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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. enc**ou**rage B. gr**ou**nd C. d**ou**btful D. pl**ou**gh

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

A. explore**s** B. spread**s** C. escape**s** D. return**s**

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

A. domestic B. important C. negative D. computer

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

A. failure B. project C. issue D. relax

5. **Maria**: Why _____ you always _____ your pen on the table during our group discussions? It's making it really hard for me to concentrate.

Liam: Oh, I'm sorry, I'll try to stop doing it.

A. are / tapping B. do / tap C. were / tapping D. have / tapped

6. **Ellie**: I discovered that the novel we're analysing in literature class was written _____ the 19th century.

Noah: Exactly, and that's why it contained many historical figures

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

7. **Juli:** My younger brother has become hooked _____ that new online game he downloaded yesterday.

Jake: Honestly, that game is addictive even for adults.

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

8. **Hà:** The charity gala was a huge success! The organizing committee must be very proud.

Minh: Yes, it definitely _____. They raised twice the amount they expected."

A. took up B. looked over C. came off D. brought out

9. **Anna**: Do you remember the little café _____ they organise weekend workshops for young artists?

Clara: Of course, it's right around the corner near the old cinema. I've been there twice

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

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10. **Sam**: I've always admired Julia because she's incredibly _____.

Ben: True, she manages her finances better than anyone I know.

A. economical B. humorous C. dependable D. helpful

11. **Helen**: The new AI model runs significantly faster than the previous version; _____, it can analyse large datasets with greater accuracy.

Paul: That combination is what makes it so valuable for researchers.

A. However B. By the way C. Hence D. Moreover

12. **Fein**: Our teacher asked us to present about _____ development in tomorrow's class.

Boby: That's great - we can focus on how it helps protect resources for future generations.

A. specific B. remarkable C. deteriorating D. sustainable

13. **Chris**: I think the new AI tool is unnecessary for this projects since it seems a bit too complicated.

Evan: _____, I believe, with proper use, it can actually reduce workload and save a tremendous amount of time.

A. In my book C. On the one hand

B. Not this time D. I beg to differ

14. **Tom**: - _____.

Mary: I took in a lot of new information during the workshop yesterday.

A. What did you learn from the workshop?

B. Why did you decide to join that professional workshop?

C. How many participants were listening to the speaker?

D. What did the instructor ask everyone to hand in at the end?

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 this sign tell you?

A. If you are in this area, be careful with radioactive material.

B. Only medical staff are allowed to enter this area.

C. The area is safe as long as you do not touch anything.

D. Radioactive materials are present, so you must stay away.

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16. What is the meaning of the sign?

A. At no time should you wear seat belts in this vehicle.

B. Passengers are required to wear seat belts on highways.

C. Seat belts are optional but recommended for safety.

D. The vehicle is equipped with seat belts for all passengers.

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

Dear Hillow,

I hope you're doing well. I've been meaning to write to you ever since I returned from my trip to Vietnam last month. It was honestly one of the most (17) _____ journeys I've ever taken. The moment I arrived, I was (18) _____ by how lively and welcoming everything felt. I spent most of my time in Hanoi, wandering through the Old Quarter, tasting incredible street food, and chatting with friendly locals.

One of my favorite experiences was visiting Ha Long Bay. The scenery was (19) _____ - towering limestone islands surrounded by calm, emerald water. I (20) _____ a boat tour and even kayaked around some of the caves. It felt surreal.

I also travelled to Ninh Binh, where I rode a bicycle through peaceful rice fields and ancient temples. The landscape there was so (21) _____ that I wished you (22) _____ with me to enjoy it.

Overall, Vietnam surprised me in the best possible way. I hope we can visit together someday.

Warm wishes,

Loka

17. A. memorable	B. convenient	C. promising	D. mindful
18. A. hit	B. beaten	C. disappointed	D. struck
19. A. weird	B. ordinary	C. dull	D. breathtaking
20. A. did	B. performed	C. took	D. made
21. A. sparse	B. crowded	C. calm	D. horror
22. A. have been	B. be	C. were	D. are

IV. Read the following leaflet promoting the Hue Imperial Citadel. 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)

Step Into Royal Vietnam

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In a fast-moving world, the Hue Imperial Citadel offers something we often forget—quiet beauty, deep history, and a moment to slow down. Walking through this ancient complex isn't just sightseeing; it's an experience that connects you to Vietnam's royal past. The walls, gates, and palaces were home to emperors for over a century, and every stone still carries their stories. Unlike modern attractions full of noise and screens, the Citadel invites you to breathe, observe, and feel a sense of timelessness.

Take your time wandering through grand courtyards, peaceful lotus ponds, and graceful wooden halls. Listen to the echoes of history, imagine royal ceremonies, and feel the harmony between architecture and nature. This is a place where culture becomes real and vivid.

Why the Hue Imperial Citadel is unforgettable:

• A living museum: Explore ancient gates, palaces, and the Forbidden Purple City - each corner filled with stories of emperors and dynasties.

• A peaceful escape: No rush, no noise - just quiet paths, warm sunlight, and gentle gardens.

• A visual masterpiece: Bright red pillars, golden details, and traditional Vietnamese architecture create stunning scenery for every visitor.

23. The Hue Imperial Citadel is mainly known for its fast-moving pace and modern, noisy attractions.

24. The Citadel was the home of emperors for more than 100 years.

25. Walking through the Citadel offers visitors a sense of connection to Vietnam's royal past.

26. The Forbidden Purple City is now forbidden to enter by the authorities.

27. What feeling does the Citadel primarily offer to visitors?

A. A hurried and noisy sightseeing experience.

B. A sense of stress and modern urgency.

C. Quiet beauty and a moment to slow down.

D. A place filled mainly with modern screens.

28. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in the text regarding the Hue Imperial Citadel?

A. The complex was home to emperors for over a century.

B. Visitors can explore the ancient gates and palaces.

C. The total number of separate buildings contained within the complex.

D. It offers a sense of timelessness and connection to the royal past.

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

29. The crowd cheered loudly upon the _____ of the famous singer at the concert venue. **(ARRIVE)**

30. The chef was incredibly _____ at carving delicate flower designs from vegetables. **(SKILL)**

31. The success of the festival was due to the careful _____ and hard work of the local committee. **(ORGANIZE)**

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32. We need to _____ the rope by tying another piece to the end so it can reach the bottom. **(LONG)**

33. They searched the lost kitten for two hours but returned home _____ because it was hiding too well. **(SUCCESS)**

34. Wow, she looks _____ in that new dress. **(BEAUTY)**

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

★ a group into which animals, plants, etc. that are able to have sex with each other and produce healthy young are divided, smaller than a genus and identified by a Latin name

- *a conservation area for **endangered species***
- ***plant/animal/bird/fish species***
- **species of something** *a **native species** of fish*
- *two **closely related species***
- *Nearly 850 **species of birds** have been identified within the country's borders.*
- *a **rare species** of beetle*
- *There are many species of dog(s).*
- *The effect of climate change on **species richness** was evaluated.*

35. Climate change and habitat loss are major threats that put many marine animals on the list of _____.

36. Scientists were thrilled to discover a small population of what they believe to be _____ of butterfly deep within the rainforest.

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. She prefers staying at home to going out

→ She'd rather.....

38. "You will be surprised if you meet her," Ann said to Clara.

→ John said to Clara that.....

39. It's not worth asking the boss for a day off.

→ There is.....

40. Despite his terrible toothache, Harry refused to go to the dentist.

→ Although .....

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