ENGLISH PRACTICE 3

I. LEXICO-GRAMMAR (7/20 points)

Part 1: Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. Write your answer (A, B, C, or D) in the numbered box.

1. Sheila will inherit everything _____ her uncle's death.

A. on account of B. in spite of C. in the event of D. in place of

2. His poor handling of the business _____ on negligence.

A. neared B. edged C. approached D. bordered

3. Down _____ for three days.

A. the rain poured B. poured the rain

C. did the rain pour D. do the rain poor

4. Can I _____ your brains for a moment? I can't do this crossword by myself.

A. have B. pick C. mind D. use

5. The job wasn't giving the _____ of the experience he wanted.

A. width B. depth C. length D. breadth

6. I suppose I could _____ advertising.

A. catch on B. get out of C. go in for D. work out

7. The storm ripped our tent to _____.

A. slices B. shreds C. strips D. specks

8. She travelled the world in _____ of her dreams.

A. pursuit B. finding C. chase D. trail

9. The agency is _____ and not run for profit.

A. charitable B. donated C. voluntary D. free

10. Mike, _____, will you switch off that television!

A. once and for all B. now and then

C. over and above D. from time to time

Your answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 2: Write the correct FORM of each bracketed word in the numbered space provided in the column on the right.

11. The (PLACE)_____ of natural resources is becoming inadequate for the support of increasing population. 11. _____

12. The grammar section provides coverage of all the most (PROBLEM)_____ areas. 12. _____

13. He has recorded the (NARRATE)_____ for the production. 13. _____

14. In this profession, women (NUMBER)_____ men by two to one. 14. _____

15. An (LAY)_____ showing population can be placed on top of the map. 15. _____

16. The shells are so hard and they are virtually (DESTROY)_____. 16. _____

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17. We should arrive two days early in order to (CLIMATE)_____. 17. _____

18. These changes are likely to (POOR)_____ single-parent families even further. 18. _____

19. I'm afraid the hospital is desperately (STAFF)_____ at the moment. 19. _____

20. This book will challenge your (CONCEPT)_____ about rural life. 20. _____

Part 3: The passage below contains 10 mistakes. Underline the mistakes and correct them in the space provided in the column on the right. (0) has been done as an example.

Human and primates, the family of apes, gorillas, and chimpanzees, among others, divide many common traits. *0. Humans*

21. _____

While primates are deemed the most intelligent of animals, most researchers believed they lack the capacity to produce language. However, a research project 22. _____

in the 1970s at University of Georgia showed promise that chimpanzees have 23. _____

the ability to learn a certain language, just as human children do.

The project used several chimpanzees as test subjects in which Lana, a female chimp was the study focus. 24. _____

Though the primates lack the vocal constructions to make human speech patterns, the researchers created a language called Yerkish, using lexigram made up of symbols that represent sounds and words. 125 symbols were placed on a keyboard, which Lana was taught how to use the board to communicate with the researchers. She successfully expressed her thoughts by pressing different keys in succession. In some cases, she used up to seven at times.

25. _____

26. _____

27. _____

28. _____

29. _____

30. _____

Part 4: Supply the correct form of the VERB in brackets to complete the passage. Write your answer in the numbered box.

I don't normally go to the cinema. Not because I don't like it but because it's just a habit I (31.never GET)_____ into. However, on this occasion I (32. DECIDE)_____ to go because my friends (33. constantly GO)_____ on about this film all week and eventually wore me down. It was starring some ephemeral Hollywood actor whom I had vaguely heard of but couldn't put a face to. We got to the cinema early to find people (34. already WAIT)_____ outside, which suggested that my friends weren't the only ones who thought it was worth seeing although I could still think of several other things I would rather having been doing at that moment. In the end, the film (35. TURN)_____ out to be not half as bad as expected, though I (36. PREFER)_____ something with a bit more action. The plot centred on two men who were planning to carry out some immensely complicated robbery, though what they (37. completely FAIL) _____ to realize was that all the time their plans (38. closely MONITOR) _____ by the police. Somewhat unpredictably, however, they got away with it because they (39. CHANGE) _____ their plans at the last minute. It was okay but I (40.not THINK)_____ of going again.

Your answers

31.	*36.*
32.	*37.*
33.	*38.*

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34.	*39.*
35.	*40.*

Part 5: Fill each gap in the following sentences with one of the prepositions or particles in the box. Use each word only ONCE and write your answer in the numbered box. (Please note that the given words outnumber the gaps.)

by	through	with	for	in	out
up	into	off	across	down	beyond

41. He likes to show _____ how well he speaks French.
42. They were sad because the plan fell _____ at the last minutes.
43. Ben is a true adventurer. He has climbed this country's highest mountain, canoed _____ the continent, and hiked through the Amazon jungle.
44. She wrote the book _____ collaboration with one of her students.
45. You'd better write _____ the appointment in your agenda, or you'll probably forget.
46. Mary has always looked _____ to her uncle, who is a very successful actor.
47. I do feel _____ you, honestly!
48. As I had put on weight, my dress was too tight so I had to let it _____ especially around the waist.
49. I'm sorry but Dr. Ho sees patients _____ appointments only.
50. He spoke _____ such assurance that we couldn't but believe him.

Your answers

41.	46.
42.	47.
43.	48.
44.	49.
45.	50.

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