pictures of a war. His 1862 Civil War pictures showed dead soldiers and **ruined** cities. They made the war seem more real and more terrible.

In the 1880s, new inventions began to change photography. Photographers could buy film ready-made in rolls, instead of having to make the film themselves. Also, they did not have to process the film immediately. They could bring it back to their studios and develop it later. They did not have to carry lots of equipment. And finally, the invention of the small **handheld** camera made photography less expensive.

With a small camera, anyone could be a photographer. People began to use cameras just for fun. They took pictures of their families, friends, and favorite places. They called these pictures “snapshots”.

Documentary photographs became popular in newspapers in the 1890s. Soon magazines and books also used them. These pictures showed true events and people. They were much more real than drawings. Some people began to think of photography as a form of art. They thought that photography could do more than show the real world. It could also show ideas and feelings, like other art forms.

1. The first photograph was taken with _____.

- A. a small handheld camera
- B. a very simple camera
- C. a daguerreotype
- D. new types of film

2. Daguerre took a picture of his studio with _____.

- A. a new kind of camera
- B. a very simple camera
- C. special equipment
- D. an electronic camera

3. The word “**this**” in the passage refers to the _____.

- A. carrying of lots of film and processing equipment
- B. stopping of photographers from taking photos
- C. fact that daguerreotype artists were popular in most cities
- D. taking of pictures of people and moving things

4. The word “**ruined**” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. poorly painted
- B. heavily polluted
- C. terribly spoiled
- D. badly

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damaged

5. The word “**lifelike**” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. moving B. realistic C. touching D. manlike

6. The latest invention mentioned in the passage is the invention of _____.

- A. handheld cameras B. processing equipment
C. daguerreotypes D. rolls of film

7. The word “**handheld**” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. handling manually B. held by hand
C. controlling hands D. operated by hand

8. Matthew Brady was well-known for _____.

- A. inventing daguerreotypes B. the small handheld camera
C. taking pictures of French cities D. portraits and war photographs

9. As mentioned in the passage, photography can _____.

- A. print old pictures B. convey ideas and feelings
C. show the underworld D. replace drawings

10. Which of the following could best serve as the title of the passage?

- A. Different Steps in Film Processing B. Story of Photography
C. Photography and Painting D. Story of Famous Photographers

Part 4. The people below all want to find a castle to visit. Decide which castle would be the most suitable for the people below.

1. Alan is keen on history and wants to visit a castle that was the site of well-known historical events. He'd like the castle to be near the coast, with tours led by a guide.

2. Yoshiko wants to see a castle that people are still living in. She loves visiting beautiful gardens and would like to explore interesting places in the castle.

3. Paulo and Maria collect antiques, so want to visit a castle that still has some of its original furniture on display, and hear about the building's history. They also want something that's particularly suitable for young children.

4. Kerim wants somewhere with a great historical atmosphere, with typical food from the past to try, and people dressed in costume. He'd also like to see art that's been in the castle for centuries.

5. Jake and his brother have always wanted to visit the ruins of a castle surrounded by water, with great views. Jake also wants to learn about any wildlife living in and around the castle.

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These are descriptions of eight castles for people wanting to join:

Castles to visit

A. Durston Castle

Durston Castle has a valuable art collection, secret tunnels - one leading to the beach - and visitors mustn't miss the unusual rooms deep beneath the castle walls. Because the building is the Durston family's home, some parts cannot be visited - but you can sit on the grass under the trees and admire the flower beds and fountains. There's a play area for children too.

B. Castle Woodward

At Castle Woodward, you can experience what life was like at the time it was built. Staff wear clothes typical of the time and offer everyone tasty snacks made using recipes from different periods of history. Inside, the walls are covered with original paintings of the generations of people who've lived in the castle.

C. Castle Hemsworth

Castle Hemsworth's guides, dressed in historical costumes, give visitors information about the traditional castle building, towers and gardens. Wild horses live nearby. Inside, the castle looks unchanged, with old furniture and portraits of people who've lived here.

D. Castle of Marlin

Only a few parts of the ancient castle of Marlin are left, but you can still visit some underground rooms and see beautiful countryside from the high tower. The castle is in the middle of a lake and has lovely gardens. There are talks about the castle, and the bats, birds and butterflies that have made Marlin their home.

E. Chartsmouth Castle

Chartsmouth Castle was once owned and lived in by kings. Visitors love exploring the rooms, some of which have hidden tunnels. You can see the sea from the top of the walls, and younger visitors will love the outdoor games.

F. Carston Castle

Experts at the ruins of Carston Castle will show you around and give you information, and offer you 17th-century snacks! Hear how the building was once the scene of famous battles and is now home to a variety of wildlife. And from the south side, there are fantastic sea views.

G. Rushford Castle

This is an old castle on the coast which is a popular local attraction. The Rushford

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Castle café in the walls serves food typical of the castle's history. Inside, there are beautiful rooms with antique tables and clocks. Outside, visitors can see a wide variety of wildlife.

H. Sawbridge Castle

This castle was built in 1712 on an island in a lake. Inside, you can still see beautifully designed beds, tables and other objects once used by families living there. Put on headphones and listen to information about the history of Sawbridge Castle. Visitors of all ages will love the toy museum in the gardens.

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____
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SECTION D: WRITING

Part 1 (5 points). 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 words given.

1. He studied history because he wanted to be a teacher. **(VIEW)**

He _____ studied _____ history _____ a teacher.

2. You can borrow my book, but you must promise to return it by Monday. **(LONG)**

You can borrow my book _____ to return it by Monday.

3. She has a good relationship with her assistant. **(WELL)**

She _____ with her assistant.

4. They are too young to stay out late. **(ENOUGH)**

They _____ to stay out late.

5. She got the part even though she didn't have much acting experience. **(OF)**

In _____ much acting experience, she got the part.

Part 2. This is part of a letter you receive from an English friend, Jane.

My favourite subject at school is history. I don't like science. What subjects do you study? What's your favourite? And what subjects don't you like?

Now write a letter to Jane, answering her questions.

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Write your letter in about 100 - 120 words on your answer sheet.

Use **Linh** as your name.

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Part 3. Choose ONE of the following options:

Option 1: Your English teacher has asked you to write a story (150-180 words) for your school story writing competition. Your story **MUST** begin with the following sentence:

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When Sharon arrived, everyone was really surprised to see her.

Option 2: Write an essay (200-250 words) about the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.

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Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

PART A: LISTENING (15 points)

Part 1. You will hear an interview, with a teenager called Amy Manero, who is talking about her interest in music, particularly jazz piano. Choose the correct answer from A, B or C for each question. You will hear the recording twice.

1. When did Amy have lessons with a piano teacher?
 - A. at the age of four.
 - B. before she started secondary school.
 - C. after getting advice from her school music teacher.
2. How did Amy feel at her first big public event?
 - A. excited because she was wearing a wonderful costume.
 - B. nervous because it was her first time on stage.
 - C. surprised because the audience was very big.
3. What does Amy say about playing jazz with the school band?
 - A. She put lots of effort into learning about it.
 - B. She was better at it than the rest of the players.
 - C. She enjoyed it as soon as she started.
4. Amy gives piano lessons so that she can _____.
 - A. help people who couldn't normally afford them .
 - B. encourage lots of young people to play the piano.
 - C. improve her own playing technique.
5. Why does Amy write a blog on the internet?
 - A. to get some experience for becoming a journalist.
 - B. to tell people about her daily life as a musician.
 - C. to recommend events for people to go to.

Part 2. You will hear a boy, called Adam telling his class, about a hot air balloon flight he went on. Fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS. You will hear the recording twice.

ADAM'S HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT

6. The flight in the balloon lasted for _____.

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7. Adam could see as far as the _____ from the balloon.
8. Adam didn't recognize a _____ from the air.
9. Adam was surprised that it was _____ in the balloon basket.
10. Adam didn't like having to _____ in the basket.

Part 3. Listen to Adam and Emma talking about holidays and decide whether each of the following statements is True (T) or False (F). You will hear the recording twice.

11. Adam has already booked his holiday. **T/F**
12. Emma doesn't like sitting on beaches all day. **T/F**
13. Emma might not go on holiday this year. **T/F**
14. Adam usually goes to Scotland in the summer. **T/F**
15. Emma thinks that hotels in Scotland are expensive. **T/F**

PART B: PHONETICS (5 points)

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

16. A. island B. establish C. aspect D. escape
17. A. food B. fool C. foot D. tooth
18. A. exchanged B. coughed C. controlled D. covered

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

19. A. realize B. improve C. possible D. comfortable
20. A. important B. especially C. prefer D. influence

PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 points)

Question I. Circle the best option from A, B, C or D to complete the following sentences. (15pts)

21. It's not easy to study a foreign language by _____.
A. oneself B. himself C. itself D. herself
22. Shall I put the books on the floor? - No, I want to keep the _____.
A. tidy room B. room tidily C. room is tidy D. room tidy
23. When she looked in her purse, she found she had been _____.
A. broken B. thieved C. stolen D. robbed
24. A lot needs _____ to the house before anyone can move in.
A. be done B. to do C. doing D. done
25. When shall we meet: at 7.30 or 8.00? - I don't mind _____.

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A. Either time B. Neither of them C. Both time D.

Neither time

26. The programme on TV attracted millions of _____.

A. audience B. spectators C. viewers D. witnesses

27. Florida, _____ the Sunshine State, attracts many tourists every year.

A. is B. known as C. is known as D. that is known as

28. Never before _____ such a wonderful sight.

A. I have seen B. I had seen C. I saw D. have I seen

29. He was _____ speaker.

A. so good a B. what a good C. so a good D. how good a

30. The teacher _____ against talking to strangers.

A- recommended B- suggested C- advised D- said

31. My grandfather was a lovely person who _____ pleasure from helping others.

A. derived B. gathered C. deduced D. collected

32. Hoa: "Would you mind my smoking?" Mai: " _____ "

A. OK B. Sorry, I can't
C. No. Please go ahead. D. I'd rather you didn't

33. _____ his advice, I would have never got the job.

A. Except B. Apart from C. But for D. As for

34. I met _____ one-eyed man at the gate.

A. the B. an C. a D. (no article)

35. _____ at his lessons, he couldn't catch up with his classmates.

A. Hardly as he worked B. Hard as he worked
C. Hard as he does D. Hard as he was

Question II. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Write the answers on your answer sheet (5 pts).

36. He prefers driving to (drive) _____.

37. It's essential that he (arrive) _____ before seven.

38. I'd rather you (not wear) _____ jeans to the office.

39. My little sister (read) _____ Sleeping Beauty several times.

40. I (improve) _____ my English speaking skill, I would easily get that _____ job.

Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in capital. Write the

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answers on your answer sheet (5 pts).

41. The cities are full of _____ looking for work. **MIGRATE**

42. His boss told him off because he had behaved _____.
RESPONSIBLE

43. She got very angry but later she apologised for her _____.
PATIENT

44. Have you got any _____? **SUGGEST**

45. It is usually forbidden to destroy _____ building. **HISTORY**

Question IV. There is one mistake in each sentence, find out and correct it (5 pts)

46. I'm trying to persuade my sister to drive, but I can't get her do it.

47. Can you tell me where were you born? — Stockholm.

48. Each of the students in the class has to do their own assignment this semester.

49. John was upset last night because he had to do too many homework.

50. Fifteen hundred dollars a year were the per capita income in the United States in 1950.

PART D: READING (30 points)

I. Choose a suitable word that best fits each blank in the following passage.

Most students, in their own countries have had little opportunity to practise using English. When foreign learners first have the **(51)** _____ to speak to an English-speaking person they may have a shock: they often **(52)** _____ gr

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eat difficulty in understanding. I'll just mention three of the possible reasons for this.

First, it seems to students that English people speak very quickly. (53) _____, they speak with a variety of accents. Third, different styles of speech are used. For all of these reasons (54) _____ will have difficulty, mainly because they lack everyday practice in listening to English people speaking English.

(55) _____ can a student do then to overcome these difficulties? Obviously, attend English classes and if a language laboratory is available, use it as (56) _____ as possible. He should listen to programs in English on the radio and TV. Perhaps, most important of (57) _____, he should take every opportunity to meet and speak with native English-speaking people.

In addition, the student probably has difficulty in speaking English fluently. The advice here will seem (58) _____ to follow but it's necessary. Firstly, he must simplify what he wants to say so that he can express himself reasonably and clearly. Secondly, he must try to think in English, (59) _____ translate from his mother tongue. This will only begin to take place when his use of English become automatic; using a language laboratory (60) _____ listening to as much English as possible will help.

II. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits each blank in the following passage.

From the seeds themselves to the machinery, fertilizers and pesticides - The Green Revolution regimen depend heavily on technology. One (61) _____, however, depends much (62) _____ on technology - organic farming. Many organic farmers use machinery, but (63) _____ chemical fertilizers or pesticides. (64) _____ chemical soil enrichers, they use animal manure and plant parts not used as food -,natural,organic fertilizers that are clearly a renewable (65) _____. Organic farmers also use alternatives (66) _____ pesticides; for example they may rely on natural predators of certain insect pests. (67) _____ the need arises, they can buy the eggs and larvae of these natural predators and introduce them into their crop fields. They use (68) _____ techniques to control pests as well, like planting certain crops together because one crop repels the other's pests. Organic farmers do not need a lot of land; (69) _____ organic farming is perfectly (70) _____ to small farms and

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is relatively inexpensive. Finally, many organic farmers' average yields compare favorably with other farmers' yields.

61. A. alteration B. alternate C. alternative D. alternation
62. A. more B. less C. better D. worse
63. A. also B. for C. not D. all
64. A. In spite of B. On account of C. In favour of D. Instead of
65. A. resource B. source C. matter D. substance
66. A. of B. to C. for D. from
67. A. Then B. If C. Because D. Though
68. A. others B. another C. the others D. other
69. A. instead B. in one way C. on one hand D. in fact
70. A. suitable B. open C. likely D. suited

III. Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question below.

Although they are an inexpensive supplier of vitamins, minerals, and high-quality protein, eggs also contain a high level of blood cholesterol, one of the major causes of heart diseases. One egg yolk, in fact, contains a little more than two-thirds of the suggested daily cholesterol limit. This knowledge has caused egg sales to plummet in recent years, which in turn has brought about the development of several alternatives to eating regular eggs. One alternative is to eat substitute eggs. These egg substitutes are not really eggs, but they look **somewhat** like eggs when they are cooked. They have the advantage of having low cholesterol rates, and they can be scrambled or used in baking. One disadvantage, however, is that they are not good for frying, poaching, or boiling. A second alternative to regular eggs is a new type of egg, sometimes called 'designer' eggs. These eggs are produced by hens that are fed low-fat diets consisting of ingredients such as canola oil, flax, and rice bran. In spite of their diets, however, these hens produce eggs that contain the same amount of cholesterol as regular eggs. Yet, the producers of these eggs claim that eating their eggs will not raise the blood cholesterol in humans.

Egg producers claim that their product has been portrayed unfairly. They cite scientific studies to **back up** their claim. And, in fact, studies on the relationship between eggs and human cholesterol levels have brought **mixed results**. It may be that it is not the type of egg that is the main determinant of

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cholesterol but the person who is eating the eggs. Some people may be more sensitive to cholesterol derived from food than other people. In fact, there is evidence that certain dietary fats stimulate the body's production of blood cholesterol. Consequently, while it still makes sense to limit one's intake of eggs, even designer eggs, it seems that doing this without regulating dietary fat will probably not help reduce the blood cholesterol level.

71. What is the main purpose of the passage?

- A. To introduce the idea that dietary fat increases the blood cholesterol level.
- B. To inform people about the relationship between eggs and cholesterol.
- C. To persuade people that eggs are unhealthy and should not be eaten
- D. To convince people to eat 'designer' eggs and egg substitutes.

72. According to the passage, which of the following is a cause of heart diseases?

- A. minerals B. cholesterol C. canola oil D. vitamins

73. Which of the following could best replace the word 'somewhat'?

- A. in fact B. a little C. indefinitely D. a lot

74. What has been the cause for changes in the sale of eggs?

- A. increasing price B. decreased production
- C. dietary changes in hens D. concerns about cholesterol

75. According to the passage, one yolk contains approximately what fraction of the suggested daily limit for human consumption of cholesterol?

- A. 3/4 B. 2/3 C. 1/2 D. 1/3

76. The word 'portrayed' could best be replaced by which of the following?

- A. studied B. destroyed C. tested D. described

77. What is the meaning of 'back up'?

- A. reverse B. advance C. block D. support

78. What is meant by the phrase 'mixed results'?

- A. The results are blended. B. The results are a composite of things.
- C. The results are inconclusive. D. The results are mingled together.

79. According to the passage, egg substitutes cannot be used to make any of following types of eggs EXCEPT _____?

- A. boiled B. poached C. scrambled D. fried

80. According to the author, which of the following may reduce blood cholesterol?

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- A. reducing egg intake but not fat intake
- B. increasing egg intake and fat intake
- C. decreasing egg intake and fat intake
- D. increasing egg intake but not fat intake

PART E: WRITING (20 points)

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

81. "I will go to Da Nang tomorrow" he said.

→ He said

82. Learning English is not difficult.

→ I do

83. I last saw Peter when we attended the school meeting.

→ I have not

84. Though Mr. Matt works very hard, he is seldom successful in his life.

→ However

85. She says I caused the accident.

→ She blames

Question II. Finish each of the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the sentences printed before it, using the word given. DON'T CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. (5 points)

86. The boy was so tired that he can't keep on walking. **BOY**

→ He was too

87. It took us five hours to get to Hai Phong. **SPENT**

→ We

88. "You broke my camera!" Minh said to Hoa. **ACCUSED**

→ Minh

89. House prices have risen sharply this year. **RISE**

→ There has

90. Could you watch my bag while I'm away, please? **EYE**

→ Could you

Question III: Paragraph writing (10 points).

Many people think that living in the countryside is wonderful. Do you agree with them?

Write a paragraph of about 150 words to express your opinion

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Part 3. Choose ONE of the following options:

Option 1: Your English teacher has asked you to write a story (150-180 words) for your school story writing competition. Your story **MUST** begin with the following sentence:

When Sharon arrived, everyone was really surprised to see her.

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Option 2: Write an essay (200-250 words) about the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.

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Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

SECTION I. LISTENING (3.0 points)

Part 1. You will hear a man giving information about a city bus tour. For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write ONE WORD OR A NUMBER/DATE OR A TIME. You will listen TWICE.

City Bus Tour

0. Name of guide: _____ Greg
1. Time last tour starts: _____
2. Colour of tour bus stop: _____
3. Length of tour: _____
4. Where to use ticket for discount: _____
5. Place tour end: _____

Part 2. Listen to Jimmy talking about traffic. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Write your answers in the numbered boxes. You will listen TWICE.

6. Jimmy thinks the traffic is fantastic. _____
7. Driving in the city is a nightmare. _____
8. There is congestion on the radio every day. _____
9. Public transport can solve the traffic problem. _____
10. We can breathe better if we can solve the traffic problem. _____

Part 3. You will hear Phil talking to his friend Jess about a new sports centre. For each question, choose the correct answer. Write your answers in the numbered boxes. You will listen TWICE.

11. How did Jess find out about the new sports centre?
- a. She saw a poster.
- B. A friend of hers works there.
- C. She heard about it on the radio.
12. What doesn't Phil like about the sports centre?
- A. It's too noisy.
- B. It's very expensive.
- C. It's not big enough.
13. Phil prefers to go to the sports centre
- A. early in the morning.

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B. at the weekend.

C. during working hours.

14. Why is the new swimming pool closed at the moment?

A. They are cleaning it.

B. There's a competition.

C. The water's cold.

15. Members of the sports centre

A. should buy special shoes.

B. can get a discount in the café.

C. needn't pay for exercise classes.

SECTION II. GRAMMAR AND LEXICAL ITEMS (7.0 pts)

Part 1. Write the letter A, B, C or D in the numbered boxes provided to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. If it rains tomorrow, I _____ my umbrella.

A. have taken

B. take

C. will take

D. took

2. At 9 PM tonight, she _____ her favorite TV show.

A. will be watching

B. watches

C. watched

D. will watch

3. John: "I'm going to the gym after work." - Sarah: " _____ "

A. I can't find my keys.

B. I went to the gym yesterday.

C. I don't like vegetables.

D. That's a good idea, I might join you.

4. The artist used spray paint to create a masterpiece of _____.

A. historic

B. concerned

C. journalism

D. graffiti art

5. The company had to _____ many of its products due to a manufacturing error.

A. process

B. manipulate

C. destroy

D. adapt

6. Mike: "I'm thinking of going on a road trip this weekend. " - Emily: " _____ "

A. I have a lot of work to do.

B. I went on a road trip last month.

C. I don't like driving.

D. That sounds like fun, where are you planning to go?

7. Mary said, "I don't like pizza".

A. Mary said she doesn't like pizza. B. Mary said she not like pizza.

C. Mary said she didn't like pizza.

D. Mary said she don't like pizza.

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- 8.** The cake _____ by my mother this morning.
A. are made B. were made C. is made D. was made
- 9.** Many celebrities are showing _____ towards the victims of the disasters.
A. campaign B. genre C. support D. gossip
- 10.** The _____ to make a vaccine for COVID-19 was the top priority for scientists worldwide in 2020s.
A. science fiction B. pandemic C. musical D. urge
- 11.** You do something you aren't sure about _____.
A. should B. won't C. mustn't D. must
- 12.** I like _____ fast-paced movies such as action, superheroes, and sci-fi ones .
A. watches B. watched C. watching D. watch
- 13.** James Cameron was _____ an Oscar for "Avatar" in 2010.
A. awarding B. awards C. awarded D. to award
- 14.** "Many people enjoy reading _____ novels because of their imaginative storylines."
A. romantic B. comedy C. science fiction D. genre
- 15.** What _____?
A. did penicillin discovered B. was Alexander Fleming discovered
C. was penicillin discovered by D. was discovered by Alexander Fleming
- 16.** Which one below has the same meaning as this given sentence: "*You mustn't use your smartphone during the film?*"
A. It's likely that you can use your smartphone during the film.
B. If I were you, I would use the smartphone during the film.
C. You aren't going to use your smartphone during the film.
D. You aren't allowed to use your smartphone during the film.
- 17.** Jennifer Lawrence has won _____ Oscar for her performance in "Silver Lining Playbook".
A. a B. an C. the D. ø
- 18.** The project aims to provide the homeless in this area _____ food and assistance.
A. for B. in C. with D. by
- 19.** "*Mùa len trâu*" - Buffalo Boy is a Vietnamese successful film which was

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_____ in 2004.

A. reminded B. recalled C. remade D. released

20. When I was young, I was _____ to care for others, love myself and overcome obstacles.

A. teach B. to teach C. teaching D. taught

Part 2. Write 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. Write your answers in the numbered boxes.

21. My father usually (A) drives (B) to work but today (C) he walks (D).

22. My sister has (A) table tennis practice tomorrow (B) in (C) 8 a.m to (D) 9.30 p.m.

23. There always is (A) one wise (B) woman who (C) is both (D) feared and respected by her people.

24. Their father tells (A) them close (B) their eyes tightly (C) and cover them with (D) their hands.

25. Written (A) language without of (B) punctuation is (C) not easy to follow (D).

Part 3. Supply the correct form of the words given in brackets. Write your answers in the numbered boxes.

26. My elder brother can speak English and France _____. (fluency)

27. Travelling is a good way to _____ people's knowledge. (broad)

28. The shop _____ showed me a lot of new models. (assist)

29. Their children have quite _____ characters. (difference)

30. My brother bought a new _____ rod yesterday. (fish)

31. I like the city life because there are many kinds of _____. (entertain)

32. Is there anything _____ on TV tonight? (interest)

33. What is the _____ of this word? (mean)

34. Relax for some minutes and you'll feel more _____. (comfort)

35. From my point of view, people should stop hunting _____ species for food and medicine. (danger)

SECTION III. READING (5.0 pts)

Part 1. Read the passage and choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each blank space. Write your answers in the numbered boxes.

After a tour in Cu Chi, we are moving to Mot Thoang Vietnam craft village (1)

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_____ at Phu Binh Village, Ho Chi Minh City. Arriving at Mot Thoang Vietnam, we observe on-the-spot (2) _____ craft persons weave tho cam (ethnic brocade fiber), (3) _____ wooden logs into wonders and weave rattan into home appliances. Mot Thoang Vietnam can (4) _____ your need to know what many of Vietnam's traditional craft villages are like. The quarter of craft villages at Mot Thoang Vietnam is quiet, but not boring (5) _____ craft persons chat amidst the clacking sound of wooden cudgels hitting a chisel caused by a sculptor or a (6) _____ used for weaving cloth. Sitting a little far from the sculptor and the weaver (7) _____ the craftsmen and women in their simple but unique attire making giay gio (Poonah paper) and inlaid gold-leaf items, doing the (8) _____ and the farming. We enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch at the village. After lunch, we enjoy more walking to the traditional house of Vietnam from South to North with different (9) _____, watching a traditional dance show by the (10) _____ people.

1. A. located	B. locating	C. locate	D. locates
2. A. what	B. how	C. whether	D. why
3. A. knit	B. cast	C. weave	D. carve
4. A. satisfy	B. buy	C. make	D. stop
5. A. although	B. while	C. whereas	D. as
6. A. chair	B. table	C. loom	D. lamp
7. A. is	B. was	C. were	D. are
8. A. ironing	B. exercise	C. research	D. embroidery
9. A. architectural	B. architecture	C. architect	D. architectonic
10. A. ethnocentric	B. ethnically	C. ethnicity	D. ethnic

Part 2. Read the passage and fill in each blank with ONE suitable word.

Learning a language is, in some way, like (11) _____ how to fly or play the piano. There (12) _____ important differences, but there is a very important similarity. It is this: learning how to do such things needs lots (13) _____ practice. It is never simply to "know" something. You must be able to "do" things with what (14) _____ know. For example, it is not enough simply to read a book on (15) _____ to fly an aeroplane. A (16) _____ can give you lots of information about how to fly, but if only read a book and then try to (17) _____ without a great deal of practice first

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you will crash and kill (18) _____. The same is true of (19) _____ the piano. So, you think it is enough simply to read about it? Can you play the piano without having lots of (20) _____ first?

Part 3. Read the passage, and choose the best answer.

Good manners are a treasure to the people who possess them, as well as to the community they live in. Manners are taught, learnt, and passed from generation to generation.

Even hundreds of years ago, children were taught to behave responsibly. They learnt to respect seniority. When they passed an object to another person, they had to use both hands. When they entered a room, they had to bow and greet the oldest person first. Boys learnt to work hard to support their families. Girls learnt to do housework, and to take care of others. Loyalty and honesty were highly appreciated. When they made a mistake, they would not let another person be punished for it. That would be cowardly and mean. They were taught that families were strong, and everybody should stick together in adversity.

Fortunately, many of these values have been well preserved. They have contributed to making the unique Vietnamese culture, and strengthening our society.

21. Good manners are _____.

- A. of great value
- B. of the community
- C. traditional
- D. only for the old

22. What was a boy's main duty?

- A. to respect seniority
- B. to support his family
- C. to do housework
- D. to share good things

23. The sentence: "When they made a mistake, they would not let another person be punished for it," means they would _____.

- A. deny their mistake
- B. admit their mistake
- C. keep it a secret
- D. be punished

24. What contributed to making the unique Vietnamese culture?

- A. tradition
- B. generations
- C. good manners
- D. seniority

25. This passage is about _____.

- A. people who possess good manners
- B. what bad manners children in the past had

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C. the preservation of bad values

D. good manners and their value

SECTION IV. WRITING (5.0 Pts)

Part 1. Rewrite the sentence so that it means as the first one, beginning with the given words.

1. I haven't seen my brother for a month.

→ I didn't

2. "How often do you go to the English club?" Nam asked Lan.

→ Nam asked Lan

3. Be careful or you will hurt yourself.

→ If you

4. It rained heavily but she managed to come to class on time.

→ In spite

5. It started to rain as dog and cat when they entered the hall.

→ No sooner

Part 2. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning, using the words in given in brackets.

6. He thinks that computers will replace teachers in the future. (REPLACED)

7. Huy asked, "Did you talk to your parents last night, Hoa" (IF)

8. No one in our team plays football as skillfully as Nam. (THE)

9. My younger sister is so young that she can't see a horror film. (OLD)

10. It took him two days to decorate the living room. (SPENT)

Part 3. Write an essay about the following topic:

Should lower secondary school students play video games? Use

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specific examples and reasons to support your idea.

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[illegible]

Part 3. Choose ONE of the following options:

Option 1: Your English teacher has asked you to write a story (150-180 words) for your school story writing competition. Your story **MUST** begin with the following sentence:

When Sharon arrived, everyone was really surprised to see her.

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Option 2: Write an essay (200-250 words) about the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.

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