

MID-TERM TEST (SEMESTER 2)

Duration: 60 minutes

I. LISTENING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Listen to some information about important skills. Circle the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen TWICE.

1. What is the best title for this talk?
 - A. Pros and cons of higher education
 - B. Important habits for a successful student
 - C. Independent skills for school-leavers
2. In many universities and vocational schools, who decides which class a student needs?
 - A. The students
 - B. Parents
 - C. Teachers
3. What is the purpose of using a calendar?
 - A. To choose the most suitable class
 - B. To develop good habits
 - C. To manage your activities and time
4. What can independent learners do?
 - A. Teach in high schools
 - B. Motivate themselves
 - C. Perform under pressure
5. What should students do to manage their finance?
 - A. Make a plan on what to spend in a month
 - B. Get a part-time job
 - C. Ask for money from their family

TASK 2 Listen to a music teacher talking to a potential donor and complete the summary. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** in each blank. You will listen **TWICE**.

Summary

Ms Taylor is meeting Mr Robinson, a donator, to tell him about her plan for the (1) _____. She wants to preserve folk music because it's a representation of our (2) _____ identity and past daily life. Thanks to crowdfunding, some traditional (3) _____ have been bought. With more donations from Mr Robinson, she can have a proper music classroom and (4) _____ the class to students. Mr Robinson, who initially hesitated, is (5) _____ to provide money to preserve folk music.

II. READING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B or C to each of the questions.

Like many other school leavers, Duong is coping with the issue of high life-plan anxiety. There are two conventionally available options for her to consider: entering the world of work or enrolling in the university system. She has finished high school this year and wants to get work immediately; however, it's difficult for her to go ahead with her plan due to her parents' objections. In Viet Nam's society, it's a common practice that people with low qualifications rarely earn others' respect and have fewer opportunities to get promotions in **their** career ladder. That's why her parents strongly expect that her distinguished academic result of the national entrance examination can help her win a place at a popular economic university despite her family's state of financial crisis. In contrast, she doesn't want to put more strain on her family with

costly tuition fees and huge student loan debts during the four years of university. She has convinced her parents to let her find a stable job to support her family several times before, but they haven't agreed yet. Yesterday she had a consultation meeting with Mr Trung, her homeroom teacher. He advised her to give in her parents' demand by choosing a university with reasonable fees and scholarships offered to excellent students. Meanwhile, she can obtain a part-time job to relieve the cost burden, accumulate more experience and decorate her future CV. Now she is taking his advice into account and ready to persuade her parents to change their minds one more time.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 - A. Anxiety of many school-leavers about their future jobs
 - B. The supporting roles of parents and teachers in guiding school-leavers to pursue their dreams
 - C. Contrasting views on future education choices between a school-leaver and her parents
 - D. The misunderstanding of choosing a university between a school-leaver and her parents
2. What does the word **their** in line 9 mean?
 - A. Low-qualified individuals'
 - B. Ordinary people's
 - C. Duong's parents'
 - D. School-leavers'
3. Why do Duong's parents try to impose their opinions on her?
 - A. Because of her homeroom teacher's advice
 - B. Because of her impressive academic performance
 - C. Because of her parents' hardship
 - D. Because of social prejudice
4. Which of the following is NOT a recommendation from Mr Trung?
 - A. Trying to win a place at a popular economic university

- B. Finding a part-time job while studying at university
 - C. Selecting a university with reasonable costs
 - D. Choosing a university that awards scholarships to top students
5. Which of the following is true about the passage?
- A. Duong has had a lot of practical experience since her graduation.
 - B. Duong prefers going straight to university to training for a stable job.
 - C. Duong can make her own decision without her teacher's advice.
 - D. Duong's parents might be convinced by her new idea once again.

TASK 2 **Complete the reading passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.**

Most valuable heritage sites across the world are made to the public, which (1) _____ running the risk of weakening the protection for them. Apparently, these historic sites are run by cash-strapped local authorities, and thus the huge source of money attained from the (2) _____ of sightseeing tickets can contribute to the struggle of restoration and preservation of the historical buildings. Nevertheless, the architectural damage of many international gems boils down to lack of maintenance, lenient regulations, loose management of massive flocks of tourists and above all, tourist's poor awareness. For instance, Machu Picchu in Peru, renowned (3) _____ its religious, administrative and political centre for the Inca civilisation, is often reported illegally trespassing and vandalism cases caused by tourists. In some countries, many steps (4) _____ mitigate and avoid further damage and deterioration of ancient assets are taken, such as paying a heavy (5) _____ and even imprisonment, but still like drops in the ocean.

III. WRITING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in brackets and do not change it. Write **NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS**.

Example:

0. I started taking a fitness course two months ago.

I _____ a fitness course for two months. (TAKEN)

Answer: 0. have taken

1. Anne is working overtime this week so that she can have another two days off for her holiday.

Anne is working overtime this week _____ another two days off for her holiday. (ORDER)

2. Lucas is the only member who has still persevered with this conservation project.

Lucas is the only member _____ with this conservation project. (HAVE)

3. I didn't pay attention to what my lecturer was saying, and then I was criticised for that.

I was criticised for _____ of what my lecturer was saying. (HAVING)

TASK 2 For each question, rewrite the sentences using cleft sentences focusing on the underlined parts. Write **NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS**.

1. Jeremy signed up for a cooking course last Sunday.

It _____ signed up for a cooking course.

2. Nam intends to drop out of school and find a low-paid job.

It _____ to drop out of school and find a low-paid job.

TASK 3

Write an opinion essay (150-180 words) about the challenges and benefits of living independently.

You can use the following questions as cues.

- When might students live far from their family?
- What are the challenges of living independently that students have to face with?
- What benefits can students get when living independently?
- What should students do to make their independent life easier?

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS (2.5 points)**TASK 1**

Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. A. landscape B. ancient C. graduate D. bachelor
2. A. expense B. preserve C. basic D. housesehold

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others. Circle A, B, C or D.

3. A. valley B. complex C. habit D. campaign
4. A. managemen
t B. doctorate C. advantage D. confidence

TASK 2 Choose the best option to complete each sentence. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. Students should give _____ to alternative methods for preserving historic sites in their local areas.
A. chance B. voice C. speech D. offer
2. Instead of attending a higher education institution, Nam has made up his mind to enroll in a _____ diploma programme about electrical techniques.
A. vocational B. education
al C. qualified D. scientific
3. Kevin is a serious and reliable student, so it's easy for him to _____ his teachers' trust.
A. make B. achieve C. earn D. lose
4. Many teenagers should be more independent _____ parents' financial support.
A. with B. on C. at D. of
5. Viet Nam is one of the countries that have _____ preserved many traditional performing art forms.
A. successive B. successful C. successfully D. successively
6. Many people assume that enacting strict heritage laws can help reduce heritage _____ significantly.
A. promotion B. prevention C. discouragem
ent D. crime

TASK 3 Fill each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. _____ (establish) in 2012, his non-profit organisation made a significant contribution to preserving local heritages.
2. The fastest way _____ (travel) from Ho Chi Minh City to Nha Trang is by plane.
3. The One Pillar Pagoda _____ (build) in 1049 by the Emperor Ly Thai Tong.
4. The visitor was heavily fined for _____ (ruin) some stalagmites on purpose in the national limestone cave.
5. These learners _____ (take) a course on developing self-study skills recently.
6. Lan is setting her learning goals _____ (improve) her studies more effectively.
7. _____ (watch) inspirational English vlogs motivated me to master English fluency.
8. It was on the forum that Fred _____ (find) useful tips on gaining time-management skills last year.
9. _____ (not finish) his vocational training, he couldn't start work officially.
10. The principal was proud of _____ (hold) the education fair successfully.

