NGUYEN TAT THANH UNIVERSITY
FOREIGN LANGUAGES CENTER

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MID-TERM TEST
SUBJECT: GENERAL ENGLISH 1

TEST No. 1

Time allowed: **60 mins**
Students answer on the **Answer Sheet** provided
Students are **NOT** allowed to use any materials

Full name: …….. Student ID: ……. Class ……...	1st proctor's full name and signature:	2nd proctor's full name and signature:

PART 1: INCOMPLETE SENTENCES (Structure and vocabulary)
Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Mark your choice (A, B, C or D) on the answer sheet provided.

1. The president _____ in the White House.
A. lives B. living C. live D. are living

2. Last year we _____ Tokyo.
A. visit B. visits C. visited D. will visit

3. _____ you _____ out yesterday?
A. Were/ go B. Did/ go C. Did/ went D. Did/ going

4. Columbus _____ America in 1942.
A. was discovering B. has discovered C. will discover D. discovered

5. They _____ in the library when the fire alarm _____ off yesterday.
A. studied/ went C. were studying/ was going
B. are studying/ goes D. were studying/ went

6. We make lots of _____ with our hands because we don't understand French.
A. gestures B. small talk C. connect D. custom

7. In Canada, turkey is a _____ Thanksgiving Day dish.
A. misunderstanding B. culture C. gestures D. traditional

8. _____ time do we have left?
A. How many B. How much C. many D. much

9. To make her feel welcome, Tony made _____ with his new neighbor.
A. misunderstanding B. small talk C. traditional D. custom

10. There _____ lots of sugar in the cupboard.
A. be B. are C. is D. am

11. She sometimes _____ to the office with her co-workers.
A. commutes B. traffic C. highway D. nightlife

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12. Our home is _____. There is not enough room for all of us.

A. population B. rural C. crowded D. urban

13. Jon is _____ than Bill.

A. tall B. the taller C. the tallest D. taller

14. He is a _____ football player than Jack .

A. better B. good C. the best D. the better

15. New York City is _____ Chicago.

A. bigger than B. biger than C. the biggest D. bigger

PART 2: ERROR RECOGNITION

Each of the following sentences has four words or phrases underlined. The four underlined parts of the sentences are marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the one underlined word or phrases that must be changed for the sentence to be correct, then mark your choice (A, B, C, or D) on the answer sheet provided.

16. My sister speak three languages.

A B C D

17. We took any biscuits and some cheese with us.

A B C D

18. Much trees were still standing after the storm.

A B C D

19. He arrived more early than we expected.

A B C D

20. Lights is travelling faster than sound.

A B C D

21. Mr. Brown go to Nha Trang with his wife last week.

A B C D

22. Who is the more popular actor in your country?

A B C D

23. Any beautiful flowers are blooming in the garden.

A B C D

24. Mr. Gainer is the busiest than anyone else in the office

A B C D

25. It is hotter here yesterday than today .

A B C D

PART 3: INCOMPLETE TEXT

Read the text below. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. Four answer choices are given for each of the sentences. Choose the best answer to complete the text. Then mark your choice (A, B, C or D) on the answer sheet provided.

Nobody knows exactly when the Olympic Games began. Some historians think it _____ (26) over 3,500 years ago, _____ (27) the first recorded Games were held _____ (28) Olympia in 776 BC. That's when we started to get a clear picture _____ (29) the ancient prizes, buildings, champions and sports.

It is true _____ (30) the Olympic Games are now commercialized. However, it is a competition in _____ (31) every country in the world takes part _____ (32) four years. For a brief moment, we see these

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_____ (33) come together in _____ (34) and friendship. We feel hope _____ (35) for the future of mankind.

26. A. begin	B. has begun	C. begins	D. began
27. A. and	B. but	C. or	D. however
28. A. at	B. on	C. in	D. with
29. A. on	B. of	C. in	D. at
30. A. which	B. that	C. when	D. who
31. A. which	B. that	C. what	D. who
32. A. every	B. all	C. in	D. with
33. A. houses	B. countries	C. villages	D. people
34. A. war	B. touch	C. peace	D. break
35. A. again	B. every	C. with	D. each

PART 4: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and choose the best answer for each of the questions. Mark your answers (A, B, C, or D) on the answer sheet provided.

Spelling English words isn't easy, but a boy in Indiana, USA, set a very difficult goal for himself. Thirteen-year-old Sameer Mishra wanted to become the best speller in the whole country and win the national Spelling Bee. A spelling bee is a spelling contest for elementary school students in the United STATES. In a spelling bee, students stand in a line and spell words that the teacher pronounces. If they make a mistake, they must sit down. The last student who is standing is the winner. Every year, there are big spelling bees for cities and states. The winners go to the national Spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

This year, 288 students from the United States, Canada, and other English-speaking countries entered the national Spelling bee. In the contest, students have to spell very long, difficult, and unusual words from a very large dictionary. Students spend months, or years, preparing. Sameer spent at least four hours every day learning new words. He studied 23 pages of the dictionary each day, and his sister helped him practice.

The final night of the national Spelling bee was on TV. The students spelled 24 of the first 25 words correctly, including words like *brankursine, cryptarithm,* and *empyrean*. Then, they started making mistakes. Finally, there were only two students in the contest: Sameer and a boy named Sidharth Chand. Sidharth made a mistake in the word *prosopopoeia*. To win, Sameer had to spell one more word correctly: *guerdon*. Sameer correctly spelled out "g-u-e-r-d-o-n" and became the best speller in America. (What does *guerdon* mean? A reward!) Sameer won $40,000 to pay for his university education—he hopes to become a doctor. He has many other interests besides spelling. He plays the violin and enjoys video games. His parents are from India, and they are very proud of him. "I told my mom I was going to do the bee," Sameer said. "And if I was going to do it, I was going to win it one day."

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36. Which statement about Sameer Mishra is true?

A. He lives in the country of India

B. He is 13 years old

C. He wanted to be the best student in the country

D. He didn't want to achieve something difficult

37. Which statement about spelling bees is true?

A. Students are only allowed to make two mistakes

B. In the US, it is a contest for high school students.

C. The National Spelling Bee is in Washington, D.C

D. Students guess the correct pronunciation of words

38. How did Sameer prepare for the National Spelling Bee?

A. He learned many new words from the dictionary

B. He spent at least four hours a week studying

C. He studied and practiced for about four years

D. He practiced with his brothers and sisters

39. What word means the same as a *reward*?

A. guerdon B. empyrean C. cryptarithm D. prosopopoeia

40. What does Sameer hope to do when he grows up?

A. be an English teacher B. study medicine

C. design video games D. become a musician

PART 5: SENTENCE BUILDING

Make sentences based on the sets of words or phrases below; change the orders of words or phrases if necessary.

41. The oldest/ he/ member/ family/ of the.

=> _____

42. better/ John's/ your pronunciation.

=> _____

43. lived/ we/ in 1990/ here.

=> _____

44. are/ they/ going/ America/ month/ next.

=> _____

45. help/ do/ I/ you/ the exercises/ will.

=> _____

---THE END---

GOOD LUCK TO YOU

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