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KỲ THI TUYỂN SINH VÀO LỚP 10 THPT
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Môn thi: **TIẾNG ANH**
Thời gian làm bài: 90 phút (không kể thời gian phát đề)
(Đề thi có 05 trang)

I. Choose the word / phrase / sentence (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space or best answers the question given in each sentence. (3.5 pts)

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. stopp**ed** B. found**ed** C. want**ed** D. need**ed**

2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. me**ch**anic B. ma**ch**ine C. **ch**emical D. stoma**ch**

3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. difficult B. benefit C. character D. tradition

4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. birthday B. apply C. decide D. success

5. **Nina**: You didn't pick up my call last night. What were you doing when I rang you?
Ethan: Sorry, I _____ dinner with my parents at that time.

A. have B. was having C. had D. am having

6. **Juki**: The meeting was originally scheduled _____ May, but they moved it to July
Mark: Yeah, I already rebooked my flight.

A. at B. on C. in D. by

7. **Thomas**: I didn't know you could play the piano so well!
Sophia: Thanks! I've always been quite good _____ it since I was little.

A. at B. on C. in D. to

8. **Helen**: Did you understand the teacher's explanation about DNA?
Noah: Not really, there was too much information for me to _____.

A. turn into B. do up C. take in D. put on

9. **Sarah**: Do you know the man _____ I met at the party last night?
Liam: Yes, he is my best friend, Phong

A. where B. whom C. which D. whose

10. **Alex**: You know, Max never gives up even when things get tough.
Nina: I admire that - he's such a/an _____ person.

A. generous B. determined C. rude D. industrious

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11. **Ben**: _____ the heavy rain, the football match continued.

Hannah: Wow, the players must have been exhausted!

A. Although B. Because C. Despite D. However

12. **Mina**: Why do you usually plant trees and collect trash at school?

Dino: We do these activities to raise awareness among students about the importance of environmental _____.

A. consumption B. management C. conservation D. disposal

13. **Emma**: I believe that traveling alone teaches you more than any classroom could.

Ryan: _____.

A. I can't agree with you more B. Not at all

C. The same to you D. I've no idea

14. **Tom**: - _____.

Mary: - That's a good idea! I'll buy one at the souvenir shop at the airport.

A. Have you ever bought an airplane ticket online?

B. Did you remember to pack a coat for the cold weather?

C. Maybe you should get a small gift for your host family.

D. You shouldn't spend money on gifts when you travel

II. Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 15 and 16. (0.5 pt)



15. What does the sign tell you to do?

A. You can wear any hat when entering this area

B. Only by being careful can you wear a hard hat

C. You had better watch for overhead risks in this area

D. A hard hat is required if you enter this area



16. What is the meaning of the sign?

A. Bicycles are prohibited in this area.

B. Bicycles and pedestrians must share this area.

C. This lane or path is designated for bicycles only.

D. Cyclists must yield the right-of-way to vehicles.

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III. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage. (1.5 pts)

Dear Mora,

I'm writing to you right away after getting back from the new Central Library. I (17) _____ the whole afternoon exploring, and honestly, it's truly wonderful. It is (18) _____ better than I thought it would be!

The building is very large, covering three amazing floors, but it feels comfortable because the space is so (19) _____ and full of light. The architects did a really good job with the design. The reading corners are placed next to these big, tall windows, and the quiet sound of people reading gives me a perfect and (20) _____ feeling.

I spent most of my time in the Rare Books Section, which is where they (21) _____ the really old books. I even found a first edition of that mystery novel we searched for last summer! The scent of aged paper and leather is wonderful. I think you'd especially love the garden they built on the roof, it's a beautiful place to read and relax.

We must definitely go together next weekend. I can't wait to show you all the cool (22) _____ I discovered there.

Best, Dillow.

17. A. used	B. spent	C. took	D. passed
18. A. more	B. slight	C. rare	D. far
19. A. narrow	B. open	C. crowded	D. dark
20. A. calm	B. worried	C. funny	D. tired
21. A. bring	B. keep	C. lose	D. buy
22. A. directions	B. marks	C. dots	D. spots

IV. Read the following leaflet promoting the benefits of physical books in the digital age. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

Get Back to Basics

In a world full of glowing screens and constant messages, a physical book gives you a unique feeling of peace and focus. Digital books are easy to use, but holding a real book is a special experience. A book is more than just information; it's a real object you can touch that uses your senses and helps your mind focus deeply. Take a moment to disconnect from your devices, and enjoy the smell of the paper, the feel of the cover, and the joy of turning the page. This type of reading helps you remember things better and brings a calmness that screens cannot.

Special benefits of physical books:

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• A deeper connection: Feel the weight of the book, smell the unique paper and ink, and enjoy the simple action of turning a page - all these things pull you completely into the story.

• Pure, focused reading: A book means no distractions. You won't get email messages, social media pings, or system updates. It gives you time for pure, concentrated reading.

• Looks good at home: A bookshelf shows everyone your personality and interests. It is a beautiful and meaningful part of your home decor.

23. Physical books help people concentrate better than digital screens.

24. Reading a printed book can make you feel stressed.

25. Physical books appeal to more than one sense.

26. Bookshelves can reflect who you are as a person.

27. One main reason the leaflet encourages people to read physical books is that _____.

A. they are cheaper than digital books

B. they save space at home

C. they offer more updated information

D. they help readers feel calm and focused

28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the leaflet **EXCEPT** _____.

A. Physical books allow readers to enjoy a focused experience

B. Holding a real book can help you remember information better

C. Reading on screens is more enjoyable and convenient

D. Bookshelves can be a beautiful part of home decoration

V. Use the correct form of the word given in each sentence. (1.5 pts)

29. Her greatest _____ is her ability to stay calm under pressure. (**STRONG**)

30. _____, it rained heavily on the day of our school picnic. (**FORTUNE**)

31. The teacher seemed _____ with the group's be performance. (**SATISFY**)

32. I hope Adam's actually doing some work at college - he seems to spend all his time _____! **(SOCIAL)**

33. To everyone's great _____, the young pianist performed flawlessly on stage. (**AMAZE**)

34. Scientists are trying to remove toxic _____ that damage aquatic ecosystems. (**POLLUTE**)

VI. Look at the entry of the word 'language' in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with no more than three words. (0.5 pt)

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1 ★ A1 [countable] the system of communication in speech and writing that is used by people of a particular country or area

- *the English language*
- *It takes a long time to learn to **speak a language** well.*
- *All the children must learn a **foreign language**.*
- *German is my **native language**.*
- *Is English an **official language** in your country?*
- *The novel has been translated into over twenty languages.*
- *She **has a good command of the** Spanish **language**.*
- *Good **language skills** are essential in this job.*
- *They fell in love in spite of **the language barrier** (= the difficulty of communicating when people speak different languages).*
- *Why study Latin? It's a **dead language** (= no longer spoken by anyone).*

35. Hittite is _____ that was preserved only on clay tablets which were found by scientists.

36. It was decided that English would remain the country's _____ for all government business.

VII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it. (1.0 pt)

37. I rejected that offer because it was not profitable

→ I turned.....

38. No other city in the world has a longer history than Rome.

→ Rome.....

39. I don't intend to buy a new book by the end of the week.

→ I have.....

40. I last ate Vietnamese pho when I was in Hanoi.

→ I haven't.....

THE END OF THE TEST

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