SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO TỈNH BÀ RỊA – VŨNG TÀU

KỲ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 12 Môn: TIẾNG ANH

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

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(Đề thi gồm 8 trang)

A. LISTENING – WRITING (học sinh làm bài trên giấy thi)

I. LISTENING (3pts.)

Part 1: You will hear a radio interview with two writers Caroline Stevenson and Simon Webb talking about writing crime fiction. Listen and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 1. According to Simon, what do his books offer the readers?

 A. a social issue to think about

 C. a shock which will thrill them

 D. a record of contemporary society

 2. Simon deals with the brutality of crime in his novels by _____.

 A. concentrating on the psychological aspects of the crime

 B. describing the research which produces the evidence

 C. writing mainly about what happens after the crime
 - D. referring to it in a light, almost humorous way
- 3. How does Caroline account for the personality of her main character?
 - A. It has evolved from her observations of real life.
 - B. It reflects the dark side of the criminal world.
 - C. It offers an alternative to the usual serious detective.
 - D. It allows Caroline to analyze a secretive lifestyle.
- 4. What is Simon's attitude to the suggestion that he could write a different type of book?
 - A. He wishes he had written different books.
 - B. It is irrelevant which type of book he writes.
 - C. Only detective novels offer scope for deep feelings.
 - D. Detective novels allow him to write about areas which interest him.
- 5. How do Caroline and Simon both feel about receiving a writer's award?
 - A. proud to have been selected by other writers
 - B. valued for having made a contribution to people's lives
 - C. dismissive of the real significance of the prize
 - D. embarrassed about being pushed into the limelight
- 6. How does Caroline feel about writing a novel with a new main character?
 - A. She is unwilling to talk about her plans.
 - B. She is seriously tempted to do so.
 - C. She recognizes the commercial value of her current work.
 - D. She would feel lost if she abandoned her chief inspector.

(CAE online Test)

Part 2: You will hear a woman talking to a group of first - year science undergraduates about the developing science of nanotechnology. Listen and complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Uses of Nanotechnology

Transport

- Nanotechnology could allow the development of stronger metal.
- Planes would be much lighter in weight.
- (1)_____ travel will be made available to the masses.

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			(Cambrid	dge IELTS)		
II. WRITING (3 pts	s.)		(Camerie	(SC 12215)		
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the world are disrupt						
		C. to work				
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		saucepan was only	=			
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9. He was doing very	badly but he tried to	appearances.				
A. hold on	B. stick to	C. keep up	D. make out			
10. I can't understand how your father managed to that man. He had deceived all the rest of us.						
A. see off	B. see through	C. see to	D. see out			
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clothing.	-					

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HOW WE CAN					
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Our mission is to (23) misco facts.	onceptions about air travel.	We wish to replace irrat	tional fears with solid	
We employ licensed behavioral there	- ·			
change in attitude, it won't help th		- ·	_	
behavioral change.	le leariul lilers. Ours is re	any a two-pronged app	roach-education plus	
(Adapted from <i>Upstream</i>)				
(Mapted from <i>Cpsireum</i>)				
19. A. sweat	B. shoulder	C. head	D. feet	
20. A. carefully	B. deliberately	C. narrowly	D. bitterly	
21. A. gloss over	B. dwell over	C. pore over	D. snow over	
22. A. From	B. Under	C. In	D. With	
23. A. validate	B. challenge	C. discredit	D. debunk	
24. A. provoke	B. aggravate	C. experience	D. conquer	
Read the passage and CIRCLE the leach of the space from 24 to 32.		_	-	
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consequences of environmental degr				
ecosystems but also human societies change, (26), the burning of	-	•	-	
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in turn disrupt agriculture, displace p			, and droughts, which	
Furthermore, the loss of biodiversit			e last mass extinction	
event. Deforestation, habitat destruc				
this crisis. When species disa				
effect on the environment. (30)				
economy, particularly in regions heav	-	·	C	
The responsibility for addressing env	•		and corporations but	
also with individuals. Small change	ges, such as reducing ene	rgy consumption, recyc	ling, and supporting	
sustainable practices, can collectively	y make a significant differe	nce. (31), driver	1 by stringent policies	
and global cooperation, that will ultim	mately dictate the future of	the planet. The urgent no	eed for environmental	
protection cannot be overstated, as t	he decisions made today w	ill shape the quality of l	life for generations to	
come. Thus, humanity (32)	_with the opportunity to	either mitigate the d	amage or allow the	
environment to deteriorate beyond re	pair.			
25. A. though often gradual and subtl		hich are often gradual ar		
C. due to being often gradual and s		s well as often gradual ar		
26. A. is exacerbated by deforestation B. which is exacerbated by deforestation				
_	C. exacerbating deforestation D. to have exacerbated deforestation			
27. A. more extreme weather frequen		nore extremely frequent v		
C. more frequent extreme weather events D. more frequently extreme weather events				
28. A. when species extinction occur	_			
B. because species are becoming e				
C. for species which become extin				
D. with species extinction occurring	_			
29. A. are major contributors to		s major contributors to	- 0	
C. contributing mainly to D. being contributed manly to				
30. A. This threat of ecological balance loses C. This ecological balance threatens the loss of D. This loss of ecological threats balances				
31. A. However, the large-scale syst		ins 1088 of Cological till	cats varances	
B. Therefore, if the large-scale syst	_			
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- C. However, it is the large-scale systemic change
- D. Additionally, the large-scale systemic which changes
- 32. A. finding themselves critical juncture

B. is finding a critical juncture for itself

C. found itself a critical juncture

D. finds itself at a critical juncture

Read the passage ICONIC SYMBOL LOST TO GALAPAGOS FOREVER and CIRCLE the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the space from 33 to 40.

The news of the demise of Lonesome George, thought to be the last-surviving member of his species, Geochelone Abingdoni, is likely to come as a shock to those who (33)_____ the fortunes of Galapagos, the habitat that inspired the Darwinian theory of evolution, and one that is now genuinely under real threat and in danger of being (34) harmed by human activity, with the main source of damage being tourism. Early visitor to the archipelago were what could be (35)______true nature-loving tourists, a group which did little collective or individual harm to the islands and did not interfere with the fragile balance of the ecosystem. However, in more recent times, eco-tourism has grown to enjoy almost cult-like popularity. Ecotourists are a very different beast though and are rather more (36) in their tastes. Therefore, while, on the (37)_____ of it, they come to marvel at the natural splendours the archipelago (38)_____, they do so only on the understanding that their comfort will not be sacrificed, requiring tour providers to take special measures to accommodate their more discerning tastes. Large companies are best positioned to offer these eco-tourists the luxuries they have come to expect, but their popularity with visitors is side-lining local operators, a proportion of whose revenues goes towards the upkeep and conservation of the precious ecosystem. Sadly, the large international tour companies are far less benevolent with the (39)_____ of their activities, which results in a double-edged sword situation whereby, due to large numbers of tourists, more and more of the islands' habitat is being disturbed while, at the same time, less funding is being made available to conserve the ecosystem. If the situation continues to (40)_____, Lonesome George may be but the first of many rare and endangered creatures to disappear. (Succeed in Cambridge English: Proficiency)

33. A. track	B. pursue	C. observe	D. grasp
34. A. irrespectively	B. irreversibly	C. irrelevantly	D. irreverently
35. A. coined	B. termed	C. stated	D. shared
36. A. delineating	B. deliberating	C. discriminating	D. debilitating
37. A. front	B. face	C. cusp	D. side
38. A hosts	B. lends	C. boasts	D. homes
39. A. results	B. proceeds	C. finances	D. costs
40. A. deteriorate	B. disrepair	C. decompose	D. distress

Read the passage and CIRCLE the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The Development of Museums

The conviction that historical relics provide infallible testimony about the past is rooted in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when science was regarded as objective and value free. As one writer observes: 'Although it is now evident that artefacts are as easily altered as chronicles, public faith in their veracity endures: a tangible relic seems ipso facto real. Such conviction was, until recently, reflected in museum displays. Museums used to look - and some still do- much like storage rooms of objects packed together in showcases: good for scholars who wanted to study the subtle differences in design, but not for the ordinary visitor, to whom it all looked alike. Similarly, the information accompanying the objects often made little sense to the lay visitor. The content and format of explanations dated back to a time when the museum was the exclusive domain of the scientific researcher.

Recently, however, attitudes towards history and the way it should be presented have altered. The key word in heritage display is now 'experience', the more exciting the better and, if possible, involving all the senses. Good examples of this approach in the UK are the Jorvik Centre in York; the National Museum of

Photography, Film and Television in Bradford; and the Imperial War Museum in London. In the US the trend emerged much earlier: Williamsburg has been a **prototype** for many heritage developments in other parts of the world. No one can predict where the process will end. On so-called heritage sites the re-enactment of historical events is increasingly popular, and computers will soon provide virtual reality experiences, which will present visitors with a vivid image of the period of their choice, in which they themselves can act as if part of the historical environment. Such developments have been criticized as an intolerable vulgarization, but the success of many historical theme parks and similar locations suggests that the majority of the public does not share this opinion.

In a related development, the sharp distinction between museum and heritage sites on the one hand, and theme parks on the other, is gradually evaporating. They already borrow ideas and concepts from one another. For example, museums have adopted story lines for exhibitions, sites have accepted 'theming' as a relevant tool, and theme parks are moving towards more authenticity and research-based presentations. In zoos, animals are no longer kept in cages, but in great spaces, either in the open air or in enormous greenhouses, such as the jungle and desert environments in Burgers' Zoo in Holland. This particular trend is regarded as one of the major developments in the presentation of natural history in the twentieth century.

Theme parks are undergoing other changes, too, as they try to present more serious social and cultural issues, and move away from fantasy. This development is a response to market forces and, although museums and heritage sites have a special, rather distinct, role to fulfil, they are also operating in a very competitive environment, where visitors make choices on how and where to spend their free time. Heritage and museum experts do not have to invent stories and recreate historical environments to attract their visitors: their assets are already in place. However, exhibits must be both based on artefacts and facts as we know them, and attractively presented. Those who are professionally engaged in the art of interpreting history are thus in a difficult position, as they must steer a narrow course between the demands of 'evidence' and 'attractiveness', especially given the increasing need in the heritage industry for income-generating activities.

It could be claimed that in order to make everything in heritage more 'real, historical accuracy must be increasingly altered. For example, *Pithecanthropus erectus* is depicted in an Indonesian museum with Malay facial features, because this corresponds to public perceptions. Similarly, in the Museum of Natural History in Washington, Neanderthal man is shown making a dominant gesture to his wife. Such presentations tell us more about contemporary perceptions of the world than about our ancestors. There is one compensation, however, for the professionals who make these interpretations: if they did not provide the interpretation, visitors would do it for themselves, based on their own ideas, misconceptions and prejudices. And no matter how exciting the result, it would contain a lot more bias than the presentations provided by experts.

Human bias is inevitable, but another source of bias in the representation of history has to do with the transitory nature of the materials themselves. The simple fact is that not everything from history survives the historical process. Castles, palaces and cathedrals have a longer lifespan than the dwellings of ordinary people. The same applies to the furnishings and other contents of the premises. In a town like Leyden in Holland, which in the seventeenth century was occupied by approximately the same number of inhabitants as today, people lived within the walled town, an area more than five times smaller than modern Leyden. In most of the houses several families lived together in circumstances beyond our imagination. Yet in museums, fine period rooms give only an image of the lifestyle of the upper class of that era. No wonder that people who stroll around exhibitions are filled with nostalgia; the evidence in museums indicates that life was so much better in the past. This notion is induced by the bias in its representation in museums and heritage centers.

(Cambridge English IELTS)

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41. Compared with today's museums, those of	of the past
A. did not present history in a detailed w	B. were not primarily intended for the public
C. were more clearly organized	D. preserved items with greater care
42. The word "veracity" in the passage is op	posite in meaning to .
A. falsity B. identification	C. exquisiteness D. clarity
43. According to the writer, current trends in	the heritage industry
A. emphasize personal involvement.	B. have their origins in York and London.
C. rely on computer images.	D. reflect minority tastes.

44. The word " prototy	pe " in the passage is clos	est in meaning to		
A. paradigm	B. necessity	C. commitment	D. incarnation	
45. Which of the follow	wing best paraphrases the	underlined sentencein	paragraph 3?	
A. Museums, heritag	e sites and theme parks of	ften work in close partr	ership.	
B. Museums, heritag	e sites and theme parks tr	y to preserve separate i	dentities.	
C. Museums, heritag	e sites and theme parks ha	ave similar exhibits.		
D. Museums, heritag	e sites and theme parks ar	re less easy to distingui	sh than before.	
46. The writer says tha	t in preparing exhibits for	museums, experts	•	
A. should pursue a	single objective			
B. have to do a cer	tain amount of language t	ranslation		
C. should be free fr	om commercial constrain	nts		
D. have to balance	conflicting priorities			
47. In which paragraph	n does the writer suggest	that some museum exh	nibits reveal more about prese	ent beliefs
than about the past?				
A. Paragraph 2	B. Paragraph 3	C. Paragraph 4	D. Paragraph 5	
48. The passage ends b	y noting that our view of	history is biased becau	se	
A. we fail to use or	ır imagination			
B. only very durab	le objects remain from the	e past		
C. we tend to ignor	e things that displease us			
D. museum exhibit	s focus too much on the le	ocal area		

Read the passage and CIRCLE the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The Paradox of Urban Expansion

Urban expansion has long been heralded as a catalyst for economic growth, innovation, and cultural exchange. (I)Yet, the rapid pace at which cities are growing has raised a series of contradictions that urban planners, economists, and environmentalists are struggling to reconcile. (II)

On one hand, cities are centres of opportunity, housing millions of people who flock to them in search of employment, education, and improved standards of living. (III) The <u>agglomeration</u> of resources, infrastructure, and human capital within urban areas has historically driven technological advancement and contributed to rising living standards. (IV) However, <u>this very concentration of resources</u> creates structural inequalities, particularly in cities of the Global South. While the elite prosper in gated communities with access to high-quality services, the majority of urban dwellers contend with inadequate housing, poor sanitation, and deteriorating infrastructure. This disparity fosters resentment and threatens the social fabric.

Equally problematic is the environmental cost of unregulated urban expansion. Cities are responsible for approximately 80% of global energy consumption and generate the bulk of the world's carbon emissions. Yet, they remain paradoxically vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Coastal cities face rising sea levels, while inland urban centres struggle with air pollution, heat waves, and diminishing water supplies. Urban resilience is frequently touted as the solution to these challenges. However, resilience, as it is often understood, tends to focus on short-term adaptation strategies, overlooking the need for systemic transformation in how cities are planned, built, and governed.

Critics argue that the prevailing narrative around urban resilience has masked deeper issues of sustainability. While resilience planning emphasises robustness in the face of external shocks—such as natural disasters or economic downturns—sustainability encompasses a broader, long-term vision of urban development that prioritises equity, environmental stewardship, and social cohesion. The emphasis on resilience without sustainability is, therefore, a short-sighted approach that addresses symptoms rather than root causes.

What is required, many experts argue, is a <u>reconceptualisation</u> of urbanisation itself. Instead of viewing cities as isolated hubs of economic activity, they must be understood within the larger context of regional and global ecosystems. A <u>truly sustainable city is one that balances human needs with environmental limitations, reduces consumption, and ensures that all citizens—not just the privileged few—benefit <u>from urban life</u>. Achieving this vision, however, will require profound changes in both public policy and</u>

to plague urban areas glo	obany.		
49. Where in paragraph	l does the following se	entence best fit?	
"However, the do	wnsides of urban aggl	omeration are becomin	ng increasingly apparent, particularly as
cities struggle to	accommodate growing	g populations."	
A. [I]	B. [II]	C. [III]	D. [IV]
50. The word "agglomer	ration" in paragraph 2	is OPPOSITE in meani	ing to
A. collection	B. clustering	C. separation	D. accumulation
51. The phrase "this ver	y concentration of res	sources" in paragraph 2	2 refers to:
A. technological	advancements		
B. the housing of	millions of people		
C. the agglomera	tion of infrastructure a	nd human capital	
D. rising living st	andards	-	
52. According to paragra	ph 3, what is the main	limitation of the conce	pt of urban resilience?
A It focuses too	much on environments	al iccupe	-

societal values, as well as a concerted effort to dismantle the entrenched structures of inequality that continue

- D. It is based on unsustainable according models
 - B. It is based on unsustainable economic models.
 - C. It does not address the root causes of urban challenges.
 - D. It promotes inequality among urban dwellers.
- 53. The word "**reconceptualisation**" in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to:
 - A. redesign B. postponement C. reinforcement
- 54. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
 - A. Cities in coastal areas are less vulnerable to the effects of climate change compared to inland cities.

D. rejection

- B. Urban resilience has successfully tackled the environmental challenges of climate change.
- C. Sustainability planning is primarily concerned with economic growth and technological innovation.
- D. Cities in the Global South are more affected by structural inequality than cities in the Global North.
- 55. What can be inferred from the passage?
 - A. The pursuit of short-term resilience has diverted attention from the deeper structural changes needed for sustainability.
 - B. Urban planning that focuses on human capital development will naturally lead to sustainability.
 - C. Technological innovation is the key to solving the environmental problems caused by rapid urbanisation.
 - D. The future of cities lies in balancing economic growth with resilience and sustainability.
- 56. Which of the following best summarises the passage?
 - A. Urbanisation in the Global South faces more challenges than in the Global North, primarily due to climate change and resource inequality.
 - B. Cities are unsustainable due to the overwhelming pressure of migration and consumption, and governments should discourage further urbanization
 - C. Resilience-focused planning is sufficient for managing the challenges of urbanisation, and sustainability is an overhyped concept.
 - D. Urbanisation has traditionally driven economic development, but unchecked expansion leads to environmental and social problems. Achieving true sustainability will require systemic change.

The end