

Họ và tên thí sinh: Số báo danh:

LƯU Ý DÀNH CHO THÍ SINH

- * Học sinh chuyển đáp án vào ANSWER SHEET.
- * Đề thi có 10 trang, thang điểm 20.
- * Thí sinh không được sử dụng tài liệu kể cả từ điển, giám thị không giải thích gì thêm.

SECTION 1. PHONETICS (2/ 20 points)

Part 1. Choose the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.

- Question 1.** (A) apartheid (B) ethnic (C) cathedral (D) thorough
Question 2. (A) dais (B) raiseu (C) release (D) base
Question 3. (A) dealt (B) dreamt (C) heal (D) jealous
Question 4. (A) purse (B) nervous (C) surprise (D) worse
Question 5. (A) pretended (B) authentic (C) genuine (D) exaggerate

Part 2. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others.

- Question 6.** (A) international (B) preferential (C) differentiate (D) assassinated
Question 7. (A) carnivore (B) accomplice (C) bewilder (D) delusive
Question 8. (A) amphibian (B) champagne (C) cathedral (D) creature
Question 9. (A) sanitary (B) tentacle (C) prosperity (D) momentary
Question 10. (A) conquest (B) duel (C) parade (D) deadweight

SECTION 2. LEXICO- GRAMMAR (9/20 points)

Part 1. Choose the best answer from the four options to complete each sentence below. (5/20 points)

- Question 11.** I can hardly think of Jenny being able to ____ the aim she has set herself.
(A) implement (B) accomplish (C) triumph (D) succeed
- Question 12.** Dick put ____ ball in ____ net in ____ second half but ____ goal was disallowed.
(A) a/a/a/a (B) the/the/the/the (C) the/the/a/a (D) a/a/the/the
- Question 13.** ____ further rioting to occur, the government would be forced to use its emergency powers.
(A) Should (B) Did (C) Were (D) Had
- Question 14.** I'm fully prepared for my interview and I am confident that I can answer any questions they may care to ____ me.
(A) throw at (B) drop on (C) slide to (D) roll to
- Question 15.** "I haven't been to New York yet." "Neither ____ ."

- (A). haven't we (B). we have (C). have we (D). we haven't

Question 16. The Times is a newspaper with a _____ of over three million.

- (A). distribution (B). coverage (C). circulation (D). sales

Question 17. It's must be true. I heard it straight from the _____ mouth.

- (A). dog's (B). horse's (C). camel's (D). cat's

Question 18. Sometimes you can't prove someone is telling the truth- you have to take it on _____

- (A). trust (B). safety (C). faith (D). honesty

Question 19. I can get _____ you to another piece of cake?

- (A). over (B). down (C). by (D). through

Question 20. Do you really expect him _____ treated in this way?

- (A). not object to being (B). not to object to being

- (C). to not object to be (D). not to object to be

Question 21. To prepare for the housewarming party, Jolie's family bought _____last week.

- (A). round small wooden four tables (B). four wooden small round tables

- (C). four round wooden small tables (D). four small round wooden tables

Question 22. Nobody expected Sally to resign. It came out of the _____ .

- (A). sky (B). blue (C). dream (D). cloud

Question 23. She _____ about the time, her friends was also late.

- (A). needn't worried (B). didn't need to worry

- (C). needn't have worried (D). needn't worrying

Question 24. This was when he evolved the working method _____ .

- (A). which he has never departed (B). from which he has never departed

- (C). for which he has never departed (D). in which he has never departed

Question 25. At no time_____ you pay a rise.

- (A). did I ever promise (B). do ever I promise

- (C). I have ever promise (D). had ever I promised

Question 26. It was not until she arrived in class _____she had forgotten her book.

- (A). and she realized (B). when she realized

- (C). did she realize (D). that she realized

Question 27. The President resigned; the whiff of scandal remained _____.

- (A). otherwise (B). therefore (C). immediately (D). nevertheless

Question 28. Van Gogh suffered from depression _____ by overwork and ill-health.

- (A). brought on (B). coming about (C). taken up (D). put through

Question 29. Not only _____ visit Japan but they plan to stop off in the USA as well?

- (A). they plan to (B). they must (C). will they (D). are they planning

Question 30. It's no use ___ over ___ milk.

- (A). crying/ spilt (B). to cry/ spilling (C). crying/ spilling (D). crying/ to spill

Question 31. It is essential that your luggage _____ thoroughly before delivery.

Black widows bite only if they are touched or their web is threatened. Furthermore, only the adult female is poisonous. Those most at risk from the female are the spider's natural prey-insects and male black widow spiders. The latter are vulnerable as the female is ___ (45. SOLITUDE) by nature, and has been known to kill and eat the male after mating. Such ___ (46. OCCUR) are rare, but they explain how the spider got its name – and its reputation.

Nevertheless, the ___ (47. PLEASE) effects of this spider's bite should not be ___ (48. ESTIMATE), and if you live in a temperate climate and have a fireplace in your home, it is advisable to take ___ (49. CAUTION). Black widow spiders often inhabit wood piles, so you should wear gloves when handling firewood. Furthermore, since black widow spiders are ___ (50. RESIST) to many insecticides, you should regularly clean out likely hiding places.

Part 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word (s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word (s) in each of the following questions.(0,4p/20 points)

Question 51. I knew he was only flattering me because he wanted to borrow some money.

- (A). making me impatient (B). praising me too much
(C). making me feel worse (D). elevating me

Question 52. Joe's been walking with a spring in his step ever since he found out he was getting a promotion.

- (A). a happy and excited mood (B). a joyful and energetic mood
(C). a worried and depressed mood (D). a bad and sorrow mood

Part 5. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word (s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word (s) in each of the following questions. (0,6p/20 points)

Question 53. The politician's conviction for tax fraud jeopardized his future in public life.

- (A). rejuvenated (B). penalized (C). jettisoned (D). endangered

Question 54. His patents completely believe in him. He can do things at random.

- (A). at stake (B). at will (C). at once (D). at hand

Question 55. Roger hit the nail on the head when he said that what's lacking from this company is a feeling of confidence.

- (A). spoke dishonestly (B). requested earnestly
(C). was blamed (D). described exactly

SECTION 3. READING (6/20 points)

Part 1. You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 56-61, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Thirty or so years after he arrived in London, Chanu decided that it was time to see the sights. “All I saw was the Houses of Parliament. And that was in 1979.” It was a project. Much equipment was needed. Preparations were made. Chanu bought a pair of shorts which hung just below his knees. He tried them on and filled the numerous pockets with a compass, guidebook, binoculars, bottled water, maps and two types of disposable camera. Thus loaded, the shorts hung at mid-calf. He bought a baseball cap and wore it around the flat with the visor variously angled up and down and turned around to the back of his head. A money belt secured the shorts around his waist and prevented them from reaching his ankles. He made a list of tourist attractions and devised a star rating system that encompassed historical significance, something he termed ‘entertainment factor’ and value for money. The girls would enjoy themselves. They were forewarned of this requirement.

On a hot Saturday morning towards the end of July the planning came to fruition. “I’ve spent more than half my life here,” said Chanu, “but I’ve hardly left these few streets.” He stared out of the bus windows at the grimy colours of Bethnal Green Road. “All this time I have been struggling and struggling, and I’ve barely had time to lift my head and look around.”

They sat at the front of the bus, on the top deck. Chanu shared a seat with Nazneen, and Shahana and Bibi sat across the aisle. Nazneen crossed her ankles and tucked her feet beneath the seat to make way for the two plastic carrier bags that contained their picnic. “You’ll stink the bus out,” Shahana had said. “I’m not sitting with you.” But she had not moved away.

“It’s like this,” said Chanu, “when you have all the time in the world to see something, you don’t bother to see it. Now that we are going home, I have become a tourist”. He pulled his sunglasses from his forehead onto his nose. They were part of the new equipment.

He turned to the girls. “How do you like your holiday so far?” Bibi said that she liked it very well, and Shahana squinted and shuffled and leaned her head against the side window.

Chanu began to hum. He danced with his head, which wobbled from side to side, and drummed out a rhythm on his thigh. The humming appeared to come from low down in his chest and melded with the general tune of the bus, vibrating on the bass notes. Nazneen decided that she would make this day unlike any other. She would not allow this day to disappoint him.

The conductor came to collect fares. He had a slack-jawed expression: nothing could interest him. “Two at one pound, and two children, please,” said Chanu. He received his tickets. “Sightseeing,” he announced, and flourished his guidebook. “Family holiday.” “Right,” said the conductor. He jingled his bag, looking for change. He was squashed by his job. The ceiling forced him to stoop.

“Can you tell me something? To your mind, does the British Museum rate more highly than the National Gallery? Or would you recommend the gallery over the museum?”

The conductor pushed his lower lip out with his tongue. He stared hard at Chanu, as if considering whether to eject him from the bus.

“In my rating system,” explained Chanu, “they are neck and neck. It would be good to take an opinion from a local.”

“Where’ve you come from, mate?”

“Oh, just two blocks behind,” said Chanu. “But this is the first holiday for twenty or thirty years.”

The conductor swayed. It was still early but the bus was hot and Nazneen could smell his sweat. He looked at Chanu’s guidebook. He twisted round and looked at the girls. At a half-glance he knew everything about Nazneen, and then he shook his head and walked away.

Question 56. In what sense was the sightseeing trip a ‘project’?

- (A) Chanu felt a duty to do it.
- (B) It was something that Chanu had wanted to do for a long time.
- (C) Chanu took it very seriously.
- (D) It was something that required a good deal of organization.

Question 57. The descriptions of Chanu’s clothing are intended to

- (A) show how little he cared about his appearance.
- (B) create an impression of his sense of humour.
- (C) create amusing visual images of him.
- (D) show how bad his choice of clothes always was.

Question 58. Chanu had decided to go on a sightseeing trip that day because

- (A) he regretted the lack of opportunity to do so before.
- (B) he felt that it was something the girls ought to do.
- (C) he had just developed an interest in seeing the sights.
- (D) he had grown bored with the area that he lived in.

Question 59. As they sat on top of the bus,

- (A) Nazneen began to regret bringing so much food with them.
- (B) the girls felt obliged to pretend that they were enjoying themselves.
- (C) Chanu explained why he had brought the whole family on the trip.
- (D) the family members showed different amounts of enthusiasm for the trip.

Question 60. When Chanu showed him the guidebook, the conductor

- (A) made it clear that he wanted to keep moving through the bus.
- (B) appeared to think that Chanu might cause a problem.
- (C) initially pretended not to have heard what Chanu said.
- (D) felt that he must have misunderstood what Chanu said.

Question 61. What was strange about Chanu’s use of the word ‘local’?

- (A) It was not relevant to the places he was asking about.
- (B) It could equally have been applied to him.
- (C) He was not using it with its normal meaning.
- (D) He had no reason to believe it applied to the conductor.

Part 2. You are going to read a newspaper article about singing in choirs. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs A -G the one which fits each gap (62-67). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. Introducing choral music to children is like opening a door to a magical world

Here's an important question. What's calming, therapeutic, healthier than drugs, and could well prolong your life? Answer: singing in a choir.

62 In fairness, there was a specific angle to this study, which compared the collective experience of choral singing to that of taking part in team sports. Choirs apparently win hands down, because there is 'a stronger sense of being part of a meaningful group', related to 'the synchronicity of moving and breathing with other people'. And as someone who since childhood has used singing as a refuge from the sports field, I take no issue with that.

63 I know there are occasional initiatives. From time to time I get invited as a music critic to the launch of some scheme or other to encourage more collective singing among school-age children. There are smiles and brave words. Then, six months later, everything goes quiet – until the next launch of the next initiative.

64 I know a woman who's been trying hard to organize a performance of Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde – perhaps the greatest work ever devised for young children to sing together – as a tribute to the composer's centenary this year. But has she found her local schools responsive? Sadly not: it was all too much trouble.

65 We sang Herbert Howells's Like as the Hart. And whatever it did or didn't do for my cardiovascular system, my emotional health, or any of the other things that turn up in research papers, it was the most significant experience of my childhood. It opened a world to which 11-year-olds from unfashionable parts of east London don't generally get access. It was magical, transcendent. It spoke possibilities.

A. It was an extraordinary experience that many of those children will carry with them all their lives, like my experience all those years ago. There is a plan for it to be repeated every year on Britten's birthday. But that will only happen if there are resources and sustained commitment (for a change).

B. In fact, I have no argument with any of these piles of research – bring them on, the more the better – because what they have to say is true. The only thing I find annoying is that such an endlessly repeated truth results in relatively little action from the kind of people who could put it to good use.

C. One of my enduring life regrets is that I never got the chance to take part in such an event as a child. I guess I went to schools where it was also too much trouble. But I did, just once, aged 11, get the chance to go with a choir and sing at Chelmsford Cathedral.

D. But being there was even better. And as I was sitting near the choir – who were magnificent – I saw the faces of the boys and thought how fabulously privileged they were to have this opportunity given to them.

66 The other weekend I was in Suffolk, celebrating Britten, where in fact there were a lot of children privileged enough to be pulled into the centenary events. There was a great Noye's Fludde in Lowestoft. And on the actual birthday countless hordes of infant voices piled into Snape Maltings to sing Britten's school songs, Friday Afternoons, part of a project that involved 100,000 others, internationally, doing likewise.

67 Just think: if we could finally get Britain's children singing, it would filter upwards. And we wouldn't need university researchers. We'd just do it, and be all the better for it.

E. And that, for me, is what a choir can offer. All the physical and mental pluses are a happy bonus. But the joy and thrill of access to that world of music is what counts.

F. It's not a new discovery: there are endless dissertations on the subject, libraries of research, and celebrity endorsements. But people have short memories. So every time another academic paper is published, it gets into the news – which was what happened this week when Oxford Brookes University came up with the latest 'singing is good for you' revelation.

G. The hard fact is that most state schools don't bother much with singing, unless someone in the hierarchies of government steps in to make it worth their while. They say they don't have the resources or the time. And even when a worthwhile singing project drops into their lap, they turn it down.

Part 3. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap (68-75). Use only one word in each gap.

BITS OF HISTORY (OF BITS) ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

In the spring of 1946, J. Presper Eckert and John Maunchly sent out a business plan for a company that would sell 'electronic computers'. In their eight-page proposal (68) _____ financing of this enterprise, sent to a small group of prospective backers, the two engineers predicted that the market for (69) _____ a machine might consist (70) _____ scientific laboratories, universities and government agencies. Such (71) _____ the beginnings of the Electronic Control Company of Philadelphia, which produced the Univac, the first computer (72) _____ be commercially sold in the United States.

At an auction around 60 years later, the original typescript of the Eckert-Maunchly proposal was sold as part of a collection called 'The Origins of Cyberspace', which

contained about 1,000 books, papers, brochures and (73) _____ artefacts from the history of computing. Two items (74) _____ particular generated interest among prospective bidders. (75) _____ were the Eckert-Mauchly business plan and a technical journal containing the idea for TCP/IP, the standard system for the transmission of information over the Internet.

Part 4. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question (76-85), circle letter A, B, C or D next to the answer you choose.

In the past people suffered (76) _____ a disease called scurvy. Their gums bled, their skin became rough, their wounds did not (77) _____ and their muscles wasted away. The (78) _____ of these symptoms was a lack of vitamin C; people ate preserved meats and foods and could not get fresh vegetables and fruits.

The best (79) _____ of vitamin C are oranges, lemons, grapefruit, cantaloupes, strawberries, and fresh vegetables. These fruits must be fresh because vitamin C is destroyed by heat, storage, or exposure (80) _____ air.

Although today more people (81) _____ vitamin C pills than any other supplement, some people still have scurvy, (82) _____ some of the elderly, alcoholics, and the chronically ill.

Research shows that vitamin C reduces the (83) _____ of colds and can help prevent cancer. There is also evidence that vitamin C prevents heart disease, (84) _____ wound healing, helps prevent gum disease, and helps protect us from pollutants such as cigarette smoke. Some recent research also shows that vitamin C has a positive effect on some mental (85) _____ and increases life span.

- Question 76.** (A) from (B) with (C) by (D) at
- Question 77.** (A) close (B) recover (C) heal (D) get well
- Question 78.** (A) reason (B) cause (C) origin (D) signs
- Question 79.** (A) store (B) resources (C) provider (D) sources
- Question 80.** (A) to (B) towards (C) in (D) by
- Question 81.** (A) consume (B) drink (C) take (D) have
- Question 82.** (A) containing (B) including (C) consisting (D) like
- Question 83.** (A) severity (B) seriousness (C) gravity (D) importance
- Question 84.** (A) hastens (B) hurries up (C) quickens (D) speeds
- Question 85.** (A) chaos (B) confusions (C) disorders (D) disturbances

SECTION 4. WRITING (3/20 points)

Part 1. Finish the second sentence in such a way that it means the same as the sentence before it. (2/20 points)

Question 86. The only thing that kept us out of prison was the way he spoke the local dialect.

 But for his command _____.

Question 87. He never suspected that the bicycle had been stolen.

At no time _____

Question 88. In my opinion you are not telling the truth.

I suggest that _____.

Question 89. They report that she was a policewoman.

She _____.

Question 90. There's no point in asking George for help.

It isn't _____.

Question 91. He looks nothing like his father

He doesn't take _____.

Question 92. The value of these goods has fallen considerably in the past week.

There has _____.

Question 93. "I'm sorry I didn't ring you to say I'd be late", he said.

He _____.

Question 94. Both of the lifts were out of order.

Neither _____.

Question 95. I left without saying goodbye as I didn't want to disturb the meeting.

Rather _____.

Part 2. For each of the sentences below, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. (1/20 points)

Question 96. Maia earned five pounds an hour in her last job. (**PAID**)

Maia _____ rate of five pounds in her last job.

Question 97. I only realized the potholders were in serious trouble when I heard a terrifying scream from the cave. (**RANG**)

It wasn't _____ from the cave that I realized the potholders were in serious trouble.

Question 98. It's highly likely they will close the hotel. (**WELL**)

The hotel _____ down.

Question 99. You should take advantage of all the sports facilities while you're at university. (**MOST**)

I recommend _____ all the sports facilities while you're at university.

Question 100. The film was so controversial that it was banned in several parts of the world. (**CAUSED**)

Such was _____.

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