

(Đề thi có 10 trang)

Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút, không kể thời gian phát đề

**Chú ý:**

- Thí sinh KHÔNG được sử dụng bất cứ tài liệu gì, kể cả từ điển.
- Thí sinh làm bài trực tiếp vào đề thi này.

**SECTION 1: LISTENING (10 points)**

**I. You are going to hear a part of a guide's talk. Listen to the talk and complete the notes. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)**

PALACE OF KOM OMBANE		
Main attractions	When built or opened	What you will see
Statue of King Hupugarta in (1) _____	123 BCE	Statue of King covered in (2) _____ gold
Temple of the Sun	About 2,700 years ago	Many columns, some as high as (3) _____
The (4) _____ in the New Palace	1346	Private rooms of the Kings and Queens
The palace museum	March 2011	Collection of jewelry, (5) _____ and other historical objects

**II. You will hear a psychologist being interviewed about friendship. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear. (5 points)**

- From three to five years old, children \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are happy to play alone  
B. prefer to be with their families  
C. have a rather selfish relationship  
D. have little idea of ownership
- From the age of five to eight or ten, children \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. change their friends more often  
B. decide who they want to be friends with  
C. admire people who don't keep to rules  
D. learn to be tolerant of their friends
- According to Sarah Browne, adolescents \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. may be closer to their parents  
B. develop an interest in friends of the opposite sex  
C. choose friends with similar personalities to themselves  
D. want friends who are dependable
- Young married people \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tend to focus on their children  
B. often lose touch with their friends  
C. make close friends less easily  
D. need fewer friends than single people
- In middle or old age, people generally prefer \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. to stay in touch with old friends  
B. to see younger friends more often  
C. to have friends who live nearby  
D. to spend more time with their friends

**SECTION 2: PHONETICS (10 points)**

**I. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose underlined part is pronounced differently. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)**

- A. hazard                      B. bombard                      C. custard                      D. mustard

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| 2. A. salmon     | B. vulgar      | C. shoulder    | D. poultry      |
| 3. A. resilience | B. expertise   | C. inversion   | D. resultant    |
| 4. A. character  | B. chivalry    | C. chemistry   | D. chorister    |
| 5. A. hesitation | B. recognition | C. combination | D. confirmation |

**II. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose stress pattern is different from that of the others. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)**

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| 1. A. canal       | B. hotel       | C. police       | D. access        |
| 2. A. attendance  | B. candidate   | C. scholarship  | D. scenery       |
| 3. A. congenial   | B. inventory   | C. negligent    | D. infamous      |
| 4. A. residential | B. monotonous  | C. renewable    | D. arithmetic    |
| 5. A. legitimate  | B. extravagant | C. entrepreneur | D. demonstrative |

### SECTION 3: LEXICO-GRAMMAR (35 points)

**I. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) which best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the space provided. (20 points)**

- You're absolutely snowed under with work at the moment. Let me help you do it, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. shall I                      B. may I                      C. shan't I                      D. mayn't I
- When I got my case back, it had been damaged \_\_\_\_\_ repair.  
A. under                      B. for                      C. above                      D. beyond
- John still hasn't shown up. He \_\_\_\_\_ everything for the trip now.  
A. must have been preparing                      B. must be preparing  
C. will be preparing                      D. will have prepared
- The factory is said \_\_\_\_\_ in a fire two years ago.  
A. to be destroyed                      B. to have been destroyed  
C. to have destroyed                      D. to destroy
- Many craters on the Earth's surface were probably formed by very large meteorites \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. which smashed into the ground and an explosion  
B. smashing into the ground and exploding  
C. when smashed into the ground and exploded  
D. they smashed into the ground and exploded
- Unfortunately, the authors have been unsuccessful so far in finding a satisfying explanation for this surprisingly simple correlation within \_\_\_\_\_ framework of \_\_\_\_\_ present theory.  
A. Ø/a                      B. the/a                      C. the/Ø                      D. the/the
- \_\_\_\_\_, he continued to fulfill his duties.  
A. Despite excellent health                      B. Though in fragile health  
C. No matter how fragile his health                      D. Even though he was in excellent health
- A lot of people believe the completely \_\_\_\_\_ claims they read on the internet, and never actually research the issue.  
A. impossible                      B. malicious                      C. unfounded                      D. uninvolved
- In a bid to boost tourism, they have built a lot of holiday resorts \_\_\_\_\_ a view of gently rolling hills.  
A. requiring                      B. commanding                      C. authorizing                      D. appointing
- I like watching \_\_\_\_\_ of cows grazing in a field; I find it very relaxing.  
A. schools                      B. troops                      C. herds                      D. swarms
- When several companies showed interest in buying the film rights to his novels, he knew he had \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. upped the ante                      B. scooped the bag                      C. caught the fat one                      D. hit the jackpot
- Unless these strong winds \_\_\_\_\_, I'm afraid we'll have to postpone our barbecue.  
A. brighten up                      B. beat down                      C. break through                      D. die down
- He said he was \_\_\_\_\_ optimistic, predicting some growth in the new year.  
A. deliberately                      B. virtually                      C. deliciously                      D. cautiously
- Making hand-knitted scarves has become a \_\_\_\_\_ industry in many parts of the country.  
A. cottage                      B. textile                      C. household                      D. labour

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

15. Silas is talking to his roommate, Salah, about the Olympic Games.

- Silas: "Do you think our country can host the Olympic Games some day in the future?"

- Salah: "\_\_\_\_\_ . We can't afford such a big event."

A. You can say that again

B. I can't agree with you more

C. Yes, you're right

D. No, I don't think so

16. Jim invited Helen to visit his gardens.

- Helen: "I love your gardens. The plants are well taken care of!"

- Jim: "Thanks. Yes, I suppose I've always \_\_\_\_\_."

A. had green fingers

B. shot the breeze

C. made it down on my luck

D. drawn the short straw

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

17. The place has rapidly evolved from a small fishing community into a thriving tourist resort.

A. developed

B. generated

C. created

D. increased

18. Persuading him to accept our proposal is like getting blood from a stone. He never changes his mind.

A. quite challenging

B. very shocking

C. rather special

D. surprisingly easy

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

19. The police said that was the most vicious attack they'd ever seen. More than 100 victims had been killed and seriously injured.

A. dangerous

B. trivial

C. healthy

D. gentle

20. Julie's slimming attempts have been going by fits and starts. She needs to do it consistently.

A. slowly

B. poorly

C. steadily

D. flexibly

II. Identify the underlined word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that must be changed to make the sentence correct. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)

1. (A) Since every penny of the grant (B) had to spend on equipment, we (C) started looking for volunteers to do (D) the cleaning.

2. (A) Although best known for (B) great novel *The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck also (C) published essays, plays, stories, memoirs, (D) and newspaper articles.

3. Social tensions (A) amounted yesterday following the declaration (B) issued by the government that social distancing rules would be (C) enforced to help (D) contain the spread of the virus.

4. In order to make an (A) informative decision about your future career, it is (B) advisable to (C) partake in career (D) orientation programs for high school students in your town.

5. The company (A) claimed that the environmental impact of its (B) operations was (C) negligent, but many environmentalists (D) disagreed.

III. Give the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)

1. My parents would rather that I (**turn up**) \_\_\_\_\_ at the party early last night.

2. If you had listened to my advice in the first place, you (**not/be**) \_\_\_\_\_ in this mess right now.

3. You (**not/use**) \_\_\_\_\_ disrespectful language to talk about people with disability like that.

4. Fund collecting actions have been organized by the local library, (**raise**) \_\_\_\_\_ the public awareness of the advantages of becoming engrossed in a good book.

5. One of the hazards that electronic media like the television, radio or computers cause these days (**be**) \_\_\_\_\_ the decline in book reading.

IV. Complete the sentences by filling in each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets. Write your answers in the space provided. (5 points)

1. Thanks to the operation, my \_\_\_\_\_ has improved considerably. I hope that after the next one I won't have to wear glasses at all. (SEE)

2. Customers are willing to pay \_\_\_\_\_ for the anti-aging cosmetic products. (HAND)

3. I was a bit \_\_\_\_\_ by my performance in the first exam, but I decided to make an extra effort in the ones left. (MORAL)

4. The fans' bad behavior has resulted in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their football team from the championship. (QUALITY)
5. The newly renovated airport terminal with efficient check-in processes offers a \_\_\_\_\_ travel experience for tourists. (STREAM)

#### SECTION 4: READING (25 points)

**I. Read the following passage and fill each numbered blank with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in the space provided. (10 points)**

The knowledge and eloquence that people gain through travelling is usually perceived (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the best fulfillment in life. It is the inquisitive human nature that impels people to seek thrilling experiences and to set out on an exploration trip. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ who travel frequently and to diverse places benefit from establishing new relationships and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a better knowledge about other cultures and lifestyles. However, there is a grain of truth in the assumption that people are prone to cherishing clichés and irrational prejudices about other nations and their characteristics. Sometimes, it is only the first-hand encounter (4) \_\_\_\_\_ can help change the approach towards the so-called 'inferior communities'. This direct (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with a different civilization enables travelers to drop their baseless assumptions and get acquainted with the real concept of life in all four (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the globe. Beyond question, travelling facilitates friendship and makes (7) \_\_\_\_\_ easier for many individuals to acknowledge the true value of different traditions and customs. Yet, it does not always (8) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyment. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ also involve coming close with the atrocities of real existence as well as becoming aware of the challenges and hardships that other people have to struggle with. Hence, a true voyage is the one with a good (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of experience to reminisce about, very often combined with exposure to abhorrent sights and incredible ordeals. The learning to be complete, thus, requires an ability to observe and analyze the surroundings, both their glamour and brutality.

**II. Read the following passage and choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank In the following passage. Write your answers in the space provided. (10 points)**

#### A LACK OF COMMUNICATION

Recent research has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that a third of people in Britain have not met their next-door neighbors, and those who know each other (2) \_\_\_\_\_ speak. 'Neighbors gossiping over garden fences and in the street was a common sight in the 1950s', says Dr. Carl Chinn, an expert on local communities. Now, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, longer hours spent working at the office, together with the Internet and satellite television, are eroding neighborhood (4) \_\_\_\_\_. 'Poor neighborhoods once had strong kinship, but now prosperity buys privacy', said Chinn.

Professor John Luke, a social scientist at Cambridge University, has analyzed a large number of surveys. He found that in America and Britain the amount of time spent in social activity is decreasing. A third of people said they never spoke to their neighbor at (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Andrew Mayer, 25, a strategy consultant, rents a large apartment in west London, with two flat mates, who work in e-commerce. 'We have a family of teachers upstairs and lawyers below, but our only contact comes via letters (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the communal facilities or complaints that we've not put out our bin bags properly', said Mayer.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of communities can have serious effects. Concerned at the rise in burglaries and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of vandalism, the police have relaunched crime prevention (9) \_\_\_\_\_ such as Neighborhood Watch, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on people who live in the same area to keep an eye on each other's houses and report anything they see which is unusual.

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| 1. A. exhibited    | B. conducted    | C. displayed | D. revealed  |
| 2. A. barely       | B. roughly      | C. nearly    | D. virtually |
| 3. A. consequently | B. furthermore  | C. hence     | D. however   |
| 4. A. ties         | B. joints       | C. strings   | D. laces     |
| 5. A. least        | B. once         | C. all       | D. most      |
| 6. A. concerning   | B. regarding    | C. applying  | D. relating  |
| 7. A. breakout     | B. breakthrough | C. breakdown | D. breakaway |
| 8. A. acts         | B. shows        | C. counts    | D. works     |
| 9. A. assaults     | B. ideas        | C. schemes   | D. raids     |

10. A. setting                      B. calling                      C. carrying                      D. trying

**III. 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. (5 points)**

In the nineteenth century, oceanography benefited from the new desire to study phenomena on a global scale. Many scientists collected information on the chemical composition, temperature, and pressure of the ocean at various depths and in different regions. The difficulty of gathering information about the ocean depths was immense.

At first it was believed that the temperatures in the depths never fell below 4 degrees Celsius, until it was shown that the figures were distorted by the effect of pressures on the thermometers. There was intensive study of tides and ocean currents; and a number of physicists examined the forces responsible for the movements of the water. For example, James Rennell provided the first accurate map of the currents in the Atlantic Ocean, and the United States Coast Survey made extensive studies of the Gulf Stream. The zoologist Edward Forbes argued that no life existed below a depth of 300 fathoms (about 600 meters) - a view widely accepted until disproved by the voyage of the British research vessel HMS Challenger (1872-1876). The HMS Challenger expedition provided valuable information about the seabed, including the discovery of manganese nodules that are now being seen as a potentially valuable source of minerals.

The first detailed map of the seabed was provided for the Atlantic by the American geographer Matthew F. Maury. He devised new techniques for measuring ocean depths, and his work proved of great value in laying the first transatlantic telegraph cables. He also studied global wind patterns and was able to provide sailors with guides that significantly reduced the time taken on many routes. Some oceanographers believed that the winds were responsible for producing ocean currents such as the Gulf Stream, but Maury disagreed. He argued that **they** were produced by changes in the density of seawater due to temperature, which set up systems of movement between warm and cool regions of the world. Maury believed that the circulation of a warm current would produce ice-free sea around the North Pole, a claim not disproved until Fridtjof Nansen allowed his vessel The Fram to be carried to within a few degrees of the pole in the years 1893-1896.

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?
  - A. Exploration of the Atlantic Ocean seabed
  - B. Differences between the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents
  - C. Oceanography in the nineteenth century
  - D. The reaction of water to temperature changes
2. The underlined word **distorted** in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. falsified
  - B. measured
  - C. clarified
  - D. illustrated
3. The underlined word **they** in the last paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. routes
  - B. oceanographers
  - C. winds
  - D. currents
4. According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE about Matthew F. Maury?
  - A. His ship traveled to the North Pole in 1893.
  - B. He believed winds to be the source of currents.
  - C. His studies of wind patterns enabled sailors to shorten their travel times.
  - D. He believed that currents flowed only from warmer regions to cooler ones.
5. What did the voyages of HMS Challenger and The Fram have in common?
  - A. Both provided new scientific data about the Gulf Stream.
  - B. Both disproved previously accepted scientific beliefs.
  - C. Both took place at the same time.
  - D. Both produced maps of the seabed.

#### **SECTION 5: WRITING (20 points)**

**I. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it has similar meaning to the sentence printed before. (5 points)**

1. A new flu vaccine has been on trial since the beginning of the year.

They have \_\_\_\_\_

2. People are persuaded by advertisements to spend more than they can afford.

Advertisements tempt \_\_\_\_\_



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