THE MIDTERM TEST -1ST SEMESTER
ENGLISH 10
Thời gian làm bài: 45 phút

A. LISTENING: (1.5 points)

Task 1. Listen to the recording. Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions

1. What are the speakers talking about?
A. A Vietnamese famous composer
B. A local entertainment programme
C. a famous song
D. American teenagers

2. Where does the event take place?
A. in the City Opera
B. in their schoolyard
C. in a cinema
D. in the City Theater

3. Who is going to buy the tickets?
A. Anna B. Nam C. Mai's mom D. Mai

Task 2. Listen to Kate talking about the lifestyle of her father and her uncle. Decide whether the following statements is True (T) or False (F).

4. _____ Her father usually gets home late from work.

5. _____ Her father never plays sports or exercises.

6. _____ Her uncle enjoys watching TV or surfing the Internet.

B. PHONETICS (1 point)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

7. A. release B. nurture C. album D. ailment

8. A. musical B. performance C. passionate D. benefit

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

9. A. t<u>est</u> B. cont<u>est</u> C. b<u>est</u> D. mod<u>est</u>

10. A. <u>ch</u>ange B. <u>ch</u>art C. <u>ch</u>emistry D. <u>ch</u>arge

C. READING: (2.5 points)

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Music is part of every culture on Earth. Many people feel that music makes life worth living. We can make music ourselves if we play an instrument or sing. We can hear music on CDs and on radio or television. Music gives us pleasure. It can cheer us up, excite us, (11)_____ soothe us.

Music, like language, is a uniquely human form of (12) _____ . As with language, there are many different kinds. (13) _____North America, people are fond of listening to jazz, rock, classical, folk, and country. Each kind of music has (!4) _____ own rules and "speaks" to us in its own way. What we think of as music depends on where we live. What Americans are used to (15) _____to might sound strange to someone from another culture, and vice versa. It might not even sound like music. In Indonesia, gamelan orchestras play music on gongs, drums, and xylophones. These aren't the instruments you'd find in a typical orchestra in North America.

11. A. but B. or C. so D. although

12. A. communicate B. communicating C. communication D. communicated

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13. A. In B. From C. Between D. At

14. A. his B. their C. its D. it

15. A. listen B. listened C. to listen D. listening

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

My first piece of advice to people who want to start getting fit is: don't buy an exercise bike. Typically, people who buy them use them for a week or so and then forget about them. They are effective if they are used regularly but you need to be determined. Most people will find it much easier to go for a gentle jog around the park.

As well as being easy to do, jogging is also relatively cheap compared to most other sports. You don't need to buy expensive clothes if you're just going running around the park or on the beach. The main thing is that they're comfortable, and that they keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There is one piece of equipment, however, that you will have to spend time and money on, and that's your running shoes. Remember that you are not looking for a fashion item, but for something that will support your feet and protect you from injury. They can be expensive, but if they are good quality they will last you a long time. It's always best to get expert advice, and the best place for that is a sports shop.

As for the actual jogging, the secret is to start gently, and not to do too much at the beginning – especially if you haven't had any exercise for a long time. Try a mixture of walking and running for ten minutes about three times a week at first. Once you are happy doing **that**, you can then start to increase the amount you do gradually. After a few months, you should hope to be able to run at a reasonable speed for twenty minutes three or four times a week. It's important that you feel comfortable with whatever you do. If you do, you will start to enjoy it and will probably keep doing it. If it makes you feel uncomfortable, you will probably stop after a short time and return to your bad habits. In any case, training too hard is not very effective. Research has shown that somebody who exercises for twice as long or twice as hard as another person doesn't automatically become twice as fit.

16. *Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?*

A. Exercise bikes B. Gentle jogging C. Keeping fit D. Running shoes

17. *What is true about the exercise bikes*?

A. Exercise bikes do not help you get fit. B. It is more costly than most other sports.

C. Most people don't use it for very long. D. Many people prefer it to gentle jogging.

18. *According to the author, you should.*_____

A. go jogging around a park or on the beach

B. go to sports shop for high quality running shoes

C. keep warm at all times when you are jogging

D. spend time and money on fashionable items

19. *It is stated in the passage* that_____

A. you are advised to start jogging by walking for ten minutes

B. you should expect to feel much uncomfortable when jogging

C. you should jog three days a week and walk on the other days

D. you won't be necessary a lot fitter by running twice as fast

20. *The word "***that***" in the 2nd paragraph probably refers to*_____

A. a mixture of walking and running B. about three times a week

C. actual jogging at first D. exercise for a long time

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D. USE OF LANGUAGE (3 points)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Blood is pumped through the _____ to bring oxygen to all parts of the body.
A. brain B. heart C. stomach D. lungs

2. I have to do some household _____such as cooking meals, cleaning the house and washing the dishes.
A. chores B. finances C. work D. duty

3. The doctor advises my father _____ jogging every morning to stay healthy.
A. went B. go C. Going D. to go

4. Foods and drinks which _____ stimulate the body can cause stress.
A. strong B. strength C. strongly D. strengthen

5. Her grandparents takes responsible _____ watering the trees.
A. for B. out C. about D. with

6. They had a global __ hit with their album concept about " The Dark Side of The Moon"
A. popular B. smash C. top D. head

7. _ Nam: "What a lovely dog you have!" _ Lan: "_____"
A. That's good B. Thanks. I don't like it
C. It's very naughty D. Thanks. My uncle gave it to me last week

8. He was a talented composer, _____ he had to suffer poor health.
A. or B. and C. but D. so

9. Look! The bus _____.
A. will come B. is coming C. will be coming D. is going to come

10. They were very _____that they had won the first prize in the competition.
A. amazed B. amaze C. amazing `D. amazement

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

11. She was given a prize for her **achievement** in classical music.
A. failure B. success C. feat D. accomplishment

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

12. Acupuncture is one of the reliable **choices** to modern medicine.
A. ailments B. parts C. alternatives D. capacity

E. WRITING (2 points)

A. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

13. They will pick Diana up at the airport tomorrow..
→Diana _____

14. She gave him a box of chocolate..
→ He _____

15. Don't stop him doing what he wants.
→ Let _____

16. Do you enjoy visiting my school library next Monday?
→ Would you like_____

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B. Write a biography of Michael Jackson, using the given facts.

- **Early year**: born 1958, started in the music business at age 11 as a member of the Jackson 5.
- **Typical works**: sold about 750 million records worldwide, released 13 No.1 singles, was introduced twice into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
- **Important achievements**: recognized as the *most successful Entertainer of All Time*, won 13 Grammy Awards, received the *American Award's Artist of the Century Award*.
- **Conclusion**: the King of Pop, transformed the face of pop music and popular culture, died: 2009

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