

ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI TIẾNG ANH 9 – ĐỀ 1

I/. LISTENING: (4.0 marks)

Part 1: Listen to the CD player twice. Then decide whether these statements are true (T) or false (F). **Listen here:**

1. It is easier to find work abroad with voluntary organisations.
2. You can only get a free flight if you work with children.
3. Kathryn worked in an office in Australia for a year before travelling around.
4. Kathryn's experience has made her feel more sure of herself.
5. 3UNAC will provide help if you get into difficulties.

Part 2: Listen to an interview with a man called Jason Phipps for questions 6-10, choose the correct answer A, B or C. You will hear the conversation twice. Write your answer

Listen here:

6. Jason says that the name of the band
 - A has no particular significance.
 - B was chosen to attract interest.
 - C started off as a joke.
7. Why did the band need a new name?
 - A They were changing direction musically.
 - B The new members asked for a change.
 - C They found the old one embarrassing.
8. Jason thinks the band's new album is good because
 - A they were under pressure to do it well.
 - B they listened to feedback from their fans.
 - C they wanted to please themselves and not others.
9. Jason says that the songs on the album all started with
 - A an idea for a title.
 - B a strong melody.
 - C some interesting words.
10. When asked about live tours, Jason says that the band
 - A may be doing fewer of them in future.
 - B tends to take the preparation very seriously.
 - C can't reproduce the quality of a studio recording.

Part 3: Listen to the recording twice and fill in the missing information with only one word in the number spaces. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Listen here:

Lance Arbury: working at a zoo

Lance's official job title at the zoo is 11. keeper.

The subject which Lance studied at college is 12.

During his internship, Lance had a job looking after 13.

When Lance arrives at work each day, his first task is usually to go to a
14.

Lance's favourite part of the day is when he gives the animals their 15.

Lance says that he tends to regard the animals as his 16.

Lance says that for his job he has to be 17. as well as physically fit.

Lance disagrees with people who think that rhinos are
18. by nature.

Lance invites his audience to attend what's called a 19. at the zoo.

Lance recommends those wishing to attend to 20. to be sure of a place.

II. PHONETICS (0.5 mark)

A. Choose the word whose primary stress is pronounced differently from that of the others.

Write your answer on the answer sheet.

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| 1. A. conservationist | B. population | C. innovation | D. communication |
| 2. A. Japanese | B. behavior | C. volunteer | D. engineer |

B. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

Write your answer on the answer sheet.

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| 1. A. month <u>s</u> | B. pen <u>s</u> | C. park <u>s</u> | D. map <u>s</u> |
| 2. A. real <u>ize</u> | B. organ <u>ize</u> | C. surpr <u>ise</u> | D. prom <u>ise</u> |
| 3. A. inter <u>active</u> | B. camp <u>us</u> | C. f <u>a</u> de | D. f <u>a</u> shion |

III. GRAMMAR – VOCABULARY (3,5 marks)

A. Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence and write your answer on the answer sheet.

- John wondered if the woman _____ him before.
A. knows B. knew C. has known D. had known
- Yesterday morning, I saw a girl _____ Jane.
A. names B. named C. is named D. was named
- She never goes to the market in the morning, _____?
A. doesn't she B. does she C. will she D. won't she
- _____ I was waiting for a visa interview, I ate my lunch.
A. Although B. Since C. While D. Because
- Mr. Yokohama recommended _____ Mr. Yukihiro and Ms. Tamami for promotions
A. both B. but C. either D. neither
- Nowadays, many people still use traditional _____ to cure some diseases.
A. solutions B. procedures C. treatments D. measures
- You don't have to spend much money if you stay with your parents but you may not have much freedom. _____, you are very independent if you rent a room.
A. In contrast B. Thus C. As a result of D. Although
- I want to have someone _____ my computer. There's something wrong with it.
A. fixing B. fixed C. to fix D. fix
- Susan is looking forward to _____ her pen pal again.
A. see B. seeing C. saw D. to see
- The lost bike was expected _____ last month.
A. was found B. is found C. have found D. to have been found

B. Read the text below and look carefully at each line. There are 5 incorrect words. Write the number of the line and the incorrect word. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

1	Ted Robinson has been worried all the week. Last Tuesday he receives a letter from the local
2	police. On the letter he was asked to call at the station. Ted wondered why he was wanted
3	by the police but him went to the station yesterday, and now he is not worried any more. At
4	the station, he was told with a smiling policeman that his bicycle had been found. Ted was
5	most surprised when he heard the news because it was stolen twenty years ago when Ted
6	was a boy of fifteen!

Line	Words

C. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning(0). Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Email is such a painless way to write letters. I've never (0) found (**FIND**) it easy to put pen to paper, not even to say "thank you" for presents sent by (1) _____ (**THINK**) relatives. They must have thought I was so ungrateful. Now there's no stopping me! I type away endlessly on my computer, all types of messages to all types of people. Email has all the benefits of a word processor and none of the tedious (2) _____ (**AVANTAGE**) of writing by hand. It's better than the letters because you can edit it, quickly and (3) _____ (**EFFORT**), and it's instant like the phone but without the need to talk! And sending an e-mail is so (4) _____ (**WONDER**) fast: just press the button and it's gone. By contrast, the Web is extremely overrated and sometimes so slow that it's (5) _____ (**PRACTICE**). What's more, Web site are not updated and a lot of the information is useless. I think it's a joke in that respect- not a very good one.

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D. Complete the passage with the correct form of the verb in the brackets. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Last week, I was walking home after playing tennis when it started raining very heavily. "Oh, no, I will get soaked before I (1) _____ (reach) home," I thought. "I wish I (2) _____ (remember) to bring my raincoat." But unfortunately I had left it at home. How stupid of me! I always forget bringing it with me. Luckily just then a friend of mine (3) _____ (pass) in her car and offered me a lift. "Are you going home?" she said, "or do you want to go for a drink?" "I think I'd rather you took me home," I said. "If I do not change my clothes, I know I (4) _____ (fall) ill, and then I will not be able to play in the tennis tournament next week. And I (5) _____ (practise) hard for the last month." "I will wait for you to change if you like," she told me. "I think it's time you relaxed for a change. You have worried too much about things lately. And people who worry too much fall ill more easily. It's got nothing to do with the rain!"

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E. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with suitable particles. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

0. I am looking forward **to** hearing from you.

1. My brother is always busy _____ his lessons and tasks today.

2. Her parents do not approve _____ her living away from home.

3. Jane was in a such hurry that she left one of her bags _____.

4. I'm fed _____ with waiting for the phone to ring.

5. How much do you charge _____ postage and packing?

IV. READING (4,0 marks)

A. Choose the words with best completes each blank in the following passage. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

What will the city of the future look like? This question has been asked so many times over the (1) _____ 500 years and answered inconsequently an equal number of times – that we can be sure of one thing only: no one can predict accurately how cities will look 50 or 500 years from now. The reason is simple. Cities change continually. For over fifty years they have change (2) _____ rapidly that the oldest residents will remember a time (3) _____ their city seemed to belong not just to another era (4) _____ to a different dimension. (5) _____ is true both of planned and unplanned cities. Planned cities such New York and Paris, (6) _____ are closely organized on a grid or diagram of street and avenues, have effectively burst at the seams this century, (7) _____, unplanned cities such as London, Tokyo and Los their centers (8) _____ dramatically. Although their centers might remain much as they were many years ago, their suburbs have spread (9) _____ the tentacles of an octopus. Some economists argue that expansion is a sign of healthy economy, (10) _____..... that expanding cities attracts international investment.

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| 1. A. last | B. few | C. previous | D. next |
| 2. A. very | B. so | C. such | D. really |
| 3. A. because | B. though | C. as | D. when |
| 4. A. according | B. so as | C. referring | D. but |
| 5. A. This | B. There | C. It | D. So |
| 6. A. that | B. where | C. which | D. they |
| 7. A. but | B. after | C. while | D. however |
| 8. A. so | B. as | C. this | D. such |
| 9. A. like | B. in the way | C. to | D. for |
| 10. A. so | B. now | C. or | D. and |

B. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each. There was an example at the beginning (0). Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Lan took an examination in English as a second language at Royal English College to be admitted to the English course. The first stage (0) is the oral examination, Lan was asked a lot of questions, (1) _____ of which were quite hard for her. The examiner asked her why she was learning English and (2) _____ she spoke any other languages and so on. To Lan, the hardest questions was that he wanted to know what aspect of (3) _____ English Lan found most difficult. He also asked her to read a passage. She was (4) _____ to answer all the questions. She hoped she would pass the oral examination (5) _____ went on to the next stage: the written examination. She felt very self-confident.

C. Read the passage, choose the best answer. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Over the past 600 years, English has grown from a language of few speakers to become the dominant language of international communication. English as we know it today emerged around 1350, after having incorporated many elements of French that were introduced following the Norman invasion of 1066. Until the 1600s, English was, for the most part, spoken only in England and had not extended even as far as Wales, Scotland or Ireland. However, during the course of the next two centuries, English began to spread around the globe as a result of exploration, trade (including slave trade), colonization, and missionary work. Thus, small enclaves of English speakers became established and grew in various parts of the world. As these communities proliferated, English gradually became the primary language of international business, banking and diplomacy.

Currently, about 80 percent of the information stored on computer systems worldwide is in English. Two-thirds of the world's science writing is in English, and English is the main language of technology, advertising, media, international airports, and air traffic controllers. Today there are more than 700 million English users in the world, and over half of these are nonnative speakers, constituting the largest number of nonnative users than any other language in the world.

1. What is the main topic of the passage?
 - A. The number of nonnative users of English.
 - B. The French influence on the English language.
 - C. The expansion of English as an international language.
 - D. The use of English for science and technology.
2. The word '**emerged**' means _____.
 - A. appeared
 - B. failed
 - C. frequented
 - D. engaged
3. The word '**elements**' is most similar to _____.
 - A. declaration
 - B. features
 - C. curiosities
 - D. customs
4. Approximately when did English begin to be used beyond England?
 - A. In 1066
 - B. Around 1350
 - C. Before 1600
 - D. After 1600
5. According to the passage, all of the following contributed to the spread of English around the world except _____.
 - A. the slave trade
 - B. the Norman invasion
 - C. missionaries
 - D. colonization
6. The word '**enclaves**' is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. communities
 - B. organizations
 - C. regions
 - D. countries
7. The word '**proliferated**' is closest in meaning to organized _____.
 - A. prospered
 - B. organized
 - C. disbanded
 - D. expanded
8. Which of the following is not mentioned as the field where English is the main language?
 - A. advertising
 - B. drama
 - C. air control
 - D. media
9. The word '**constituting**' is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. looking over
 - B. setting down
 - C. doing in
 - D. making up
10. According to the passage, approximately how many nonnative users of English are there in the world today?
 - A. a quarter million
 - B. half a million
 - C. 350 million
 - D. 700 million

V. WRITING (4,0 marks)

A. Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

1. It is said that health is the most important in daily life.

→ Health _____

2. A lot of old people have to go to hospitals because of the cold weather.

→ Because _____

3. I'll only help you if you promise to try harder.

→ Unless _____

4. We left quietly, so that we wouldn't disturb the children.

→ So as _____

5. Tom has not had his hair cut for over three months.

→ It is _____

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

1. It isn't necessary to finish the work today.

need

→ We _____

2. It used to take my father half an hour to get to work by bike last year.

spend

→ My father _____

3. They managed to finish the project in time for presentation.

succeeded

→ They _____

4. Doing the same work for a long time is not interesting.

boring

→ It _____

5. That film was so interesting that we could see it twice.

such

→ It _____

C. What are the benefits of living in the city? Write an exposition of 140 words to express your own opinion. Write your answer on the answer sheet.