

**SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO
HẢI DƯƠNG**

ĐỀ THI CHÍNH THỨC
(Đề thi có 12 trang)

**KỶ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 10 THPT
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CHÚ Ý:

Thí sinh làm bài vào giấy thi này
Phần trắc nghiệm: Chỉ cần viết đáp án A, B, C, D
Phần tự luận: Viết đầy đủ theo yêu cầu của bài
(Thí sinh không được sử dụng bất kỳ tài liệu gì!)

A. LISTENING

Part 1. You will hear five short recordings. You will hear each recording twice. For each question, choose the best answer A, B, C or D. (5 points)

1. How did the man get to work?
A. by car B. by bike C. by bus D. by taxi
2. What will the girl buy?
A. bananas, grapes, cherries B. bananas, grapes, pears
C. bananas, pears, cherries D. bananas, apples, pears
3. What will the weather be like tomorrow night?
A. foggy B. sunny C. windy D. rainy
4. What will Ben do on Saturday afternoon?
A. play football B. go to the cinema C. go ice-skating D. cut the grass
5. What animal will they buy?
A. a fish B. a cat C. a dog D. a parrot

Part 2. Listen to the recording and choose the best answer A, B, C or D. You will hear each recording twice. (5 points)

You will hear an interview with a girl called Mara who started a book club at her school.

6. Mara thought of starting a school book club after _____.
A. she attended a book fair B. one of her parents suggested it
C. somebody at school told her about one D. she read about one online
7. What does Mara say about the club meeting?
A. They're always led by one of her teachers. B. Students have to prepare answers to questions.
C. A different person picks the book for each one. D. It is organised weekly.
8. Mara thinks it's better if the club reads books which _____.
A. everybody in the group has heard of B. no one in the group has read
C. somebody in the group knows and loves D. are available in the school library
9. Mara says that if some members don't like a book, _____.
A. it can make the meetings more interesting B. then they don't have to finish reading it
C. she tries to change their mind D. it is difficult to continue the meeting
10. Mara enjoys it most when members of the book club _____.
A. get in touch with the author of the book B. share ideas for stories of their own
C. watch a film based on the book they are reading D. work together on a project

Part 3. For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write ONE or TWO WORDS or a NUMBER or a DATE or a TIME. You will hear each recording twice. (5 points)

You will hear a boy called Josh giving a presentation about quad biking.

Quad biking

Josh says that the size of the quad bike's (11) _____ is the best thing about it.
Josh spent (12) _____ learning how to drive the quad bike safely.
For Josh, driving through a (13) _____ was the most challenging part of the session.
Josh was pleased that the weather was (14) _____ on the day he went.
The quad biking centre is on the road that goes to the (15) _____.
To book a session, go online at www.whitlocks.com

Part 4. Listen to the recording and decide whether each of the statements below is True or False. You will hear the recording twice. (5 points)

You will hear an interview with a boy called Sam Wilson who collects film figurines, which are small plastic models of film characters.

- 16. Sam understood what he was told about his grandfather's collection of postage stamps.
- 17. Sam began his collection of figurines after receiving one as a gift.
- 18. For Sam, the fun of collecting figurines comes from having a display of them at home.
- 19. Sam prefers to collect used figurines because he likes to imagine where they came from.
- 20. Sam thinks not many people have admired his favorite figure.

B. GRAMMAR - VOCABULARY

Part 1. Choose the answer A, B, C or D which best fits the space in each of the following sentences. (10 points)

- 21. It is necessary that he _____ of his old parents.
A. takes care B. to take care C. take care D. took care
- 22. At first, I was opposed to the idea, but after I had seen the research, I _____ that the project was a good one.
A. must have agreed B. would have agreed C. ought to agree D. had to agree
- 23. Having been delayed by heavy traffic, _____.
A. it was difficult for her to arrive on time B. her being late was intolerable
C. she was unable to arrive on time D. it was impossible for her to arrive on time
- 24. Only when _____ may vehicles cross the train tracks.
A. the green light is on B. is the green light on
C. did the green light be on D. on is the green light
- 25. Throughout the animal kingdom, _____ bigger than the elephant.
A. whale is only the B. only whale is the C. is the whale only D. only the whale is
- 26. It is alleged that mothers and grandmothers spoil the children by _____ their mistakes.
A. neglecting B. overlooking C. avoiding D. passing
- 27. The school drama club is _____ a play for the school's anniversary, which is due to take place next month.
A. turning up B. making off C. putting on D. bringing down
- 28. Mike managed to _____ a couple of hours' sleep on the planet.
A. pass B. grab C. put D. pay
- 29. We did our best to fix the broken computer but our efforts bore no _____.
A. success B. end C. luck D. fruit
- 30. Jacques launched into a _____ explanation that left us just as confused as before.
A. far-fetched B. nerve-wrecking C. long-winded D. far-reaching

Part 2. Choose the underlined word or phrase in each sentence that needs correcting. (5 points)

- 31. He is in the envious position of having two job offers to choose from.
A. in B. envious C. offers D. from

32. What happened in that city were a reaction from city workers, including firemen and policemen who had been laid off from their jobs.

- A. including B. What happened C. were D. their jobs

33. I should have listened to my father's wise council, and saved some money instead of spending it all.

- A. have listened B. council C. saved D. it

34. The volunteers went to a nearby school on a Sunday morning, picked up a food package, and delivered them to an elderly person.

- A. went B. on C. and D. them

35. The discovery of the magnetic effects of coils made possible to measure an electric current.

- A. discovery B. magnetic C. made possible D. electric current

Part 3. Choose the word/ phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s)/ phrase in the following questions. (3 points)

36. Those who transgress the laws of society will be punished.

- A. disagree with B. disperse C. violate D. interfere

37. She watched the girl's expression closely, trying to decipher her meaning.

- A. encode B. understand C. imagine D. draw

38. The parents of that girl are up in arms about her expulsion.

- A. angry at B. satisfied with C. terrified with D. delighted at

Part 4. Choose the word/ phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s)/ phrase in the following questions. (2 points)

39. She supplements her meagre income by cleaning at night.

- A. extravagant B. abundant C. paltry D. prosperous

40. The new sweater collection is so popular with teenagers all over the world that the manufacturer is making money hand over fist.

- A. making a lot of profit at a very fast pace B. making only a little money
C. making more sweaters in the future D. making more hand products

Part 5. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (5 points)

41. He was caught trying to _____ a security guard. (PERSON)

42. The team gave a _____ performance and the fans jeered them off the field. (PITY)

43. The United Nations will act as _____ of the peace settlement. (GUARANTEE)

44. Tests are often carried out to detect genetic _____ before birth. (NORMAL)

45. They never dare to leave their only child _____ for even a moment. (ATTEND)

C. READING

Part 1. There are FIVE blanks in the passage below. From the phrases/ sentences (A – G) in the box, choose the most suitable for each blank. There are TWO EXTRA options that you DO NOT need to use. (5 points)

- A. seeing the best attractions
B. Since then, she has spent more than 6,500 hours under water
C. she realizes the importance it plays in our diets
D. that is being done to the world's oceans.
E. wondering what it must be like under the surface.
F. Before she started her trip
G. The team spent two weeks in an underwater "house"

Sylvia Earle, underwater hero

She has spent her working life studying the world's oceans

Sylvia Earle is an underwater explorer and marine biologist who was born in the USA in 1935. She became interested in the world's oceans from an early age. As a child, she liked to stand on the beach for hours and look at the sea, (46) _____.

When she was sixteen, she finally got a chance to make her first dive. It was this dive that inspired her to become an underwater explorer. (47) _____, and has led more than seventy expeditions worldwide. She has also made the deepest dive ever, reaching a record-breaking depth of 381 meters.

In 1970, she became famous around the world when she became the captain of the first all-female team to live under water. (48) _____. The research they carried out showed the damage that pollution was causing to marine life, and especially to coral reefs. Her team also studied the problem of over-fishing. Fishing methods meant that people were catching too many fish, Earle warned, and many species were in danger of becoming extinct.

Since then she has written several books and magazine articles in which she suggests ways of reducing the damage (49) _____. One way, she believes, is to rely on fish farms for seafood, and reduce the amount of fishing that is done out at sea. Although she no longer eats seafood herself, (50) _____. It would be wrong to tell people they should stop eating fish from the sea, she says. However, they need to reduce the impact they are having on the ocean's supplies.

Part 2. Read the following text and choose the best heading from the list (A – G) for each paragraph. There are TWO extra headings which you do not need to use. (5 points)

List of headings

- A. The impact the railway line had on Siberia
- B. The reasons why peasants migrated to Siberia
- C. The construction of the line
- D. The speed and style of the train
- E. The controversy which surrounded the building of the line
- F. The role of prisoners and soldiers in the building of the project
- G. The attraction of the Trans-Siberian Railway

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

51. _____

The Trans-Siberian Railway has been described by some as the most memorable journey on Earth. Measuring nearly 9,300 km, it is the longest railway line in the world and takes approximately a week to complete. It is one incredible train journey from Red Square to the Great Wall, taking in Siberia, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert and arriving in the great city of Beijing. The journey has captured the imagination of travelers from far and wide since construction began in 1891.

52. _____

Although officials have been building this line since 1891, it is still being expanded today. The original Trans-Siberian Railway was built from Moscow to Vladivostok on the orders of Tsar Alexander III. Building the line wasn't easy task as there were only a few qualified engineers and the difficult climate often slowed progress. A lack of workmen meant that soldiers and convicts had to be conscripted to help. Up to 90,000 men were employed in its construction.

53. _____

From the moment building began, the project faced many difficulties. Even though it was considered a technological marvel at the time, there were arguments about the quality of work. Rails were considered too light and bridges not strong enough. Many claimed convicts had sabotaged the line. Furthermore, the project also caused serious problems for the Russian economy.

54. _____

Despite criticisms, however, the railway more than paid for itself in the twentieth century. The Siberian economy exploded when 2.5 million poor people moved there from European Russia between 1895 and 1916. The region quickly became famous for producing bread and butter. Without the Trans-Siberian Railway, Siberia's industrial revolution would not have happened.

55. _____

Today, this service is used by both tourists and workers. Running at an average speed of 60 km/h, it is not designed for anyone in a hurry. Nor are the trains particularly glamorous. The trip could never be described as dull, however, with breathtaking views from the carriage window and the opportunity to talk to fellow passengers.

Part 3. Read the passage below and choose the best answer to each of the following questions. (10 points)

BURIED TREASURE

Artist Kit Williams was always interested in trying new things, so when it was suggested that he should illustrate a book, he preferred to write his own story rather than work with someone else's. He hit (56) _____ a new idea. What better way to attract people's (57) _____ to his work than to give his readers the chance to take part in a treasure hunt? So Kit made a golden pendant in the (58) _____ of a hare and buried it underground at a secret location. The words and pictures in his book, *Masquerade*, (59) _____ clues as to where the hare was buried. (60) _____ two million readers from all over the world joined in the rush to solve the puzzle. The race was open to all, and no one had any advantage - the treasure was as (61) _____ to be found by a clever child of ten as it was by a university professor. After more than two years, the golden hare was found by a businessman (62) _____ called himself Ken Thomas, although this was actually a false name. It appears that "Thomas" (63) _____ sold the hare for a large sum of money. Afterwards some people (64) _____ that the discovery of the hare was not based purely on the information in the book, but was the result of a complex plot in which "Thomas" was helped by a former girlfriend of Kit Williams. (65) _____, "Thomas" has always firmly denied these claims.

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| 56. A. at | B. off | C. upon | D. in |
| 57. A. interest | B. attention | C. eyes | D. curiosity |
| 58. A. appearance | B. pattern | C. shape | D. figure |
| 59. A. provided | B. identified | C. made | D. supported |
| 60. A. At most | B. Mostly | C. Most | D. Almost |
| 61. A. unlikely | B. unlike | C. alike | D. likely |
| 62. A. which | B. who | C. whose | D. whom |
| 63. A. subsequently | B. considerably | C. absolutely | D. formerly |
| 64. A. threatened | B. charged | C. accused | D. claimed |
| 65. A. Therefore | B. Otherwise | C. However | D. Also |

Part 4. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question. (10 points)

Birds that feed in flocks commonly retire together into roosts. The reasons for roosting communally are not always obvious, but there are some likely benefits. In winter especially, it is important for birds to keep warm at night and **conserve** precious food reserves. One way to do this is to find a sheltered roost. Solitary roosters shelter in dense vegetation or enter a cavity- horned larks dig holes in the ground and ptarmigan burrow into snow banks - but the effect of sheltering is **magnified** by several birds huddling together in the roosts, as wrens, swifts, brown creepers, bluebirds, and anis do. Body contact reduces the surface area exposed to the cold air, so the birds keep each other warm. Two kinglets huddling together were found to reduce their heat losses by a quarter, and three together saved a third of their heat.

The second possible benefit of communal roosts is that they act as "information centers". During the day, parties of birds will have spread out to **forage** over a very large area. When they return in the evening some will have fed well, but others may have found little to eat. Some investigators have observed that when the birds set out again next morning, those birds that did not feed well on the previous day appear to follow those that did. The behavior of common and lesser kestrels may illustrate different feeding behaviors of similar birds with different roosting habits. The common kestrel hunts vertebrate animals in a small, familiar hunting ground, whereas the very similar lesser kestrel feeds on insects over a large area. The common kestrel roosts and hunts alone, but the lesser kestrel roosts and hunts in flocks, possibly so one bird can learn from others where to find insect swarms.

Finally, there is safety in numbers at communal roosts since there will always be a few birds awake at any given moment to give the alarm. But this increased protection is partially counteracted by the fact that mass roosts attract predators and are especially vulnerable if **they** are on the ground. Even those in trees can be attacked by

birds of prey. The birds on the edge are at greatest risk since predators find it easier to catch small birds perching at the margins of the roost.

66. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. How birds find and store food
- B. How birds maintain body heat in the water
- C. Why birds need to establish territory
- D. Why some species of birds nest together

67. The word **conserve** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. retain
- B. watch
- C. locate
- D. share

68. Ptarmigans keep warm in the winter by _____.

- A. huddling together on the ground with other birds
- B. building nests in trees
- C. burrowing into dense patches of vegetation
- D. digging tunnels into the snow

69. The word **magnified** in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. caused
- B. modified
- C. intensified
- D. combined

70. The author mentions kinglets in paragraph 1 as an example of birds that _____.

- A. protect themselves by nesting in holes
- B. nest with other species of birds
- C. nest together for warmth
- D. usually feed and nest in pairs

71. The word **forage** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. fly
- B. assemble
- C. feed
- D. rest

72. Which of the following statements about lesser and common kestrels is true?

- A. The lesser kestrel and the common kestrel have similar diets.
- B. The lesser kestrel feeds sociably but the common kestrel does not.
- C. The common kestrel nests in larger flocks than does the lesser kestrel.
- D. The common kestrel nests in trees; the lesser kestrel nests on the ground.

73. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an advantage derived by birds that huddle together while sleeping?

- A. Some members of the flock warn others of impending dangers.
- B. Staying together provides a greater amount of heat for the whole flock.
- C. Some birds in the flock function as information centers for others who are looking for food.
- D. Several members of the flock care for the young.

74. Which of the following is a disadvantage of communal roosts that is mentioned in the passage?

- A. Diseases easily spread among the birds.
- B. Groups are more attractive to predators than individual birds are.
- C. Food supplies are quickly depleted.
- D. Some birds in the group will attack the others.

75. The word **they** in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. a few birds
- B. mass roosts
- C. predators
- D. trees

D. WRITING

Part 1. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (3 points)

76. She left without saying goodbye as she didn't want to disturb the meeting.

→ Rather than _____

77. It was careless of her to allow her 12-year-old son to ride her motorbike.

→ She should _____

78. People became aware of the damage to the ozone layer when an enormous hole was discovered over the South Pole.

→ It was the _____

Some people think that teenagers should do unpaid work in their free time to help the local community because this is beneficial to both the individual teenagers and society as a whole.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

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