SUPER STAR CENTER FIRST TERM TEST – Dec 2025 GRADE 12 – U1-U5	NAME: …… CLASS: …… TIME ALLOTTED: 50 minutes

I. Circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. decreased B. modernised C. applied D. employed
2. A. casual B. challenging C. gradually D. vacancy

II. Circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word which differs from the other three in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. communist B. enemy C. poetry D. achievement
4. A. receptionist B. unemployment C. application D. interference

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

5. At this time 5 years ago, she _____ the conference hosted by Steve Jobs.

A. attended B. was attending C. were attending D. attending

6. The book I borrowed from the library was much _____than I had expected.

A. much interested B. more interesting C. more interest D. less interestingly

7. Urbanisation brings many opportunities; ___, it also leads to increased living costs.

A. moreover B. although C. if D. on the other hand

8. While Dang Thuy Tram ____ in a field hospital, she ____ her diary.

A. was working /wrote **B.** worked/wrote
C. worked/was writing **D.** was working /was writing

9. After graduating from university, I want to _____ my father's footsteps.

A. follow in B. succeed in C. go after D. keep up

10. Japan is considering _____ the areas in which skilled foreign workers can receive long-term work visas.

A. expanding B. to expand C. to expanding D. expand

IV. Read the following advertisement/school announcements and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

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11. A. animated B. animator C. animating D. animation
12. A. make B. was making C. made D. was made
13. A. on B. for C. to D. with

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

14.a. Also, volunteering helps students connect with the community, making them aware of the needs around them.

b. Finally, doing volunteer work can be a rewarding experience, as students feel good about helping others.

c. High school students benefit from doing voluntary work in many ways.

d. Additionally, students develop such important skills as teamwork and communication ones while they volunteer.

e. Firstly, students who do voluntary work gain valuable real-world experience which can help in their future careers.

A. e-c-a-b-d B. e-a-c-b-d C. c-a-b-d-e D. c-e-a-d-b

15.

a. Regularly engaging in hobbies and personal interests can have a profound impact on overall well-being.

b. These activities provide a much-needed break from the routine of daily life, offering a sense of refreshment and rejuvenation.

c. Dear Sam, I've been reflecting on our discussion about balancing work and personal life, and I wanted to emphasize the importance of hobbies.

d. Hobbies also allow for personal growth and skill development, which can be fulfilling and rewarding.

e. Best regards. f. Whether it's gardening, painting, or playing a musical instrument, these activities can also foster creativity and boost self-esteem.

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A. c-a-b-f-d-e B. c-f-b-d-a-e C. c-b-d-f-a-e D. c-d-f-b-a

VI. Read the following job advertisement and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each other numbered blanks.

We are (16) _____ enthusiastic individuals to become part of our team as shop assistants, providing excellent customer service and arranging window displays.

- Schedule: Monday to Saturday, two (17) _____: from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- No prior experience necessary; on-the-job training is provided for all employees.
- (18) _____ hourly wage with additional benefits, including free meals and overtime pay.
- Apply through email: recruiting@hnfashion.com or in person at TH Clothing, 32 Trinh Van Bo, Monday to Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please ask for Mrs. Lan upon arrival.

16. A. carrying out B. looking for C. taking after D. giving up
17. A. vacancies B. work shifts C. business trips D. responsibilities
18. A. Competitive B. Challenging C. Repetitive D. Casual

19. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a complete instruction in the following question.

a. Then, prepare your CV and a letter of application to describe your relevant skills and experience.
b. When you're applying for a job, first read the job advertisement carefully to understand what they are looking for.
c. Don't forget to include specific examples to show how your skills and experience match the job requirements.
d. Finally, it is a good idea to follow up the process and see if there are any updates.
e. After your documents are ready, follow the official instructions to submit your application whether it is online, via email or in person.

A. b – a – e – c – d B. b – a – c – e – d C. b – c – d – b – e D. b – d – e – c – a

20. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in the following question.

a. Due to the economic growth, more and more people moved from rural areas to cities over three decades since 1970.
b. By the early 2000s, urban and rural populations in Thailand were nearly the same.
c. Urbanisation in Thailand started in the mid-1900s with around 20% of people living in cities by the early 1970s.
d. From then on, the number of city dwellers has continued to grow steadily.

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e. Today, Thailand is one of the most urbanised countries in Southeast Asia, with over 50% of its population living in urban centres.

A. c – a – e – b – d B. c – a – b – e – d C. c – a – d – b – e D. c – d – e – a – b

Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 21 to 25.

Over the past few years, working from home has become very popular all over the world. An increasing number of companies allow employees to work from home at least one or two days a week. There are also companies that hire only remote workers. While working from home can come with many benefits, there are also some drawbacks to consider.

The most common advantage is that it doesn't involve any commute to work. Many people spend more than 30 minutes each way travelling to their workplace and often have to deal with train delays or traffic jams during rush hour. Long daily commuting is also linked with increased levels of stress and anxiety. Therefore, people save time for getting extra sleep or eating a healthy breakfast if they work from home. Furthermore, working from home offers greater flexibility, which means employees can choose when to start and finish **their** working day as long as they complete all tasks on time and meet the deadlines.

By having control over work schedules, people can attend to personal matters and achieve better work-life balance. For example, working mothers can take care of their children or adult learners can fit classes into their busy life. However, working from home is not suitable for everyone. Some employees may feel isolated and lonely when they don't have much contact with their colleagues and organisation as a whole. They may miss the social interaction and creative atmosphere in the workplace. They may also prefer face-to-face supervision and meetings with managers or colleagues. Therefore, it would be difficult for these employees to complete their work on their own at home. In addition, when people work from home, they may find it hard to avoid **distractions** such as screaming children, dogs barking, or household chores. Even if they have a dedicated workspace in their home, it may not be easy for them to stay focused on their work, be efficient, and meet targets.

21. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

A. Why employees need to work from home.

B. Pros and cons of working from home.

C. Working from home is not for everyone.

D. The future of working from home.

22. Which of the following is NOT a benefit of working from home according to paragraph 2?

A. You don't travel during rush hour.

B. You spend more time sleeping.

C. You work flexible hours to suit your lifestyle.

D. You don't have to meet deadlines.

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23. The word '**their**' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. people's B. employees' C. managers' D. adult learners'

24. The word '**distractions**' in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. interruptions B. chores C. disorders D. stresses

25. According to paragraph 3, which of the following is NOT a disadvantage of working from home?

A. Feeling disconnected from colleagues and the organisation as a whole.

B. Having no in-person meetings or supervision.

C. Being unable to stay focused at home.

D. Having to design a dedicated workspace at home.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 31.

Reading and its Impact on Cognitive Development

Reading is an essential skill that enhances our cognitive abilities in many ways. Firstly, it improves our language skills. When we read, we learn new words and understand how they are used in context, (26) _____. This helps in expanding our vocabulary and improving our communication skills.

Secondly, reading boosts our imagination and creativity. (27) __, it takes us to different worlds and situations we might not experience in real life. This stimulates our creativity and helps us think outside the box.

Thirdly, regular reading enhances our concentration and focus. It requires us to pay attention to details and follow complex narratives, (28) _.

Additionally, reading provides us with knowledge about various subjects and cultures. It allows us to gain insights into (29) ___. This broadens our perspective and helps us become more empathetic and understanding.

Finally, reading is a great way to relax and de-stress. It can be a form of escapism, where we can lose ourselves in a story and forget about (30)_____, and provides a much-needed break.

In conclusion, reading is not just a leisure activity. It plays a significant role in our cognitive development, helping us to (31) _____. Therefore, it's important to cultivate a habit of reading from a young age.

26. A. makes it easier to improve our language B. which improve our language skills
C. improving our language skills D. it improves our language skills

27. A. When we read interesting stories B. Reads interesting stories
C. To read interesting stories D. Having read interesting stories

28. A. to keep our minds sharp B. keeping our minds sharp
C. keeps our minds sharp D. keep our minds sharp

29. A. the lives and experiences of people from diverse backgrounds

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B. diverse backgrounds of people's lives and experiences

C. people from diverse backgrounds and their experiences

D. experiences and lives of people from diverse backgrounds

30. A. our daily worries B. their daily worries

C. our worries daily D. daily worries

31. A. improve mentally and emotionally B. mentally and emotionally improve

C. be improved mentally and emotionally D. improving mentally and emotionally

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 from 32 to 40.

Columbus first went to sea as a teenager, participating in several trading voyages in the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. One such voyage, to the island of Khios, in modern-day Greece, brought him the closest he would ever come to Asia.

His first voyage into the Atlantic Ocean in 1476 nearly cost him his life, as the commercial fleet he was sailing with was **attacked** by French privateers off the coast of Portugal. His ship was burned, and Columbus had to swim to the Portuguese shore.

He made his way to Lisbon, where he eventually settled and married Filipa Perestrelo. The couple had one son, Diego, around 1480. His wife died when Diego was a young boy, and Columbus moved to Spain. He had a second son, Fernando, **who** was born out of wedlock in 1488 with Beatriz Enriquez de Arana.

After participating in several other expeditions to Africa, Columbus learned about the Atlantic currents, including the North Equatorial Current that flows westward across the Atlantic Ocean towards the Caribbean Sea.

(Adapted from https://www.biography.com/)

32. What is the best title of the passage?

A. Christopher Columbus's biography. **B.** Atlantic Ocean's discovery.

C. Timelines of a great exploration. **D.** A brief story about Christopher Columbus.

33. According to the passage, the first time Columbus went to sea was when he was a __.

A. mature person **B.** student **C.** child **D.** teenager

34. The word "**attacked**" in the second paragraph is opposite in meaning to_____.

A. damaged **B.** protected **C.** defeated **D.** resigned

35. The word "**who**" in the third paragraph refers to _____.

A. Diego **B.** Columbus **C.** Fernando **D.** Perestrelo

36. According to passage, which of these statements is true?

A. After going to Africa several times, Columbus acknowledged new knowledge.

B. Columbus's first journey to the Atlantic Ocean was in the 14th century.

C. Filipa Perestrelo passed away when Fernando was a young boy.

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D. Columbus went to Asia on the voyage to the island of Khios.

37. _____ is the increase in the earth's temperature because of certain gases in the atmosphere.

A. Pollution B. Global warming C. Greenhouse effect D. Climate change

38. The building has many features that make it more _ as well as reducing heating costs.

A. eco-friendly B. ecological C. economic D. ecologically

39. _____ trees around the house on the south and west sides, they can save up to about $250 a year on cooling and heating.

A. to plant B. to have planted C. having planted D. being planted

40. _____ by the sudden rain, Emily hurried to find shelter under a nearby tree.

A. Surprising B. Surprised C. Have surprised D. To be surprised

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