

SECTION A: LISTENING (15 points)

HƯỚNG DẪN PHẦN THI NGHE HIỂU

- Bài nghe gồm 3 phần, mỗi phần được nghe 2 lần, mỗi lần cách nhau khoảng 15 giây.
- Mọi hướng dẫn bằng tiếng Anh đã có trong bài nghe. Giáo viên coi thi chỉ bật một lần.

Part I. Listen and complete the form below. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS or A NUMBER for each answer. (5 pts)

AMBASSADOR HOTEL

Registration Card

Name of the customer: (1) _____

Passport No.: (2) _____

Number of customers: (3) _____

Room No.: (4) _____

Luggage: Two (5) _____ and one bag.

Part II. You will hear a college lecturer being interviewed about the subject of her new book. Listen and decide whether each of the following statements is True (T) or False (F). (5 pts)

6. Pat's book has already been published for 3 months.
7. Pat thinks girls do not benefit in mixed-sex schools.
8. According to Pat's book, boys always keep quiet when a girl is speaking in the classroom.
9. Pat thinks boys not only dominate the classroom verbally, but physically as well.
10. The so-called "normal" behaviour is men dominate women.

Part III. You will hear Peter Walsh being interviewed for a job. Listen and choose the correct answer for each question. (5 pts)

11. How long has he been in his present job?
A. Since 2005
B. For three months
C. For about three years
D. For three weeks
12. Why does he want a new job?
A. For a change
B. To get promotion
C. To see new friends
D. To earn more money
13. What does he like most about his job?
A. The right to take action and make decisions
B. His colleagues
C. Working conditions
D. High salary
14. What kind of person are they looking for?
A. Someone prepared to work overtime
B. Someone who is punctual
C. Someone who wants to get on
D. Someone who is helpful
15. What qualifications does Peter have?
A. Degree
B. A school leaving certificate
C. A postgraduate diploma
D. Certificate of law

SECTION B: PHONETICS (5 points)

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

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| 16. A. <u>com</u> munity | B. <u>com</u> prise | C. <u>com</u> puter | D. <u>com</u> promise |
| 17. A. gar <u>age</u> | B. short <u>a</u> ge | C. stor <u>a</u> ge | D. carri <u>a</u> ge |

18. A. crookeded B. hookeded C. clickeded D. pluckeded

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 (30 points)

Question I. Choose the word/phrase that best fits the gap in each of the following sentences and write A, B, C or D on your answer sheet. (10 points)

21. "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
22. _____ appears considerably larger at the horizon than it does overhead is merely an optical illusion.
A. That the Moon B. The Moon C. The Moon which D. When the Moon
23. 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
24. Young _____ he was, he was equal to the task.
A. unless B. because C. as D. if
25. One hundred dollars _____ a big amount of money for her.
A. is B. are C. were D. is being
26. It is a _____.
A. blue sleeping polyester bag B. blue polyester sleeping bag
C. polyester sleeping blue bag D. sleeping blue polyester bag
27. They had wanted it to be a surprise but the plan didn't _____.
A. call off B. drop off C. fall off D. come off
28. I don't know _____ of them comes from England as they all speak English.
A. who B. whom C. whose D. which
29. I don't think she will come, _____?
A. do I B. don't I C. will she D. won't she
30. When Lien saw my new fashionable coat, she was _____ with envy.
A. blue B. white C. yellow D. green

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

31. The woman (**help**) _____ us yesterday was an executive director of a big company.
32. He (**come**) _____, tell him to wait for me.
33. Don't call him at 2.30 p.m. He (**interview**) _____ job applicants at that time.
34. Ba and Phong (**know**) _____ each other quite well for years.
35. She took a risk investing money with them. I'd rather she (**not do**) _____ it.
36. It is obligatory that the voyage (**cancel**) _____.
37. (**Bite**) _____ by a snake, I was rushed to hospital.
38. **Mike**: I have just watered the roses.
Lucy: You (**not water**) _____ them. Look, it's raining now!

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

39. I enjoy _____ with friends and going out at the weekend. (**SOCIAL**)
40. You must learn to _____ between politeness and real kindness. (**DIFFERENT**)
41. They made sacrifices in _____ to the gods. (**OFFER**)
42. The tsunami has caused _____ damage to the Japanese. (**CALCULATE**)

43. Space is _____ huge and full of exciting things such as planets, moon, galaxies and black holes. (IMAGINE)
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 (from 46 to 50). Recognise the mistakes and write their correct forms in your answer sheet. (5 pts)

It is sometimes very difficult to decide which career to be chosen when you leave school. British students are helped by career teachers, who inform them about other careers, the qualifications needed and try to help them make up their minds. Mr. Hemmings, a career teacher for around five years and, on the whole, I've found it a rewarding experience. Our students have career lessons once a week for the fourth and the fifth years (15 and 16 years old). My task consists of explaining as accurate as possible the qualifications required for each job, as well as the type of work and personal skills involved. To advise teenagers can be rather difficult – some youngsters have no idea at all about what they want to do, or of what the real world outside school really is.

SECTION D: READING COMPREHENSION (30 pts)

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

Hobbies are practiced (51) _____ interest and enjoyment, rather than financial reward. Examples include collecting, creative and artistic pursuits, making, tinkering, sports and adult education. Engaging in a hobby can (52) _____ to acquiring substantial skill, knowledge, and experience. However, personal fulfilment (53) _____ the aim.

What are hobbies for (54) _____ people are professions for others: a game tester may enjoy cooking as a hobby, while a professional chef might enjoy playing (and helping to debug) computer games. Generally speaking, the (55) _____ who does something for fun, not remuneration, is called an amateur (or hobbyist), as distinct from professional.

An important determinant of what is considered a hobby, as distinct from a profession (beyond the lack of remuneration), is probably (56) _____ easy it is to make a living at the activity. Almost no one can make a living at cigarette card or stamp collecting, but many people find (57) _____ enjoyable; so it is commonly regarded (58) _____ a hobby.

Amateur astronomers often make meaningful contributions to the professionals. It is not entirely uncommon for a hobbyist to be the (59) _____ to discover a celestial body or event.

In (60) _____ UK, the pejorative noun anorak (similar to the Japanese 'otaku' meaning a geek or enthusiast) is often applied to people who obsessively pursue a particular hobby that is considered boring, such as train spotting or stamp collecting.

Question II: 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)

Sometimes ago, scientists began (61) _____ to find out whether it would be possible to set up a "village" under the sea. A special room was built and lowered (62) _____ the water of Port Sudan in the Red Sea. For 29 days, five men lived (63) _____ a depth of 40 feet. At a (64) _____ lower level, another two divers stayed for a week in a smaller 'house'. On returning to the surface, the men said they had experienced no difficulty in breathing and had (65) _____ many interesting scientific observations. The captain of the party, Commander Cousteau, spoke of the possibility of (66) _____ the seabed. He said that some permanent stations were to be set up under the sea, and some undersea farms would provide food for the growing population of the world.

The divers in both 'house' spent most of their time (67) _____ the bottom of the sea. On four occasions, they went down to 360 feet and observed many extraordinary (68) _____ of the marine life, some of which had never been seen before. During their stay, Commander Cousteau and his divers reached a depth of 1000 feet and witnessed a gathering of an immense (69) _____

of crab which numbered, perhaps, hundreds of millions. They also found out that it was (70) _____ to move rapidly in the water in a special vessel known as a “diving saucer”.

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| 61. A. research | B. study | C. experiments | D. experiences |
| 62. A. under | B. into | C. down | D. below |
| 63. A. to | B. at | C. with | D. on |
| 64. A. much | B. more | C. any | D. some |
| 65. A. made | B. practised | C. done | D. exercised |
| 66. A. implanting | B. planting | C. growing | D. cultivating |
| 67. A. inquiring | B. requiring | C. imploring | D. exploring |
| 68. A. families | B. shapes | C. forms | D. breeds |
| 69. A. pack | B. school | C. herd | D. flock |
| 70. A. able | B. capable | C. possible | D. hardly |

Question III. Read the passage and choose the best answers to the questions below. (10 points)

The modern comic strip started out as ammunition in a newspaper war between giants of the American press in the late nineteenth century. The first full-color comic strip appeared in January 1894 in the New York World, owned by Joseph Pulitzer. The first regular weekly full-color comic supplement, similar to today’s Sunday funnies, appeared two years later, in William Randolph Hearst’s rival New York paper, the Morning Journal.

Both were immensely popular and publishers realized that supplementing the news with comic relief boosted the sale of papers. The Morning Journal started another feature in 1896, the “**Yellow Kid**”, the first continuous comic character in the United States, whose creator, Richard Outcault, had been **lured away from** the World by the ambitious Hearst. The “Yellow Kid” was in many ways a pioneer. Its comic dialogue was the strictly urban farce that came to characterize later strips, and **it** introduced the speech balloon inside the strip, usually placed above the characters’ heads.

The first strip to **incorporate** all the elements of later comics was Rudolph Dirks’s “Katzenjammer Kids”, based on Wilhelm Busch’s Max and Moritz, a European satire of the nineteenth century. The “Kids” strip, first published in 1897, served as the **prototype** for future American strips. It contained not only speech balloons, but a continuous cast of characters, and was divided into small regular panels that did away with the larger panoramic scenes of earlier comics.

Newspaper syndication played a major role in spreading the popularity of comic strips throughout the country. Though weekly colored comics came first, daily black-and-white strips were not far behind. The first appeared in the Chicago American in 1904. It was followed by many imitators, and by 1915 black-and-white comic strips had become a **staple** of daily newspapers around the country.

71. In what order does the author discuss various comic strips in the passage?
- A. In the order in which they were created.
 - B. From most popular to least popular.
 - C. According to the newspaper in which they appeared.
 - D. In alphabetical order by title.
72. According to the passage, the “**Yellow Kid**” was the first comic strip to do all of the following EXCEPT _____.
- A. feature the same character in each episode
 - B. include dialogue inside a balloon
 - C. appear in a Chicago newspaper
 - D. characterize city life in a humorous way
73. The word **prototype** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. model
 - B. story
 - C. humor
 - D. drawing
74. The word **staple** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. new version
 - B. huge success
 - C. regular feature
 - D. popular edition

75. The word **incorporate** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. combine B. mention C. create D. affect
76. Why does the author mention Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst?
 A. Their comic strips are still published today.
 B. They owned major competitive newspapers.
 C. They established New York's first newspaper.
 D. They published comic strips about the newspaper war.
77. The word **it** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
 A. balloon B. farce C. dialogue D. the "Yellow Kid"
78. The passage suggests that comic strips were popular for which of the following reasons?
 A. Readers enjoyed the unusual drawings.
 B. They were about real-life situations.
 C. Readers could identify with the characters.
 D. They provided a break from serious news stories.
79. To say that Richard Outcault had been "**lured away from**" the World by Hearst means which of the following?
 A. Hearst warned Outcault not to leave the World.
 B. Hearst convinced Outcault to leave the World.
 C. Hearst fired Outcault from the World.
 D. Hearst wanted Outcault to work for the World.
80. What does the passage mainly discuss?
 A. The differences between early and modern comic strips.
 B. Features of early comic strips in the United States.
 C. The effects of newspapers on comic strip stories.
 D. A comparison of two popular comic strips.

SECTION E: WRITING (20 pts)

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

→ He criticized _____

82. His mood began to improve as soon as he drank a glass of wine.

→ No sooner _____

83. It is believed that his father died in a car accident.

→ His father _____

84. You can do jogging anytime whatever the weather is like.

→ Come rain _____

85. The training course was too expensive; I couldn't afford it.

→ It was such _____

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. Ann is proud of her ability to speak five languages fluently. (**PRIDES**)

→ Being _____

87. Although he was not guilty, they executed him. (**BEING**)

→ In _____

88. Nothing would induce him to leave the house without locking the door. (**CIRCUMSTANCES**)

→ Under _____ without locking the door.

89. Don't tell my mother anything about it. (**BREATHE**)

→ Don't _____

90. She couldn't understand anything about what the teacher was explaining in class. (**HEAD**)

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

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

Some people believe that AI (Artificial Intelligence) will bring more benefits than drawbacks to society.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Write a paragraph about 150–170 words to express your opinion.

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