

PRACTICE TEST No. 8

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

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.

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| 1. A. coll <u>ap</u> se | B. w <u>a</u> nder | C. g <u>a</u> ther | D. rel <u>a</u> x |
| 2. A. ex <u>i</u> st | B. ex <u>ch</u> ange | C. ex <u>e</u> pect | D. ex <u>pe</u> rience |

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.

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| 3. A. adolescence | B. independence | C. facility | D. recognition |
| 4. A. creature | B. contact | C. procedure | D. manual |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions.

5. She is (A) no longer young (B) to enter (C) a beautiful (D) contest.
6. Dinner time is a great time (A) for family members to talk (B) about that (C) is going (D) on during their day at work.
7. Viet Nam Airlines regrets informing (A) the passengers that (B) flight VN 251 to Hanoi is postponed (C) due to (D) bad weather.

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

8. Don't phone between 7 and 8 o'clock. _____ dinner then and my wife doesn't like being disturbed when we're eating.
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| A. W'll be having | B. We'll have | C. We'd have | D. We'd be having |
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9. The teacher keeps a record of every student's _____.
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| A. attending | B. attendant | C. attendance | D. attention |
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10. He liked his work _____ it was badly paid.
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| A. however | B. even though | C. even | D. in spite of |
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11. There's a world _____ of energy and scientists are looking for alternative sources.
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| A. shortage | B. lack | C. exhaust | D. loss |
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12. – Do you know the man _____ to Anne? – No, I've never seen him before.
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| A. talking | B. is talking | C. who talking | D. whose talking |
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13. If you make a good _____ at the interview, you will get the job.
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| A. impress | B. impressive | C. impression | D. impressance |
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14. _____ the beginning, I didn't want to have a party for my birthday, but now I've changed my mind.
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| A. At | B. In | C. On | D. During |
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15. During his career as a teacher, he has _____ students from different backgrounds.
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| A. taken over | B. got on with | C. dealt with | D. faced up to |
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16. I want to _____ that I turned off all the lights in the house, so I'll go back and check.
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| A. insure | B. reassure | C. make sure | D. inquire |
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Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. – An: "Thanks a lot for your sound advice."
– Binh: "_____"
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| A. No worries | B. Cool | C. I doubt it | D. Wonderful |
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18. – Shop assistant: "_____"
– Customer: "Yes. Do you have any shirts?"
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| A. Could you do me a favor? | C. May I help you? |
| B. Oh, dear. What a nice shirt! | D. White, please! |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. Let's wait for Nick. I'm sure he'll turn up soon.
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| A. arrive | B. enter | C. visit | D. return |
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20. There are a number of drawbacks of living in the city.

- A. benefits B. advantages C. disadvantages D. difficulties

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. The water in the lake is so clear that I can see the stems of the water-lilies.
 A. obscure B. colourful C. muddy D. transparent
22. We ought to keep these proposals secret from the chairman for the time being.
 A. revealed B. frequented C. accessible D. lively

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

THE FOUR-YEAR SPREAD OF BUBBLE TEA ACROSS THE UK

Four years ago bubble tea was relatively unknown in the UK, but the drinks are now ubiquitous on High Streets, from cities to small towns, writes Lucy Townsend.

It is often brightly coloured, sometimes served with milk, with a layer of jelly-like globules - tapioca balls - that settle (23)_____ the bottom of the cup. Drunk through an extra thick straw with a spoon-shaped tip, it is a mouthful of tea and chewiness - both a drink and a snack,

Chorley in Lancashire got its first bubble tea bar in July. Huddersfield has Bubble n Shake, there is a mobile bubble tea van in Bristol, and it can be (24)_____ in cities from Glasgow to Portsmouth.

Bubble tea hails from 1980s Taiwan. It was an evolution from the country's street tea vendors (25)_____ began experimenting with fruity flavours and colour to entice customers. The "bubble" actually (26)_____ the froth on top of the drink which comes after it is violently shaken - some cafes use a machine especially for shaking. How the tapioca balls arrived in the drink is a matter of debate - though the most common story is that product development manager Lin Hsiu Hui (27)_____ sitting in a staff meeting and poured the tapioca from her pudding into her Assam iced tea. The result was considered delicious.

While growing in the UK, it is even more popular in Germany, according to market research firm Mintel. Even McDonald's has started serving it.

23. A. down B. in C. at D. out
24. A. discovered B. found C. searched D. sought
25. A. which B. where C. who D. whom
26. A. stands for B. regards to C. describes D. refers to
27. A. have been B. is C. has been D. was

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

In an effort to fight pollution and help the environment, the Marina Hills Ecology Club offers free trees to institutions willing to plant them on their grounds. Among those that took advantage of the offer was Marina Hills High School. After consulting with his teachers on where to plant the trees, Principal Max Webb contacted the Ecology Club. But when the seedlings arrived, Webb had an idea. Instead of planting the young trees in front of the school, he thought it would be better to put them behind the school, where the sun gets very hot in the afternoon. "It gets so hot inside the building that the students start to sweat during their afternoon classes," said Webb. "Now the shade from our trees will bring them some relief."

"There was no argument from the teachers," he added. "When I proposed the idea, everyone said, 'Now why didn't I think of that!'" The relief won't come until the trees grow taller, but the school will not have to wait long because it requested two species of trees that grow quickly. "Time is key, and we wanted our trees to get big fast," said Webb. "We were given a wide choice, from shrubs to fruit trees. We requested eucalyptus and willow trees." Webb said he is also looking forward to finally seeing some wildlife in the school yard at Marina Hills High School. "If all you have is a grass lawn with no trees, you can't expect the local birds to come and visit," said Webb. "They have no place to make their nests. Now that will change, and we'll be able to see birds from our classroom windows."

28. What would be the most appropriate headline for this article?

- A. Local school gets greener C. Principal discovers new tree
- B. Student wins science award D. Teacher leads ecological club

29. What problem does Principal Webb talk about?

- A. Pollution in the city
- B. Classrooms that are too hot

- C. Tall trees that block the view
- D. Wild animals that destroy trees

30. What did the Ecology Club do for Marina Hills High School?

- A. It helped design the school yard.
- B. It put flowers in the classrooms.

- C. It sold seeds to the school.
- D. It provided free trees.

31. What decision was changed?

- A. Which trees should be dug up
- B. When the old trees should be cut down

- C. Where the new trees should be planted
- D. Which type of tree should be chosen

32. What can be inferred from the article about eucalyptus and willow trees?

- A. They grow quickly.
- B. They become extremely tall.

- C. They are less expensive than fruit trees.
- D. They do not grow flowers in the springtime.

II. WRITING (2.0 points)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the given words in any ways.

33. Unfortunately, most people didn't have a good time at the party. (HARDLY)

-> Unfortunately, _____

34. There isn't enough petrol on the market. (SHORTAGE)

-> There is _____

35. They were looking for their lost dog the whole week. (LOOKING)

-> They spent _____

36. We last went abroad a long time ago. (BEEN)

-> We have _____

Make complete sentences using the given words/ phrases. You may need to make any changes if necessary except the order of the words/ phrases.

37. It/ say/ Ha Long bay/ consist/ about/ two/ thousand islands.

38. Life/ city/ difficult/ than/ they/ expect.

39. Drive/ after/ drink/ one/ common/ reasons/ traffic accidents.

40. Overpopulation/ affect/ only/ standard/ living/ also/ environment.