

MIDTERM TEST – ENGLISH 10

Time allowed: 60 minutes

PART I. MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Section 1. Choose the correct answer.

Question 1. Renewable energy installations require considerable initial capital investment, _____ municipal authorities believe the enduring ecological gains will easily outweigh the upfront costs.

- A. or
- B. yet
- C. so
- D. for

Question 2. In our household, my elder sister routinely _____ up the grocery shopping and manages the weekly domestic budget.

- A. is doing
- B. does
- C. do
- D. will do

Question 3. Observe the orchestra on the central stage; they _____ a renowned symphony with incredible technical precision right at this moment.

- A. rehearse
- B. have rehearsed
- C. are rehearsing
- D. were rehearsing

Question 4. Significant volumes of hazardous non-biodegradable refuse _____ directly into open waterways and municipal landfills each day.

- A. are dumped
- B. dump
- C. is dumped
- D. have dumped

Question 5. Inspired by the environmental initiative, the indie band decided _____ a complimentary charity concert to raise communal funds.

- A. organizing
- B. organize
- C. to organize
- D. organized

Question 6. Encouraging teenagers to participate actively in domestic routines instills a deep sense of personal _____ and self-reliance.

- A. vulnerability
- B. responsibility

- C. emission
- D. breakdown

Question 7. Replacing obsolete home heating units with energy-efficient electrical _____ helps drastically curb household carbon emissions.

- A. instruments
- B. appliances
- C. contestants
- D. decorations

Section 2. Sentence and Paragraph Ordering

Question 8. Arrange the following exchanges (a–e) to form a complete conversation about green living.

- a. "That sounds great! I've been trying to reduce my household carbon footprint lately too."
- b. "Hey Minh, why are you carrying that massive carton of empty glass bottles and tin cans?"
- c. "Certainly! Why don't we rinse them in the sink first, and then categorize them properly?"
- d. "I'm heading over to the neighborhood collection hub so they can be sent for systematic reprocessing."
- e. "Can I lend you a hand with classifying them before you head out?"

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

Question 9. Arrange the following sentences to form a complete letter.

- a. Warm regards, Minh Quang.
- b. Dear David, I hope your term is progressing smoothly and that you are enjoying your coursework!
- c. Ever since our parents implemented an organized chore chart, my sister and I split the laundry, meal preparation, and vacuuming equally, which has eliminated domestic stress entirely.
- d. How do members of your household divide domestic duties? I look forward to hearing your insights soon.
- e. I'm composing this note to recount how our domestic dynamic has undergone a thoroughly positive transformation over recent months.

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

Question 10. Arrange the following word groups to form a complete sentence.

(1) to drastically diminish / (2) numerous environmentally conscious households / (3) their overall carbon footprints / (4) are modifying consumption habits / (5) across urban districts

- A. (2) – (4) – (3) – (1) – (5)
- B. (2) – (4) – (1) – (3) – (5)
- C. (4) – (2) – (1) – (3) – (5)
- D. (2) – (1) – (3) – (4) – (5)

Question 11. Arrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

- a. In addition, learning an instrument strengthens cognitive discipline, requiring sustained dedication and hand-eye coordination.
- b. To summarize, engaging regularly with music provides indispensable psychological and mental enrichment for youth.
- c. Immersion in musical activities yields profound developmental benefits for young adults.
- d. For example, listening to harmonious instrumental melodies following intensive academic sessions effectively alleviates mental tension and improves emotional composure.

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

Section 3. Cloze Test

Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each blank from Question 12 to Question 16.

Environmental organizations across the globe are sounding serious alarms regarding atmospheric deterioration. Climatologists warn that regional atmospheric temperatures (12) _____ steadily over the next half-century if greenhouse gas emissions continue at current rates. In response, municipal agencies (13) _____ extensive solar arrays along suburban transit networks next quarter to minimize municipal reliance on thermal generation. At the household level, consumers are strongly encouraged (14) _____ biodegradable packing materials rather than conventional single-use wraps. Concurrently, nationwide youth ecological workshops (15) _____ by regional green coalitions to cultivate practical conservation practices. Preserving planetary ecosystems demands cooperative action, (16) _____ everyday citizens must proactively minimize domestic wastage.

Question 12. A. will rise B. is rising C. rises D. rose

Question 13. A. will install B. are going to install C. install D. installed

Question 14. A. adopt B. adopting C. to adopt D. adopted

Question 15. A. are organized B. organize C. have organized D. are being organized

Question 16. A. so B. but C. yet D. although

Section 4. Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question from Question 17 to Question 21.

In contemporary society, the traditional conception of domestic labor has undergone significant re-evaluation. Historically, cultural norms across numerous societies allocated familial roles

strictly along gender lines: fathers served predominantly as sole breadwinners in formal employment, whereas mothers assumed total responsibility for household chores, cooking, and childcare. This rigid distribution of domestic burdens frequently left homemakers physically exhausted and economically dependent, while fathers remained largely detached from daily domestic interactions.

Recent sociological surveys demonstrate that households practicing egalitarian task sharing experience significantly greater harmony and emotional durability. When spouses split everyday maintenance such as grocery provisioning, dishwashing, and laundry both partners report higher marital satisfaction and lower parental stress. More crucially, growing up in an environment where parents collaborate equally on manual chores produces tangible cognitive and behavioral benefits for children. Rather than viewing housework as a burdensome obligation, children observe teamwork firsthand. They learn how to organize time, develop personal autonomy, and cultivate heightened empathy towards familial peers.

Conversely, domestic friction commonly escalates when the distribution of domestic routines is disproportionately skewed. When working mothers must shoulder an exhausting "second shift" of domestic labor upon arriving home from office shifts, emotional resentment inevitably festers. Therefore, instituting clear, collaborative routines where all family members shoulder household upkeep proportionally is vital to preserving domestic equilibrium and mutual respect.

Question 17. According to paragraph 1, how were fathers traditionally expected to function within the household?

- A. Handling the grocery provisioning and kitchen duties.
- B. Managing children's routine educational schedules.
- C. Functioning almost exclusively as the sole economic provider.
- D. Guiding teenage offspring through interpersonal dilemmas.

Question 18. The word "They" in paragraph 2 refers to:

- A. Marital partners
- B. Household chores
- C. Sociological surveys
- D. Children

Question 19. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an advantage gained by children who participate in shared housework?

- A. Enhanced understanding of practical time allocation.
- B. Growth in interpersonal empathy and collaboration.
- C. Receiving discretionary financial allowances from parents.
- D. The development of individual autonomy and independence.

Question 20. What can be inferred from the text regarding modern domestic dynamics?

- A. Men in modern society completely refuse to engage in manual domestic tasks.
- B. Unbalanced chore distribution generates domestic resentment and undermines marital well-being.
- C. Adolescents should focus exclusively on formal coursework to the total exclusion of chores.
- D. Traditional domestic structures proved far superior in cultivating child maturity.

Question 21. In which paragraph does the author discuss the negative effects of one spouse carrying a disproportionate share of the household workload?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. The conclusion sentence only

Section 5. Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question from Question 22 to Question 28.

[I] The global music industry has experienced an unprecedented paradigm shift over the previous two decades. [II] Throughout the era dominated by physical audio formats, aspiring vocalists and musicians were utterly reliant upon major record labels and experienced talent scouts to secure access to professional studios, high-end production facilities, and physical distribution networks for vinyl and compact discs. [III] Launching a musical career during that epoch constituted an immense financial gamble, effectively excluding independent talents who lacked affluent backers or high-level industry connections. [IV]

However, the advent of digital streaming distribution and algorithmic social media networks has radically reshaped this landscape. Independent singer-songwriters can now craft studio-grade audio files inside their bedrooms using accessible audio workstations, and distribute their creative work instantly to worldwide audiences via online platforms. Viral visibility on short-form video portals and community forums has transformed unknown instrumentalists into global icons virtually overnight, entirely bypassing traditional terrestrial broadcasting monopolies and expensive studio marketing campaigns.

Nonetheless, this unprecedented democratization brings considerable new complications. Because tens of thousands of tracks are uploaded to streaming platforms on a daily basis, the modern music marketplace has become intensely congested. Consumer attention spans have contracted dramatically, compelling artists to focus on immediate, repetitive viral hooks rather than intricate thematic composition. Furthermore, fractional streaming payout models make financial stability exceptionally precarious for non-mainstream creators. Consequently, succeeding in today's music ecosystem demands not only extraordinary creative originality, but also an ongoing commitment to cultivating an authentic digital persona to retain follower loyalty.

Question 22. In the physical media era, novice musicians depended primarily on which entities to produce and distribute their work?

- A. Peer-to-peer digital forums
- B. Established record labels and talent scouts
- C. Low-cost home computer hardware
- D. Direct consumer crowdfunding

Question 23. According to paragraph 2, what enables modern independent artists to release music without massive corporate budgets?

- A. Government-funded performance grants
- B. Affordable audio workstations and direct digital streaming channels
- C. Exclusive commercial contracts with major broadcasting networks
- D. Endorsements from physical music retailers

Question 24. In which paragraph does the author explain the drawbacks and competitive barriers in today's music industry?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Both Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2

Question 25. Read the following sentence:

"Without formal studio backing, unsigned performers possessed virtually zero avenues for widespread cultural reach."

Where should this sentence be inserted in paragraph 1?

- A. [I]
- B. [II]
- C. [III]
- D. [IV]

Question 26. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- A. The obsolescence of live arena concerts.
- B. How technological democratization has enabled direct artist-to-consumer reach.
- C. The historical transition from cassette tapes to CDs.
- D. The technical mechanics of operating sound recording hardware.

Question 27. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- A. Streaming platforms have eliminated copyright infringement permanently.
- B. Modern audiences prefer instrumental tracks over vocal compositions.
- C. The saturated digital market introduces substantial artistic and financial obstacles for modern performers.
- D. Algorithms prevent modern artists from using online platforms effectively.

Question 28. Which title best summarizes the central theme of the entire passage?

- A. The Absolute Downfall of Studio Production Standards
- B. The Digital Metamorphosis of Music: Creative Autonomy and Modern Realities
- C. How Bedroom Musicians Completely Eliminated Major Record Labels
- D. A Comprehensive Guide to Algorithmic Video Marketing

PART II. WRITTEN TEST

Section 1. Verb Forms

Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Question 29. Unlike his younger siblings who avoid domestic chores, Nam invariably (undertake) _____ the heaviest household tasks without complaints.

Question 30. Pay attention to the live broadcast! The environmental representative (address) _____ the global delegates regarding renewable energy commitments.

Question 31. Look at the meteorological chart showing that massive tropical storm approaching; it (wreak) _____ havoc on the coastline in a few hours.

Question 32. All industrial chemical pollutants must (neutralize) _____ before being discharged into the municipal sewage grid.

Section 2. Word Formation

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Question 33. Sorting trash into dedicated containers demonstrates an individual's civic _____ towards environmental sustainability. (RESPONSIBLE)

Question 34. The local council resolved to replace regular packaging with _____ alternatives to reduce soil contamination. (DECOMPOSE)

Question 35. The young violinist delivered a truly _____ rendition of the classic concerto, winning the admiration of the panel. (BREATHTAKE)

Question 36. Maintaining open communication during family chores helps establish harmonious _____ among family members. (RELATION)

Section 3. Sentence Transformation

Rewrite each sentence without changing its meaning. Begin with the words provided.

Question 37.

The youth union has finalized all logistical plans to initiate an extensive reforestation drive next month.

The youth union is

Question 38.

Energetic local volunteers systematically collect and categorize recyclable waste throughout the town each weekend.

Recyclable waste

Question 39.

The conductor did not allow any amateur vocalists to enter the recording chamber during the final take.

The conductor did not let

Question 40.

Minh suffered from vocal cord fatigue, yet he delivered an exceptional live performance on the closing night.

Although Minh

Section 4. Grammar Application

Complete the following sentences or rewrite them as instructed.

Question 41. Neither the lead vocalist nor the percussionists (be) _____ satisfied with the audio quality of this studio track.

Question 42. The multinational manufacturing corporation strictly committed to (minimize) _____ industrial greenhouse emissions across all operational plants.

Question 43. Rewrite the following sentence in the negative form.

Nam's father prepares dinner for the whole family every weekend.

→ Nam's father