

**XUÂN TRƯỜNG**

ĐỀ THI CHÍNH THỨC

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**MÔN: TIẾNG ANH - LỚP 8 THCS**

*Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút, không kể thời gian phát đề*

### PART A. LISTENING (5.0 PTS)

## 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 chi tiết đã có trong bài nghe.

***I. Listen to Susan talking to her friend, Jim, about the new sports centre. For questions 1 – 5, tick (✓) A, B or C. You will hear the conversation twice. (1.0 point)***

*Example:* The new sport centre is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cheap**                      **B. big**                      **C. dark**

**Question 1.** Which bus goes to the sports centre?

- A.** 15                      **B.** 18                      **C.** 25

**Question 2.** From Monday to Saturday, the sports centre is open from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.** 6 a.m.                      **B.** 7 a.m.                      **C.** 9 a.m.

**Question 3.** If Sue goes swimming, she must take \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.** soap                      **B.** a swimming hat                      **C.** a towel

**Question 4.** At the sport centre, you can buy \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. sandwiches**                      **B. fruit**                      **C. drinks**

**Question 5.** Jim and Sue are going to the sports centre next \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Wednesday** **B. Thursday** **C. Saturday**

**II. Listen to the exciting story of survival at sea, against all the odds. Then choose true/false for each question. (2.0 pts)**

**Question 1.** Jane was sailing from Panama and had completed about a thousand miles.

**Question 2.** Jane's boat hit a surface obstruction.

**Question 3.** Jane could have used the GPS to call for help.

**Question 4.** Jane wasn't concerned about her food rations.

**Question 5.** Jane didn't panic because she didn't consider herself in danger.

**Question 6.** Jane's first intention was to head further north.

**Question 7.** Jane had more water than food.

**Question 8.** She saw a Panamanian tanker in the first couple of days but it never stopped.

**Question 9.** It took more than a week before Jane began to really panic about her situation.

**Question 10.** If Angelo hadn't seen Jane when he did, she would probably have died.

### III. Question 1 – 10 (2.0 pts)

**Question 1 – 6 Complete the table below.**

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

COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENING CLASSES				
Class	Where	When	What to bring	Cost
Painting with watercolors	Example in the <b>hall</b>	at (1) _____ pm on Tuesdays	water jar and set of (2) _____	£45 – four classes
Maori language	the small room at the (3) _____ of the building	starts in (4) _____	small recorder	£40 – five classes

Digital photography	room 9	6 p.m. Wednesday evenings	the (5) _____ for the camera	(6) £ _____ - eight classes
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**Questions 7– 10 Complete the sentences below.**

**Write ONE WORD ONLY for each answer.**

**Lifestyle questionnaire**

**Question 7.** The watercolors class suits people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 8.** To find out about the Maori language class, contact Jason \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 9.** For the photography class, check the \_\_\_\_\_ for the camera.

**Question 10.** There is a trip to a local \_\_\_\_\_ in the final week of the photography class.

**PART B. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (5.0 PTS)**

**I. Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following sentences. (2.0 pts)**

**Question 1.** No one phoned me while I was out, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. did they                      B. didn't he                      C. didn't they                      D. did he

**Question 2.** Minh loves playing chess \_\_\_\_\_ his sister enjoys skipping in their free time.

- A. when                      B. because                      C. while                      D. during

**Question 3.** Her English accent is so good that she is thought of as a \_\_\_\_\_ speaker.

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

**Question 4.** Addiction to computer games \_\_\_\_\_ many negative effects on teenagers.

- A. results in                      B. because of                      C. due to                      D. owing to

**Question 5.** Peter, together with his family members, \_\_\_\_\_ Opera House this year.

- A. visit                      B. is visiting                      C. are visiting                      D. have visited

**Question 6.** The villagers have had the use of this washing machine \_\_\_\_\_ by an engineer.

- A. explain                      B. to explain                      C. explained                      D. explains

**Question 7.** The grass is wet. It must \_\_\_\_\_ last night.

- A. be rained                      B. rain                      C. be raining                      D. have rained

**Question 8.** These snakes will not cause you any serious harm even if they bite you. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. poisonous                      B. cruel                      C. harmless                      D. harmful

**Question 9.** Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of sentences to make a meaningful dialogue.

a. Boy: Hi, Anna. Tell me, is your brother Ben still playing the drums? We want someone tonight because Ray's ill.

b. Girl: Can I? Ben says the guitar's a better choice because all bands have guitar players.

c. Boy: Great. Perhaps you can play in our band one day then!

d. Girl: Is he? Ben still plays, but he's away this week. I'm learning the piano you know.

- A. a-d-c-b                      B. d-a-c-b                      C. a-b-d-c                      D. d-a-b-c

**Question 10.** Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of sentences to make a meaningful text.

a. We find that bright children are rarely held back by mixed-ability teaching.

b. On the contrary, both their knowledge and experience are enriched.

c. It does not take into account the fact that children develop at different rates.

d. We feel that there are many disadvantages in streaming pupils.

- A. d-a-c-b                      B. a-b-d-c                      C. a-d-c-b                      D. a-b-d-c

**II. Give the correct form of the words given. Write your answers in the blanks. (2.0 pt)**

**Question 1.** If thermal pollution continues for a long time, it can \_\_\_\_\_ cause huge bacteria. **POSSIBLE**

**Question 2.** Ethnic \_\_\_\_\_ make up about 15 percent of Vietnam's population. **MINOR**

**Question 3.** They had to take \_\_\_\_\_ of noise levels inside the building. **MEASURE**

**Question 4.** If you have a chance to visit Moc Chau, you should try some \_\_\_\_\_ of the locals sold at the market. **SPECIAL**

**Question 5.** In the past people thought that Chung cake was square and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth. **SYMBOL**

**Question 6.** All of the tangible and intangible heritages that were passed down by our ancestors were \_\_\_\_\_. **VALUE**

**Question 7.** Whenever I listen to this song, I feel so \_\_\_\_\_. **EXCITE**

**Question 8.** Each ethnic minority people has its own \_\_\_\_\_ features. **TYPE**

**Question 9.** An out-going and friendly person often like to \_\_\_\_\_ and make friends. **SOCIAL**

**Question 10.** My trip to Da Nang with my family was \_\_\_\_\_. There were a lot of interesting things to enjoy and we had a lot of fun together. **FORGET**

**III. Complete each sentence with the correct form of ONE of the phrasal verbs below. There is one extra phrasal verb which you do not need to use. (1.0 pt)**

go through	turn down	see off	get through	make up	get on well with
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**Question 1.** They have a happy family. Every member of the family always \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

**Question 2.** I had to \_\_\_\_\_ her request for a loan. Her credit was just not good enough.

**Question 3.** I know what you're \_\_\_\_\_ and I feel really sorry for you.

**Question 4.** It is very important for a firm or a company to \_\_\_\_\_ the changes in the market.

**Question 5.** I have seen a lot of people burst into tears when they \_\_\_\_\_ their friends and family \_\_\_\_\_.

### **PART C. READING (5.0 PTS)**

**I. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions. (1.0 pt)**

Aging is the process of growing old. It occurs eventually in every living thing provided, of course, that an illness or an accident does not kill it prematurely. The most familiar outward signs of aging may be seen in old people, such as the graying of the hair and the wrinkling of the skin. Signs of aging in a pet dog or cat include loss of playfulness and energy, a decline in hearing and eyesight, or even a slight graying of the coat. Plants age too, but the signs are much harder to detect.

Most body parts grow bigger and stronger, and function more efficiently during childhood. They reach their peak at the time of maturity, or early adulthood. After that, they begin to decline. Bones, for example, gradually become lighter and more **brittle**. In the aged, the joints between the bones also become rigid and more inflexible.

All the major organs of the body show signs of aging. The brain, for example, works less efficiently, and even gets smaller in size. Thinking processes of all sorts are slowed down. Old people often have trouble in remembering recent events.

Aging is not a uniform process. Different parts of the body wear out at different rates. There are great differences among people in their rate of aging. Gerontologists - scientists who study the process of aging-believe this wearing out of the body is controlled by a built-in biological time-clock. They are trying to discover how this clock works so that they can slow down the process. This could give man a longer life and a great number of productive years.

**Question 1.** What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

- A. Signs of aging are easier to detect in animals than in plants.
- B. Not all signs of aging are visible.
- C. Aging happens in every living thing after it has reached maturity.
- D. The outward signs of aging may be seen in old people.

**Question 2.** When does the human body begin to lose vigor and the ability to function efficiently?

- A. Soon after reaching adulthood
- B. During childhood
- C. Early adulthood
- D. In old age

**Question 3.** What happens to memorization when the brain begins to age?

- A. It works less.
- B. There is a decline in memorization.
- C. It becomes forgetful.
- D. It slows down.

**Question 4.** The word **brittle** in paragraph 2 means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hard but easily broken
- B. hard and durable
- C. soft and easily bent
- D. soft and inflexible

**Question 5.** What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. Gerontologists have controlled the process of aging.
- B. Gerontologists are now able to slow down the process of aging.
- C. Gerontologists are trying to give people an eternal life.
- D. Gerontologists are working hard to help people lead a longer and healthier life.

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

In the western customs shaking hands is the customary form of greeting, but in China a nod of the head or (1) \_\_\_\_\_ bow is sufficient. Hugging and kissing when greeting are (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Business cards are often (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and yours should be printed in your own language and in Chinese. Also, it is more respectful to present your card or a gift or any other article using (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hands. The Chinese are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ applauders. You may be greeted with group clapping, even by small children. When a person is applauded in this practice it is the custom for that person to return the applause or a “thank you.” When walking in public places, direct eye (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and staring is uncommon in the larger cities, especially in those areas accustomed to foreign visitors. (7) \_\_\_\_\_, in smaller communities, visitors may be the subject of much curiosity and therefore you may notice some stares. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ speaking, the Chinese are not a touch-oriented society, especially true for visitors. So, avoid touching or any (9) \_\_\_\_\_ form of body contact. Public displays of affection are very rare. On the other hand, you may note people of the same sex walking hand-in-hand, which is simply a gesture of friendship. Do not worry about a bit of pushing and shoving in stores or when groups board public buses or trains. In this case, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ are neither offered nor expected. The Chinese will stand much closer than Westerners.

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| <b>Question 1.</b>  | A. small      | B. bit          | C. slight       | D. few              |
| <b>Question 2.</b>  | A. uncommon   | B. usual        | C. regular      | D. rarely           |
| <b>Question 3.</b>  | A. changed    | B. exchanged    | C. transferred  | D. converted        |
| <b>Question 4.</b>  | A. pair       | B. couple       | C. double       | D. both             |
| <b>Question 5.</b>  | A. enthusiast | B. enthusiasm   | C. enthusiastic | D. enthusiastically |
| <b>Question 6.</b>  | A. look       | B. contact      | C. stare        | D. watch            |
| <b>Question 7.</b>  | A. However    | B. Furthermore  | C. Moreover     | D. Whatever         |
| <b>Question 8.</b>  | A. Generally  | B. Successfully | C. Fortunately  | D. Expectedly       |
| <b>Question 9.</b>  | A. shorten    | B. lengthen     | C. short        | D. prolonged        |
| <b>Question 10.</b> | A. contacts   | B. apologies    | C. gestures     | D. saying goodbye   |

**III. Read the passage and decide whether the statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG) (2.0 pts)**

Companies these days spend thousands of dollars on their computer security. They buy the best firewalls and computer programs. However, Kevin Mitnick thinks the biggest danger these days is not a weakness in technology. In the 1990s, Kevin Mitnick was an infamous hacker. He hacked into government and corporate computer systems. After being sent to prison, Mitnick decided to use his skills in a different way. He started his own computer security firm. He now advises people on how to keep their computers safe.

According to Mitnick, the biggest danger to security is people. However, by this he doesn't mean hackers. In fact, he means the people using the programs. “If an attacker can get one trusting person to give his or her information, the attacker gets in. All that money spent is basically wasted.” A hacker can get around everything with just one person within the company.

Unfortunately, people are still too trusting. In a recent test of the US tax office (the IRS), security experts called 100 managers. They posed as IRS computer technicians. The experts were able to fool 35 of the managers. They gave both their passwords and IDs. In the hands of real hackers, this would have been a disaster!

(Adapted from *Reading Challenge 1*)

**Question 1.** Companies spend a lot of money on computer security programs.

- Question 2.** Kevin Mitnick believes that hackers are the biggest threat to computer security.
- Question 3.** Mitnick used to hack into computer systems in the 1990s but has since stopped his activities.
- Question 4.** Mitnick now works for the government to help improve national security.
- Question 5.** Kevin Mitnick started a computer security firm after he was released from prison.
- Question 6.** According to Mitnick, technology is the biggest danger to computer security.
- Question 7.** The most significant danger to security, according to Mitnick, is the people using computer programs.
- Question 8.** In the IRS test, all the managers gave their passwords to the security experts.
- Question 9.** 35 of the managers were fooled by experts posing as IRS technicians.
- Question 10.** In the IRS test, none of the managers gave away their passwords.

#### **PART D. WRITING (5.0 PTS)**

**I. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the cues at the beginning of each sentence. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (1.4 pts)**

**Question 1.** The book was so complicated that we couldn't understand it.

→ The book was too \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2.** "Where can I find the tourist office?" said Anne.

→ Anne \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3.** He was punished by the teacher because he didn't do his homework.

→ Had \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4.** People believe that he drove through the town at 90 km per hour.

→ He is \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5.** Though Tim's father was very busy, he still spent time playing with him.

→ No matter how \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6.** "Shall I clean the windows for you, Mai?" said Nam.

→ Nam offered \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 7.** My sister regrets buying a second-hand car.

→ My sister wishes \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the given word. You must use BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR words, including the word given. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (1.6 pts)**

**Question 1.** It is difficult for my friends to understand Australian accent. (**DIFFICULTY**)

→ My friends \_\_\_\_\_ Australian accent.

**Question 2.** The concert was very popular, so they're going to put on a repeat performance. (**SUCH**)

→ It was \_\_\_\_\_ that they're going to put on a repeat performance.

**Question 3.** Do you think that people's personalities are strongly affected by climate? (**INFLUENCE**)

→ Do you think that climate has \_\_\_\_\_ people's personalities?

**Question 4.** I was not a bit surprised to hear that they had broken up. (**SURPRISE**)

→ It \_\_\_\_\_ to me to hear that they had broken up.

**Question 5.** It was Samantha's responsibility to bring all the members of the team. (**RESPONSIBLE**)

→ Samantha was \_\_\_\_\_ the members of the team.

**Question 6.** Don't complain about it to me because it won't make any difference. (**GOOD**)

→ It's \_\_\_\_\_ about it to me because it won't make any difference.

**Question 7.** He did not get married until he was 40 years old. (**UNTIL**)

→ It was \_\_\_\_\_ 40 years old that he got married.

**Question 8.** I really think you ought to take part in that club. (**TIME**)

→ It's high \_\_\_\_\_ in that club.

#### **III. Paragraph writing (2.0 pts)**

Write a paragraph of 150-180 words on the topic: The benefits of using social networks such as Facebook, Zalo or Instagram.

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