**ENGLISH 10**
**The first midterm test 1 – PRACTICE TEST 5**

**Read the following advertisement/piece of news and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 6.**

**▲ A Healthy Planet, Together**

Imagine a world (1) _____ both people and nature thrive. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is making that vision a reality, and we invite you (2) _____ part of our mission.

For over 60 years, we (3) _____ on the ground in 50 states and over 70 countries to protect our planet's most important resources. We've protected over 119 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of rivers, and we (4) _____ our work with a deep commitment to being transparent with you.

We are a leading global charity, highly rated by watchdog organizations. This means your donation goes directly to our science-driven programs, making sure every dollar (5) _____ effectively and efficiently.

When you support The Nature Conservancy, you're not just giving money—you're investing (6) _____ a healthier planet for all of us.

Join us and help build a better future for people and nature.

**Question 1.**
**A.** that **B.** where **C.** whose **D.** when

**Question 2.**
**A.** to be **B.** be **C.** being **D.** to being

**Question 3.**
**A.** have worked **B.** will work **C.** are working **D.** work

**Question 4.**
**A.** carry out **B.** go over **C.** take up **D.** make up

**Question 5.**
**A.** is being used **B.** is using **C.** uses **D.** is used

**Question 6.**
**A.** on **B.** to **C.** at **D.** in

**Read the following leaflet/notice/piece of news and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.**

**❤ Your Family: The Heart of Your World**

***Love, support, and a place to belong. That's what family is all about!***

A family is a special group of people who love and care for each other. It's the first place where we learn to be (7) _____ and feel safe.

**A Safe and Happy Place**

Your family is always there for you. It's a safe space where you can be yourself, feel (8) _____, and know that you are loved. When you have a problem, your family helps you feel stronger. This love helps you grow into a confident person.

**Learning and Growing**

Families are our first teachers. We learn how to talk to (9) _____ and be good friends. They teach us important (10) _____ like kindness and honesty. We also learn about our culture and traditions, (11) _____ helps us feel connected to our past.

**Our Family, Our Foundation**

The lessons and love from our families stay with us forever. They help us (12) _____ good decisions and become the best version of ourselves. Family is the strong foundation that helps us face the world.

**Treasure your family and the love they give you.**

**Question 7.**
**A.** ourselves **B.** theirs **C.** themselves **D.** ours

**Question 8.**
**A.** acceptance **B.** acceptable **C.** accept **D.** accepted

**Question 9.**
**A.** the other **B.** others **C.** the others **D.** another

**Question 10.**
**A.** practices **B.** properties **C.** values **D.** emotions

**Question 11.**
**A.** who **B.** where **C.** that **D.** which

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**Question 12.**

**A.** gain **B.** create **C.** set **D.** make

**Choose the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 13 to 17.**

**Question 13.** a. Kelly: Really? Are they happy with them?

b. Kelly: That's exactly what we want to do. It's a great way to save money and help the environment.

c. Mia: That's a great idea! My neighbors did it last year.

d. Kelly: My family is thinking about installing solar panels on our roof.

e. Mia: Yes, they say it helps them save money on their electricity bill.

**A.** d - c - a - e - b **B.** c - a - d - e - b

**C.** d - c - b - e - a **D.** c - a - b - e - d

**Question 14.** a. They create a feeling of community and shared experiences, which strengthens the bonds between relatives.

b. These rituals bring comfort and joy, making us feel connected to those who came before us and those who will come after.

c. Celebrating special occasions in the same way each year can give a family a sense of security and predictability.

d. It's a way of telling our story and ensuring that important family values are not forgotten.

e. Family traditions are a way to preserve our heritage and cultural background.

**A.** e - c - d - a - b **B.** e - a - c - d - b

**C.** d - e - d - b - a **D.** c - d - e - a - b

**Question 15.** a. Toan: I've heard some of the songs from the K-Pop Demon Hunters soundtrack, they're so energetic.

b. Huong: Me too! I really like "Golden". It's my favorite song from that new album.

c. Huong: I've been listening to a lot of new K-pop music lately, it's really cool.

**A.** c - a - b **B.** c - b - a **C.** b - c - a **D.** b - a - c

**Question 16.** Dear Residents,

We are writing to ask for your important help in a community effort.

a. Proper sorting ensures that valuable materials are reused, which in turn helps to conserve natural resources and protects our local environment.

b. By working together on this, we can make a significant positive impact on our neighborhood and planet.

c. We kindly request that you sort your household waste into the proper bins.

d. Thank you for your support and commitment to making our community a cleaner, more sustainable place to live.

e. This simple act of separation is vital for increasing our recycling efforts and reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.

Sincerely,

The Community Management

**A.** e - a - b - c - d **B.** b - a - e - c - d

**C.** a - b - c - e - d **D.** c - e - a - b - d

**Question 17.** a. The constant sound from cities, cars, and planes affects animals in many ways.

b. As a result, animals may be forced to live in different areas, which can cause them to compete with other species for resources.

c. It can make them more anxious, which can lead to poor health and a shorter life.

d. This disruption can threaten the balance of entire ecosystems.

e. The noise can also block their ability to hear important sounds from the environment, such as the rustling of a predator or the call of their young.

**A.** a - c - e - b - d **B.** a - c - e - d - b

**C.** e - b - a - d - c **D.** e - b - a - c - d

**Read the following passage and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 22.**

Music has a special ability to stir emotions and bring people together. It can make us feel happy, sad, or nostalgic. Certain songs or styles can touch us deeply, causing specific feelings and connecting us with



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others who feel the same way. Music, with its meaningful words, compelling tunes, or energetic beats, (18) _____.

Music is also important in cultural identity, uniting people from different backgrounds. It can cross language barriers, bringing people together through shared experiences. Music festivals and concerts are great places (19) _____. By embracing different types of music, we learn to respect one another and feel connected to people from all cultures.

In romantic relationships, music has a special role. (20) _____. Whether it's finding a new song they both love, singing for each other, or dancing together, (21) _____. It helps express feelings when words aren't enough.

Music also helps friendships grow. It sets the mood, energizes parties, and makes people feel part of a group. Whether singing together, making playlists, or sharing music recommendations, music brings people closer. (22) _____.

**Question 18.**

**A.** helps us understand each other and builds stronger connections between people
**B.** allowing music to help us relate to each other and forge deeper human connections
**C.** which assists in fostering understanding and strengthening bonds among people
**D.** builds strong relationships so that it helps people understand each other better

**Question 19.**

**A.** where people can celebrate their differences and enjoy music together
**B.** enjoying music together and celebrating the differences that make them unique
**C.** offer spaces for people to embrace diversity and enjoy music collectively
**D.** which enjoys music together, it is necessary to recognize the diversity here

**Question 20.**

**A.** Couples wanting to bond should share and enjoy each other's musical interests
**B.** Discovering a mutual love for music which can help partners boost their bond
**C.** If couples want to become closer, they need to share their musical interests
**D.** Having similar music preferences can strengthen the bond between partners

**Question 21.**

**A.** that's why music helps enhance connection and create memories
**B.** that can help music make lasting memories and strengthen bonds
**C.** music creates meaningful memories and strengthens their bond
**D.** music that builds lasting memories and strengthens their bond

**Question 22.**

**A.** The more enjoyable social experiences are, the stronger friendships become
**B.** It strengthens friendships and makes social experiences even more enjoyable
**C.** It promotes closer friendships so that they can make shared moments more enjoyable
**D.** Enhancing relationships and adding enjoyment to social experiences are important

**Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.**

**1.** Many parents have busy schedules, which often leads to establishing routines and making decisions without seeking input from their children. Although parents always intend to do what is best for their children, they sometimes believe that their choices are the best without **consulting** them. Mediatrice Uwababyeyi, a mother of five, notes that in many families, children rarely participate in decision-making, and decisions are made without involving them.

**2.** Experts agree that involving children in family decisions is crucial for their development and well-being. Jeaninne Kampire emphasizes that family participation is vital for early childhood progress and for achieving better family outcomes. Allowing children to express **their** thoughts and concerns helps build stronger bonds within the family and creates a sense of shared responsibility and understanding.

**3.** Research supports the idea that giving children a voice in decision-making promotes self-esteem and confidence. **When children are allowed to share their feelings and opinions, they learn to value themselves and their input.** This boosts their self-worth and helps them grow into confident adults who are able to communicate their ideas effectively. Pascal Nshimiyimukiza, a father of six, believes that involving children in decisions creates a sense of value and enhances their ability to learn and develop.

**4.** Involving children in family decisions also strengthens the parent-child relationship. According to Uwababyeyi, when children have a voice in decisions, it **fosters** better communication between parents



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and children, especially during the teenage years. Children who participate in family decisions are more likely to behave well, respect adults, and develop a stronger understanding of their family dynamics. This approach supports the mental health and safety of children, benefiting both the family and society.

**Question 23.** The word **consulting** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

**A.** helping **B.** asking **C.** finding **D.** listening

**Question 24.** The word **their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

**A.** families' **B.** experts'

**C.** family outcomes' **D.** children's

**Question 25.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

**A.** By expressing their feelings and opinions, children develop confidence in their judgment and learn to respect themselves.

**B.** Providing children with opportunities to express emotions and opinions helps them appreciate themselves and trust their contributions.

**C.** Giving children the opportunity to share their views and emotions teaches them to value themselves and their perspectives.

**D.** When children are encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings, they learn the importance of contributing their opinions.

**Question 26.** The word **fosters** in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

**A.** maintains **B.** prevents **C.** challenges **D.** avoids

**Question 27.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a benefit of allowing children to be involved in making decisions in paragraph 4?

**A.** Enhance children's learning and personal development.

**B.** Encourage children to act responsibly and behave well.

**C.** Support emotional well-being and safety of children.

**D.** Build a closer relationship between parents and children.

**Question 28.** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

**A.** Though it is common for children not to participate in decisions, this is gradually changing in modern society.

**B.** Children who contribute more to their family tend to feel a greater sense of belonging and happiness.

**C.** Research shows kids involved in family decision-making tend to behave better and respect others more.

**D.** Children's development is influenced not only biologically but also strongly shaped by their family roles.

**Question 29.** In which paragraph does the writer explain why children are rarely involved in family decision-making?

**A.** Paragraph 2. **B.** Paragraph 3. **C.** Paragraph 1. **D.** Paragraph 4.

**Question 30.** In which paragraph does the writer mention investing in children's future communication and social skills?

**A.** Paragraph 1. **B.** Paragraph 2. **C.** Paragraph 3. **D.** Paragraph 4.

**Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 40.**

**1.** As global temperatures rise and the population increases, desertification is becoming a growing concern. Desertification is the process in which land that was once fertile and suitable for farming becomes desert. This occurs mainly in drylands, which include arid, semi-arid, and sub-humid regions. **[I]** These areas have low or unpredictable rainfall and **make up** more than 40% of the Earth's land.

**2.** Desertification affects over 100 countries, especially **those** with poor communities that depend on farming for survival. According to the European Commission's World Atlas of Desertification, more than 75% of the Earth's land has already been **degraded**, and by 2050, up to 90% of the land could be affected. **[II]**

**3.** The causes of land degradation differ from one region to another. **[III]** In Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, excessive irrigation for agriculture has caused the Aral Sea to shrink, turning it into a salty desert. In Africa's Sahel region, rapid population growth has led to more wood cutting, illegal farming, and land clearing for housing. These activities have worsened the state of the land.



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**4.** Climate change may worsen desertification. **[IV]** A 2-degree Celsius rise in temperature could cause southern Spain to turn into desert, and 30% of the Earth's land could dry out. **When land becomes desert, it can no longer support human life or animals.** Food cannot grow, water becomes scarce, and habitats disappear. This can lead to health problems, such as malnutrition and diseases from dust and contaminated water.

**5.** In 1994, the United Nations created the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). This agreement involves 122 countries that have committed to protecting the land and preventing desertification. The UNCCD supports projects like the Great Green Wall in Africa to restore land and improve land management. Similar efforts are taking place in China.

**Question 31.** The phrase **make up** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

**A.** found **B.** include **C.** increase **D.** cover

**Question 32.** Which of the following best summarises paragraph 1?

**A.** Dry regions with limited rainfall, covering large parts of Earth, are slowly desertifying under human activities and climate change.

**B.** Climate change and human expansion worsen desertification, seriously impacting drylands covering nearly half the planet.

**C.** Fertile lands in dry regions are turning into deserts, which is worsened by climate change and increasing population pressures.

**D.** Desertification affects dry regions where unpredictable rainfall and scarce natural resources threaten once fertile farmland.

**Question 33.** The word **those** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

**A.** drylands **B.** communities **C.** countries **D.** regions

**Question 34.** The word **degraded** in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

**A.** developed **B.** improved **C.** generated **D.** supported

**Question 35.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the consequences of rapid population growth in Africa's Sahel region?

**A.** Reduced access to safe water. **B.** Higher rates of tree cutting.

**C.** Growth of unlawful farming activities. **D.** Expanded land clearing for housing.

**Question 36.** Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

**Every year, an area roughly the size of half the European Union is degraded, with Africa and Asia being the most impacted.**

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

**Question 37.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

**A.** Deserts are unable to provide sustenance for either human populations or wildlife.

**B.** Human life and wildlife face extinction due to the rapid advance of desertification.

**C.** Neither humans nor animals can be supported on land that has turned to desert.

**D.** When land becomes desert, creatures cannot survive, causing risks for humans.

**Question 38.** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

**A.** The fight against desertification involves both protecting existing land and restoring degraded land.

**B.** Desertification is advancing faster than expected, severely impacting the economy and people's lives.

**C.** The Great Green Wall, an internationally significant project, is now starting to deliver its first benefits.

**D.** Ineffective water management activities are a main factor contributing to widespread desertification.

**Question 39.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

**A.** Even a relatively small increase in global temperatures can result in devastating consequences for the economy.

**B.** Efforts to fight desertification take place worldwide, with the majority of plans concentrated mainly in Africa.

**C.** Land degradation results from both using resources beyond their recovery capacity and long-term social trends.

**D.** Desertification creates a cycle of challenges that threaten food security, water resources, and human health.



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**Question 40.** Which of the following best summarises the passage?

**A.** As deserts spread across drylands, millions face hunger and displacement, but international agreements and restoration projects attempt to combat the crisis and protect communities.

**B.** Fueled by human activities and global warming, desertification is quickly turning fertile land into desert, bringing severe consequences for humans and demanding urgent international cooperation.

**C.** Human actions and climate change are degrading drylands worldwide, threatening communities and natural resources, leading to international responses like the UNCCD and land restoration projects.

**D.** Desertification, worsened by climate change and human activity, affects millions globally, reducing fertile land, threatening livelihoods, and prompting international initiatives like the UNCCD.



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