

PART ONE: PHONETICS (10 pts)

I. Choose and write in your answer sheet the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest of the group. (5pts)

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| 1. A. clo <u>s</u> ure | B. plea <u>s</u> ant | C. dec <u>i</u> sion | D. plea <u>s</u> ure |
| 2. A. sugges <u>t</u> ion | B. devo <u>t</u> ion | C. congest <u>i</u> on | D. diges <u>t</u> ion |
| 3. A. dogged <u>l</u> | B. naked <u>l</u> | C. sacred <u>d</u> | D. convinced <u>d</u> |
| 4. A. trustworth <u>y</u> | B. South <u>th</u> ern | C. with <u>i</u> n | D. breatht <u>h</u> taking |
| 5. A. don <u>k</u> ey | B. conq <u>u</u> est | C. conc <u>e</u> pt | D. conc <u>o</u> rd |

II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to identify the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the other words in the same group. (5pts)

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| 6. A. manage | B. shortage | C. village | D. encourage |
| 7. A. psychology | B. environmental | C. impossible | D. photography |
| 8. A. provide | B. machine | C. lesson | D. important |
| 9. A. immediate | B. notice | C. comfortable | D. nervous |
| 10. A. injection | B. accessible | C. government | D. continuous |

Answer:

1.....**B**.....2.....**B**.....3.....**D**.....4.....**D**.....5.....**C**.....
6.....**D**.....7.....**B**.....8.....**C**.....9.....**A**.....10.....**C**.....

PART TWO: LEXICAL AND GRAMMAR (45 pts)

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best completes each sentence (20 pts)

11. _____ illegally on Vietnam's continental shelf on May 1 has been seen as one of its most provocative steps in a gradual campaign of asserting its sovereignty in the South China Sea
A. That China has stationed the HD-981 oil rig B. That China stationed the HD-981 oil rig
C. China stationed the HD-981 oil rig C. what China stationed the HD-981 oil rig
12. _____ in the atmosphere is the temperature falling below freezing.
A. Frost produces B. What is frost produced C. What produces frost D. Frost is
13. It was _____ that we decided to stay indoors.
A. so hot a day B. such hot a day C. so a day hot D. such a day hot
produced
14. "Don't you support the proposal to build a new airport?" – " _____ "
A. No, I like it B. No, not really
C. No, I don't think you are right D. Yes, I am against it.
15. The higher the prices given by the hotels, _____
A. the best the services receive you B. better and better the services
C. the better the services you receive D. the more better the services you'll receive
16. Of two new teachers, one is experienced and _____
A. the others are not. B. another is inexperienced.
C. the other is not. D. other lacks experience.
17. _____, the people who come to this club are in their twenties.
A. By and large B. To a degree C. Virtually D. Altogether
18. If you wait a moment, there will be another _____ of loaves, fresh from the oven.
A. collection B. bunch

C. bundle

D. batch

19. The ferry sank April 16 on its way from Incheon port to the southern tourist island of Jeju. More than 80 percent of the 302 dead and missing _____ students from a single high school in Ansan, south of Seoul

A. were

B. is

C. has been

D. was

20. He is a man.....

A. whom I am knowing trustworthy

B. who I know is trustworthy

C. whom I know that he is trustworthy

D. who I know him to be trustworthy

21. The teacher asked a difficult question , but finally Ted _____ a good answer.

A. came up with

B. made way for

C. put up with

D. kept pace with

22. It is essential that Alice _____ Tom of the meeting tomorrow.

A. will remind

B. must remind

C. reminds

D. remind

23. We spent nearly three hours waiting outside the station, then out _____

A. came the star

B. be the star coming

C. did the star come

D. the star came

24. I am afraid we haven't got a spare bed. Can you _____ without the mattress on the floor?

A. make by

B. make do

C. make over

D. make the team

25. While southern California is densely populated , _____ live in the northern part of the state.

A. a number people

B. many people

C. few people

D. a few of people

26. "Who is the new teacher ?"

"He's the man _____"

A. which is talking to Mrs Lan now

B. that talks to Mrs Lan now

C. talk to Mrs Lan

D. talking to Mrs Lan

28. But for Sergio Ramos's crucial goal in the over time, Real Madrid _____ the winner of Champions League 2014 final.

A. would never be

B. would have never been

C. would never have been

D. would ever have been

29. I don't think that this year's Thai Nguyen Specialized High school entrance exam will be more difficult than those in the past few years, _____?

A. will it

B. won't it

C. do I

D. will I

30. "Please speak up a bit more, Jason. You're hardly loud enough to be heard from the back", the teacher said.

A. visible

B. audible

C. edible

D. Eligible

Answer:

11.....B.....12.....C.....13.....A.....14.....B.....15.....C.....
16.....C.....17.....A.....18.....D.....19.....A.....20.....B.....
21.....A.....22.....D.....23.....A.....24.....B.....25.....C.....
26.....D.....27.....28.....C.....29.....A.....30.....B.....

II. Put each verb in brackets into an appropriate form. (10 pts)

31. His roommate (always enter)..... the room without knocking first, which annoys him a lot.

32. By the time you come here again, this palace (build).....

33. We (cook).....all day for the party that evening and by 8 o'clock we still weren't ready.

34. Hardly he (take)..... up the book when the phone rang.

35. It is expected that tax increases (announce)..... in tomorrow's budget.

36. Come to the room, he saw Mary where he (leave)..... her.

37. The little boy had a lot of trouble (convince).....everyone that he had seen a mermaid.

38. The girl got into a lot of trouble. She (not tell)..... a lie.

39. The student confessed to having stolen the gold watch. Otherwise, the case (report) to the police.

40. Is it he or I who (be) to go?

Answer:

31. is always entering 32. Will have been built 33. had been cooking 34. had he aken
35. (should) be announced 36. had left 37. Convincing 38. Shouldn't have told 39. would
have been reported 40. am

III. Supply the correct form of the word in capital letters. (10 pts)

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| 41. My grandfather.....my grandmother by five years | LIVE |
| 42. We wish you both health and..... | LONG |
| 43. On the way to the country we sometimes stopped to admire the
scenery. | PICTURE |
| 44. I met an old friend last week. | EXPECT |
| 45. Is it possible to between hobby and an interest. | DISTINCT |
| 46. There were complaints from residents . | NEAR |
| 47. Great have been taken to ensure the safety of passengers. | PAINFUL |
| 48. Jim is one of the most members of the committee. | SPEAK |
| 49. We are continuing to pour billions of tons of into the
atmosphere every year. | POLLUTE |
| 50. She lost the case because of her evidence. | ADMIT |

Answer:

41. outlived 42. longevity 43. picturesque 44. unexpectedly 45. distinguish 46. nearby 47. pains
48. outspoken 49. Pollutants 50. inadmissible

IV. There is one mistake in each sentence. Find the mistake and write your correction in the space provided below. (5 pts)

51. There is a really good explanation of my favourite field in the chapter two of that book.
A B C D
52. He knows to repair the carburetor without taking the whole car apart.
A B C D
53. Most large corporations have personnel departments responsible to hiring and firing workers and for
A B C
keeping employee records.
D
54. There are many different ways of comparing the economy of one nation with those of another.
A B C D
55. Bacteria and germs are so tiny that they are invisible with the naked eye.
A B C D

Answer:

51. D the chapter => chapter 52. A. knows to repair => knows how to repair 53. B. to => for 54. C.
those => that 55. C with => to

PART THREE: READING COMPREHENSION (30 pts)

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word for each of the blanks (10pts).

Stressful situations that (56) almost every day in life seem to be unavoidable. However, we can do little sometimes to avoid a misfortune or an unpleasant occurrence which may (57) us expectedly as only it can. At such a moment, one may hit the (58), give in to the helplessness of the situation or, ideally, put a brave face on it trying to (59) the burden.

Can you (60) in your mind an hour spent in a traffic jam, say, this morning? Do you light one cigarette after another? Do you sound the horn every few seconds like the other neurotics? Or do you take a different (61) and withstand the stressful moment you can also do a crossword puzzle, listen to your favorite music or even compose a menu for your Sunday dinner.

In fact, whatever way you (62) to the annoying situation, you can exert no impact on it as the traffic jam will only reduce in due (63) Nevertheless, your reaction might considerably influence your mood for the rest of the day. The inability to confront a stressful occurrence like that with a deal of composure and sensibility adds much more strain to your life and in this way puts your well-being in (64) Surprisingly, it's the seemingly negligible hardships we stumble on daily that run double the risk of developing serious health disorders rather than our isolated tragedies however painful they may be.

(65) that so many of those wretched stress inducing troubles affect us in a day, we should, at best, try to avoid them or possibly make radical alterations in the way we lead our daily lifestyles.

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| 56. | A. devise | B. create | C. originate | D. emerge |
| 57. | A. arise | B. happen | C. befall | D. occur |
| 58. | A. post | B. roof | C. bottom | D. wall |
| 59. | A. subsist | B. remain | C. cow | D. bear |
| 60. | A. envision | B. observe | C. picture | D. image |
| 61. | A. manner | B. stance | C. practice | D. mode |
| 62. | A. strike | B. deal | C. respond | D. challenge |
| 63. | A. course | B. term | C. timing | D. period |
| 64. | A. risk | B. weakness | C. insecurity | D. jeopardy |
| 65. | A. Providing | B. Given | C. Hence | D. As much |

Answer:

56.....D.....57.....C.....58.....B.....59.....D.....60.....A.....
61.....B.....62.....C.....63.....A.....64.....D.....65.....B.....

II. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions(10 pts).

Before the 1500's, the western plains of North America were dominated by farmers. One group, the Mandans, lived in the upper Missouri River country, primarily in present-day North Dakota. They had large villages of houses built close together. The tight arrangement **enabled** the Mandans to protect themselves more easily from the attacks of others who might seek to obtain some of the food these highly capable farmers stored from one year to the next.

The women had primary responsibility for the fields. They had to exercise **considerable** skill to produce the desired results, for their northern location meant fleeting growing seasons. Winter often lingered; autumn could be ushered in by severe frost. For good measure, during the spring and summer, drought, heat, hail, grasshoppers, and other frustrations might await the wary grower.

Under such conditions, Mandan women had to grow maize capable of weathering adversity. They began as early as it appeared feasible to do so in the spring, clearing the land, using fire to clear stubble from the fields and then planting. From this point until the first green corn could be harvested, the crop required labor and vigilance. Harvesting proceeded in two stages. In August the Mandans picked a smaller amount of the crop before it had matured fully. This green corn was boiled, dried, and shelled, with some of the maize slated for immediate **consumption** and the rest stored in animal-skin bags. Later in the fall, the people picked the rest of the corn. They saved the best of the harvest for seeds or for trade, with the remainder eaten right away or stored for later use in underground reserves. With appropriate banking of the extra food, the Mandans protected themselves against the **disaster** of crop failure and accompanying hunger.

The women planted another staple, squash, about the first of June, and harvested it near the time of the green corn harvest. After they picked it, they sliced it, dried it, and strung the slices before they stored them. Once again, they saved the seed from the best of the year's crop. The Mandans also grew sunflowers and tobacco; the latter was the particular task of the older men.

66. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. Various ways corn can be used
- B. Weather conditions on the western plains
- C. The agricultural activities of a North American Society

- D.** The problems encountered by farmers who specialize in growing one crop
67. The word "**considerable**" is closest in meaning to
 A. planning B. much C. physical D. new
68. The Mandans built their houses close together in order to
 A. allow more room for growing corn B. share farming implements
 C. protect themselves against the weather D. guard their supplies of food
69. According to the passage, the Mandans preserved their food by
 A. drying B. freezing C. smoking D. salting
70. Why does the author believe that the Mandans were skilled farmers ?
 A. They could grow crops despite adverse weather. B. They could grow crops in most types of soil.
 C. They developed new varieties of corn. D. They developed effective fertilizers.
71. The word "**disaster**" is closest in meaning to
 A. control B. catastrophe C. avoidance D. history
72. Throughout the passage, the author implies that the Mandans
 A. planned for the future B. were open to strangers
 C. valued individuality D. were very adventurous
73. The word "**enabled**" is closest in meaning to
 A. isolated B. reminded C. helped D. covered
74. Which of the following processes does the author imply was done by both men and women ?
 A. Harvesting corn B. Clearing fields C. Harvesting squash D. Planting corn
75. The word "**consumption**" is closest in meaning to
 A. planting B. decay C. conversion D. eating

Answer:

66.....C.....67.....B.....68.....D.....69.....A.....70.....A.....
 71.....B.....72.....A.....73.....C.....74.....A.....75.....D.....

III. Fill in each numbered blank with ONE appropriate word: (10 pts)

The computer has brought nothing (76)_____problems to the world of the twentieth century. Chief among the problems has (77)_____the dehumanization of society. People are no (78)_____ human. Each of us is a series of numbers, numbers to be fed into computers. There are our credit card numbers, our bank account (79)_____, our social security numbers, our telephone and electricity numbers - the computer number game is endless.

What happens to these computerized numbers ? They are distributed to a network of government agencies and business (80)_____can use them to invade our privacy. The Internal Revenue Service stores millions of facts about every citizen. Credit agencies exchange (81)_____ on the spending and saving practices of nearly every American adult. Mailing lists are (82)_____ available by computers to dozens of organizations, public and private, who bombard us with unwanted mail. Just let the computer which stores (83)_____ concerning our accounts, let us say with a credit card company, make an error and it is almost impossible to correct it. The result is an avalanche of bills, threads, and loss of credit standing.

The computer has thrown thousands of people out of (84)_____. The gamut of computer-generated unemployed runs from highly skilled technicians to typists.

These are some of the reasons why I feel that the (85)_____ of the computer has been detrimental to the quality of our life in the twentieth century.

Answer:

76.....but.....77.....been.....78.....longer.....79.....numbers.....
 ...80.....which.....
 81.....information.....82.....made.....83.....data.....84.....work.....
85.....advent.....

PART FOUR: WRITING (15 pts)

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 pts)

86. The keeper had no sooner opened the cage door than the lion attacked him.
Hardly had the keeper opened the cage when the lion attacked him.
87. We spent our childhood in that beautiful mountain resort, and we always remember it.
We always remember spending our childhood in that beautiful mountain resort.
88. I can't get into the house because I have lost my key.
If I hadn't lost my key, I could get into the house now.
89. It might be a good idea to use honey instead of sugar.
Why don't you use/not use honey instead of sugar.
90. People say that there is a tunnel between those two houses.
There is said to be a tunnel between those two houses.

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 pts)

91. Our house is going to be painted by a local firm. **HAVE**
→ *We are going to have our house painted by a local firm.*
We are going to have a local firm paint our house.
92. "You have broken my vase of flowers, Jane." John said **ACCUSED**
→ *John accused Jane of having broken his vase.*
93. I've never met such a famous person before. **FIRST**
→ *This is the first time I have met such a famous person.*
I am meeting such a famous person for the first time.
94. The passengers don't realise how lucky they have been. **LITTLE**
→ *Little do the passengers realise how lucky they have been*
95. Success in the academic field depends on your ability to amass qualifications. **MORE**
→ *The more qualifications you can amass, the more successful you are in the academic field.*

III. Complete these sentences using the words suggested below (5 pts)

96. You/think/ this/book/great/importance?
Do you think this book is of great importance?
97. If/you/exam/without/study/you/likely/fail.
If you take this exam without studying, you are likely to fail.
98. One/advantages/travelling/train/you/can/sit/enjoy/passing/scenery.
One of the advantages of travelling by train is that you can sit and enjoy the passing scenery.
99. Whether/life/city/better/than/country/not/depend/each/individual/point/view.
Whether life in a city is better than that in the country or not depends on each individual's point of view.
100. Never/my/life/I/forget/impression/make/me/first visit/Uncle Ho's hometown.
Never in my life shall I forget the impression made on me by my first visit to Uncle Ho's hometown.

THE END