

**ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI TIẾNG ANH LỚP 8**

***I. Choose the word or phrase which best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the table below ( 2pts)***

1. Jack is..... His jokes often make his friends laugh a lot.  
A. generous            B. humorous        C. easy-going        D. unusual
2. I'm sorry. I'm not.....to help you lift the table.  
A. enough strong    B. too strong        C. strong enough    D. enough strength.
3. We.....in our present house for 5 years.  
A. live        B. have lived        C. are living        D. lived.
4. We used to wash clothes by hand. Now we have a.....  
A. washing machine    B. dishwasher        C. hair dryer        D. refrigerator.
5. It took me a long time to get used..... glasses.  
A. to wear    B. to wearing        C. wear        D. wore.
6. Last night he didn't go home.....10 o'clock.  
A. until            B. at                    C. after                    D. in front of
7. "Don't shout", I said to Jim.  
A. I told Jim don't shout                    B. I told to Jim not to shout  
C. I told Jim not to shout                    D. I said to Jim don't shout.
8. Hoa was very surprised when she looked at.....in the mirror.  
A. she            B. hers                    C. herself                    D. her
9. She went to market without..... anything.  
A. buy            B. to buy                    C. bought                    D. buying
10. Since we have to be there by 8.30, we..... take a taxi.  
A. had better        B. may                    C. ought                    D. are able to
11. I've never seen such an interesting .....
12. It's at least a month since.....John.
13. I like my sister's house. It is a .....
14. Living in the country is not expensive. And it isn't complex .....
15. The new shopping mall is quite .....the present shopping area.
16. "What .....?" – "She is very nice."
17. Thank you very much ..... the Christmas gift .
18. .... she plays the piano!
19. Life here is very .....
20. It is raining outside, and Tom brought his umbrella with him .....he wouldn't get wet.

**II. Use the correct form of the words in brackets to complete sentences (2pts)**

1. Bell experimented with ways of transmitting .....over a long distance. (SPEAK)
2. The tiger wanted to see the farmer's ..... (WISE)
3. The scouts do the .....work (VOLUNTEER)
4. Nowadays, scouting is popular ..... (WORLD)
5. After his parents died, he was sent to an..... ( ORPHAN)
6. Huy makes friends very easily because he is very .....( SOCIAL)
7. Cook the meat in the .....for at least 30 minutes. ( STEAM)
8. My friend, Nga plays the piano..... ( BEAUTIFUL).
9. “The lost shoe” is one of the ..... stories I like best. ( TRADITION)
10. Our teacher always..... us to work hard. (COURAGE)

**III. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the brackets (2pts)**

1. They (watch) their favorite TV programmes at the moment.
2. Mary and John are neighbors. They ( know) each other for a long time.
3. They ( arrive) in New york yesterday?
4. I haven't met him since he ( move ) to Ho Chi Minh City..
5. My mother is tired enough ( cook) tonight.
6. The teacher asked me ( not make) noise in class.
7. The boys like ( play ) games but hate doing lessons.
8. His doctor advised him ( give) up smoking.
9. Look at those black clouds. It( rain).
10. This is the first time I (be) to Ha Noi.

**IV. Fill in each numbered blank with a suitable word (2pts)**

The country is (1).....beautiful than a town and more pleasant to live in. Many people think so, and go to the country (2) ..... the summer holiday though they can't live (3) ..... all the year round. Some have cottage built in a village (4) ..... that they can go there whenever they (5) .....find the time.

English villages are not alike, but (6)..... some ways they are not very different from (7) .....other. Almost every village (8) .....a church, the round or square tower of which can (9) .....seen from many miles around. Surrounding the church is the church yard, (10)..... people are buried.

**V. The following sentences belong to a passage about Cinderella, but they are not in the correct order. Put them in their correct order to make a full passage. There are examples for you. Write your answers in the spaces below. ( 2,0 pts )**

- A. Once upon a time there was a girl called Cinderella who did all the work in the kitchen while her lazy sisters did nothing.
- B. So she went to the ball in a beautiful dress and a wonderful coach.
- C. She danced with the prince but at midnight she ran back home, leaving one of her shoes on the dance floor.

- D. One night her sisters went to a ball at the palace.
- E. The prince wanted to see her again and went to every house in the capital until he found that the shoe was the right size for Cinderella.
- F. Cinderella was left at home, very sad. After a time her fairy godmother appeared and told Cinderella that she could go to the ball - but to return home by midnight.
- G. She and the prince were married and lived happily ever after.

**VI. Read the following passage and choose the best answer(2pts)**

Every year students in many countries learn English . Some of these students are young children . Others are teenagers . Many are adults. Some learn at school , others study by themselves. A few learn English just by hearing the language , in film , on television , in the office , or among their friends . But not many are lucky enough to do that . Most people must work hard to learn another language .

Learning another language ! Learning English ! Why do all these people want to learn English ? It is difficult to answer that question . Many boys and girls learn English at school because it is one of their subjects . They study their own language , and mathematics .... and English . ( In England , or America , or Australia , many boys and girls study their own language , which is English and mathematics .... and another language , perhaps French , or German , or Spanish )

Many adults learn English because it is useful for their work . Teenagers often learn English for their high studies , because some of their books are in English at the college or university . Other people learn English because they want to read newspapers or magazines in English .

1. According to the writer ,.....

- A. only adults learn English .
- B. no children like learning English
- C. English is only useful to teenagers .
- D. English is popular in much of the world .

2. Many people learn English by .....

- A. watching videos only .
- B. hearing the language in the office .
- C. talking with the film star
- D. working hard on their lesson.

3. Many boys and girls learn English because .....

- A. English can give them a job.
- B. it's included in their study courses.
- C. their parents make them .
- D. they have to study their own language .

4. In America or Australia many school children study.....

- A. English as a foreign language .
- B. English and Mathematics only .
- C. such foreign languages as French , German , and Spanish .
- D. their own language and no foreign language .

5. Many adults learn English because.....

- A. their work is useful .
- B. they want to go abroad .
- C. most of their books are in English
- D. it helps them in their work .

**VII. There are five mistakes in the passage. Find and correct them (1pt)**

Everyone know that in studying foreign languages, practice is the key of fluency. All foreign language learner even the advanced ones need practice. There has a fact that a learner can know a lot of grammar rules and vocabulary, however, they can't speaking well yet. So the learners must know how use what they have learned apart from the ability to explain grammar rules.

**VIII. Rewrite the sentences so that it has the same meaning as the sentence printed before (4pts)**

- 1. It's a long time since we became close friends.

- We have .....
- 2. No one is more intelligent than her in our school.  
→ She.....
- 3. ‘Can I borrow your bike, Nga?’, Nam asked.  
→ Nam asked Nga .....
- 4. Lan is 1.60m tall and Hoa is 1.60 tall, too.  
→ Lan .....
- 5. Apples are usually cheaper than oranges.  
→ Apples are not.....
- 6. He’d rather play golf than tennis.  
→ He prefers.....
- 7. “You shouldn’t translate each sentence into Vietnamese,” my brother told me  
→ My brother told .....
- 8. When did you start playing the piano?  
→ How long.....?
- 9. Your younger brother is too weak to lift that box  
→ Your brother is not.....
- 10. Hung is interested in collecting stamps  
→ Hung’s.....

**IX. Write a composition about 150 words on the following topic: (4ms )**

**HOW I LEARN ENGLISH**

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## KEYS

**I.**

1B    2C    3B    4A    5B    6A    7C    8C    9D    10A  
 11C   12D   13A   14A   15A   16B   17C   18A   19C   20C

**II.**

1. SPEECH    2. WISDOM    3. VOLUNTARY    4. WORLDWIDE    5. ORPHANAGE  
 6. SOCIABLE    7. STEAMER    8. BEAUTIFULLY    9. TRADITIONAL    10. ENCOURAGES

**III.**

1. are watching    2. have known    3. Did they arrive    4. moved    5. to cook  
 6. not to make    7. playing    8. to give    9. is going to rain    10. have been

**IV.**

1. more    2. for    3. there    4. so    5. can  
 6. in    7. each    8. has    9. be    10. where

**V.**

1A    2D    3F    4B    5C    6E    7G

**VI.**

1D    2D    3B    4C    5D

**VII.**

1. know → knows    2. learner → learners    3. has → is    4. speaking → speak    5. use → to use

**VIII.**

1. We have become/have been close friends for a long time
2. She is the most intelligent student/girl in our school.
3. Nam asked Nga to lend him her bike./Nam asked Nga if he could borrow her bike.
4. Lan is the same height as Hoa/ Lan is as tall as Hoa/ Lan and Hoa are the same height.
5. Apples are not as expensive as oranges.
6. He prefers golf to tennis/ He prefers playing golf to (playing) tennis
7. My brother told me not to translate each sentence into Vietnamese.
8. How long have you played the piano
9. Your brother is not strong enough to lift that box.
10. Hung's hobby is collecting stamps.

**IX. ( student's writing )**