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KỲ THI TUYỂN SINH VÀO LỚP 10 THPT
NĂM HỌC 2026 – 2027
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. hatred B. decided C. sacred D. warned

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

A. exhibition B. exhalation C. execution D. exuberant

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

A. competence B. jeopardy C. democrat D. complacent

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

A. permit B. answer C. admit D. prefer

5. **Daniel**: Your eyes look quite red and tired. Are you burned out?

Sarah: Yes, I'm exhausted because I _____ on this complex research paper for the last three nights.

A. was working B. am working C. had worked D. have been working

6. **Toma**: Did you ever collect Tamagotchis? It's funny how popular those digital pets were back in the day.

Bond: Oh, absolutely! Everyone had one. That was definitely one of the biggest trends _____ the 1990s.

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

7. **Jason**: The company president seemed very stressed at the shareholders' meeting yesterday.

Lisa: Yes, he was completely _____ a loss for words when they asked him about the drop in profits.

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

8. **Alex**: The patient was in a critical condition after the emergency surgery.

Chloe: I know. We were all very worried, but thankfully, she managed to _____ and is recovering well now.

A. kick off B. pull through C. come round D. let up

9. **David**: Have you found a suitable location for the annual sales conference yet?

Emma: We've decided on the new convention center _____ they have enough room for all the participants.

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

10. **Ben**: We need someone reliable to manage the finances. Who do you suggest?

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Sophie: I think Mark is ideal; he is always _____ about his work and pays attention to every detail.

A. stubborn B. conscientious C. reserved D. aggressive

11. **Anna**: How did you find the seminar on data analysis yesterday?

Tom: It was helpful, _____ the speaker spoke too quickly for me to take proper notes.

A. lest B. as for C. though D. irrespective of

12. **Ella**: What is the biggest challenge we face with all this plastic waste?

Mark: The main issue is the safe _____ of hazardous materials, especially from old electronic devices.

A. disposal B. emission C. recycling D. protection

13. **Linda**: I know we were worried about the presentation, but I just finished coding the entire demo.

Ben: _____!

A. Nothing much C. You crushed it

B. What's your text on this D. We're on the same page

14. **Jessica**: _____?

Mark: Actually, I don't mind. I prefer to work on projects that challenge my technical skills.

A. Do you find your current role at the company quite repetitive sometimes?

B. When do you think the department will finally announce the new manager?

C. How often do you travel abroad for work meetings?

D. Why did you make up your mind about changing careers recently?

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)


NOTICE FOR EXAM POSTPONEMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students The exam which was to be held Tomorrow 08/08/2023 Tuesday is postponed and will be held on 12/08/2023 Saturday.

The rest exam schedule will be same.

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15. What does the notice imply?

A. Parents and guardians will be responsible for this postponement.

B. Only Tuesday's exam is rescheduled and the rest remain fixed.

C. The entire exam schedule is put off to the following week.

D. Tuesday's exam is cancelled, and the new date is uncertain.



16. What does the sign imply?

A. Animals must be trained well and kept leashed to enter premises.

B. Large pets cannot enter this location; small creatures are fine.

C. Service animals are welcome, but household pets must stay outside.

D. No animal is permitted entrance unless it has proper identification tag.

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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 Henry,

I hope this letter finds you well and that things are running smoothly at your office.

I wanted to give you a more detailed update following my recent operation, as I know you've been extremely concerned. I am absolutely (17) _____ to tell you that my recovery is making remarkably good progress. I won't lie, I spent a few very uncomfortable days immediately after the surgery, but since then, the pain has (18) _____ considerably, and I was finally discharged yesterday afternoon. It feels wonderful to be back in my own bed!

The doctors were very pleased with the results, and the hospital staff were truly wonderful—they really took excellent care of me. I have a follow-up appointment next week, but for now, I just need rest and light activity.

Now, about you. I heard from Mum that you were seriously considering (19) _____ an extended leave from your project to come and help me. Henry, please, don't bother with that idea. I sincerely (20) _____ your kindness and loyalty, but there is no need for you to (21) _____ your important commitments. You must focus entirely on your work; it's a crucial time for your department. I'm safely home, and Mum is here to ensure I don't lift a (22) _____.

Looking forward to catching up properly once I'm back on my feet and can actually go out for a coffee.

Warmest wishes,

Annet

17. A. hesitant	B. delighted	C. doubtful	D. anxious
18. A. lessened	B. intensified	C. pronounced	D. deteriorated
19. A. to taking	B. take	C. to take	D. taking
20. A. abandon	B. undertake	C. appreciate	D. interfere
21. A. implement	B. envisage	C. relinquish	D. sacrifice
22. A. limb	B. finger	C. leg	D. hair

IV. Read the following leaflet promoting Recycling. 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)

The Quick Fix: Understanding Fast Food

Is Convenience Worth the Cost?

Fast food holds an undeniable place in modern life, providing a solution that is both quick, cheap, and immediately gratifying. For millions of people with demanding schedules and minimal time for meal preparation, grabbing a burger, fries, or a quick taco seems like the perfect answer, fitting seamlessly into an incredibly busy lifestyle. However, before relying on these rapid meals too often, it is absolutely essential that we step back and fully

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understand the true nutritional impact they have on our long-term health and well-being. The ease of access often masks the significant hidden costs to our bodies.

What's Really in Your Meal?

Fast food meals are meticulously engineered to taste appealing, but they typically feature a very high concentration of calories, saturated fats, sodium, and refined carbohydrates, while critically lacking in essential nutrients like vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber. This specific chemical composition delivers a rapid energy **boost** that is quickly metabolized, which unfortunately often leads to an equally sudden crash in energy levels shortly afterward. Regular, consistent consumption of such foods can significantly contribute to serious health concerns.

Simple Steps for Smarter Choices

You certainly don't have to eliminate fast food entirely from your life; the goal is to make smart, informed decisions when you do indulge:

1. **Read the Labels:** Always check the displayed calorie and sodium counts where available.
2. **Opt for Water:** Skip all sugary sodas and thick milkshakes.
3. **Choose Lean Options:** Select grilled chicken or fish whenever possible, instead of heavily fried items.
4. **Add Greens:** Request extra lettuce, tomato, or switch out fries for a side salad.

23. Fast food is often seen as the ideal solution because it is quick, cheap, and fits perfectly into a busy lifestyle.
24. The nutritional composition of fast food meals critically lacks essential vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber.
25. The main goal when discussing fast food is to eliminate it entirely from your diet.
26. The energy from fast food is metabolized slowly, helping to maintain stable energy levels for a long period.
27. According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT** a common characteristic of fast food meals?
    A. High concentration of calories and sodium.
    B. Featuring a high concentration of saturated fats.
    C. Rich amounts of vitamins and dietary fiber.
    D. Containing refined carbohydrates.
28. Which recommendation is offered in the passage for making a healthier fast food choice?
    A. Request additional sauces and cheese on your order.
    B. Choose a grilled item instead of a fried one.
    C. Always select the thick milkshakes and sugary sodas.
    D. Avoid reading the labels for calorie and sodium counts.

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

29. Three _____ failures crushed team spirit and caused deep disappointment.. **(SUCCESS)**
30. Food _____ must be clearly listed on every packaged product label. **(ADD)**
31. His constant tapping became an increasing _____ to everyone nearby. **(ANNOY)**

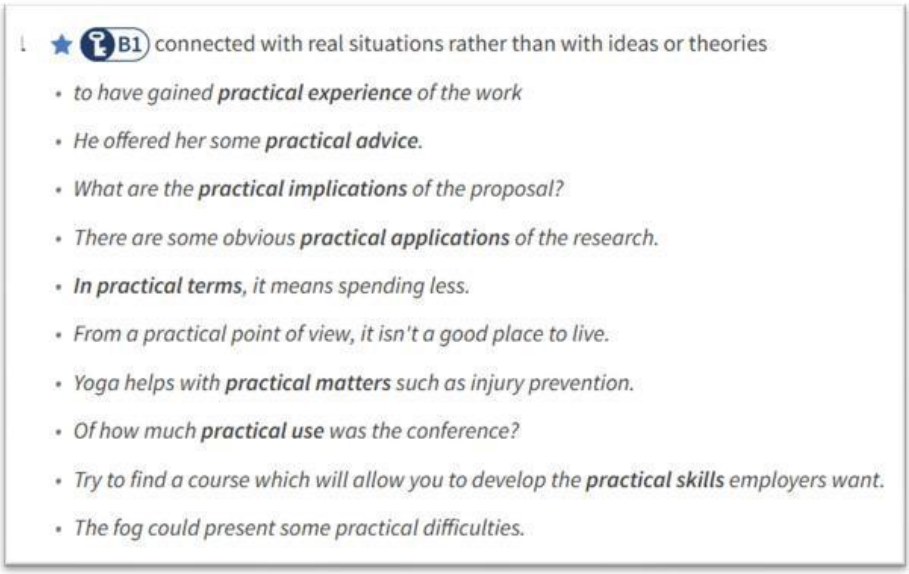
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32. She performed her difficult duties _____, impressing all her supervisors greatly. **(CREDIT)**

33. This new strategy should _____ the pace of production significantly right away. **(QUICK)**

34. The new variant of COVID-19 proved highly _____ which spreads rapidly across continents. **(INFECT)**

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



1 ★ B1 connected with real situations rather than with ideas or theories

- *to have gained **practical experience** of the work*
- *He offered her some **practical advice**.*
- *What are the **practical implications** of the proposal?*
- *There are some obvious **practical applications** of the research.*
- ***In practical terms**, it means spending less.*
- *From a practical point of view, it isn't a good place to live.*
- *Yoga helps with **practical matters** such as injury prevention.*
- *Of how much **practical use** was the conference?*
- *Try to find a course which will allow you to develop the **practical skills** employers want.*
- *The fog could present some practical difficulties.*

35. We spent the first hour of the meeting discussing _____ like scheduling and budget constraints.

36. The new policy sounds good theoretically, but _____, it means all employees must work an extra hour daily.

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. Martin was surprised at the directness of Henry's answer.

→ Martin was taken.....

38. I didn't know you were going to be there, otherwise I'd have gone too.

→ Had.....

39. I left without saying goodbye as I didn't want to disturb the meeting

→ Rather.....

40. Mrs. Rachael is proud of her cooking.

→ Mrs. Rachael prides .....

THE END OF THE TEST

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