

## **HOME PRACTICE TEST 1 *(90 minutes)***

## A. PHONETICS

**I. Mark the word that has its underlined part pronounced differently from that of the other words.**

1. A. <u>abdominal</u>	B. <u>abolitionist</u>	C. <u>abominate</u>	D. <u>antibiotics</u>
2. A. <u>appreciable</u>	B. <u>atrocious</u>	C. <u>censorious</u>	D. <u>cretaceous</u>
3. A. <u>fungicide</u>	B. <u>inductive</u>	C. <u>mustard</u>	D. <u>mutinous</u>
4. A. <u>raspberry</u>	B. <u>psychology</u>	C. <u>pediatrics</u>	D. <u>ptomaine</u>
5. A. <u>schedule</u>	B. <u>schema</u>	C. <u>scholastic</u>	D. <u>chronic</u>

**II. Choose the word with the main stress placed differently from that of the others in each group.**

## B. LEXICO-GRAMMAR

**I. Complete each of the following sentences with the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.**

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7. \_\_\_\_\_, the balcony chairs will be ruined in this weather.

A. Leaving uncovered      B. Having left uncovered      C. Left uncovered      D. Been left uncovered

8. One way to let off \_\_\_\_\_ after a stressful day is to take some vigorous exercise.

A. cloud      B. tension      C. steam      D. sweat

9. Their research into the causes of cancer promises to break the new \_\_\_\_\_ in the field and possibly lead to a cure.

A. earth      B. ground      C. soil      D. land

10. After three days in the desert, his mind began to play \_\_\_\_\_ on him.

A. games      B. jokes      C. tricks      D. fun

11. The match will be screened on ITV with \_\_\_\_\_ commentary by Any Gray.

A. lively      B. live      C. alive      D. living

12. I know you didn't want to upset me but I'd sooner you \_\_\_\_\_ me the whole truth yesterday.

A. could have told      B. told      C. have told      D. had told

13. As the drug took \_\_\_\_\_, the patient became quieter.

A. effect      B. force      C. influence      D. action

14. The dawn redwood appears \_\_\_\_\_ some 100 million years ago in northern forests around the world.

A. was flourished      B. having to flourish      C. to have flourished      D. have flourished

15. His comments \_\_\_\_\_ little or no relation to the facts and the figures of the case.

A. reflect      B. bear      C. give      D. possess

16. All \_\_\_\_\_ is a continuous supply of the basic necessities of life.

A. what is needed      B. for our needs      C. the thing needed      D. that is needed

17. It is urgent that this letter \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

A. was posted      B. posted      C. be posted      D. be post

18. John: This grammar test is the hardest one we've ever had this semester!

Mary: \_\_\_\_\_ but I think it's quite easy.

A. I couldn't agree more      B. I understand what you're saying  
C. You're wrong      D. I don't see in that way

19. It is only recently that ballets have been based on the themes \_\_\_\_\_ American life.

A. reflecting      B. reflects      C. is reflecting      D. reflected

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20. I wish you'd do the accounts. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ for numbers.  
A. a head      B. a mind      C. the heart      D. the nerve

21. I don't care what you do about job. It's no \_\_\_\_\_ of mine.  
A. importance      B. feeling      C. matter      D. concern

22. Sometimes two cultural values seem to \_\_\_\_\_ each other.  
A. conflict      B. contradict      C. reflect      D. disapprove

23. You can leave the money with him; he's totally \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. trusting      B. trusty      C. trustful      D. trustworthy

24. \_\_\_\_\_ you cut down your sugar intake, you'd have lost weight by now.  
A. Did      B. Were      C. If      D. Had

25. Giving up smoking is just one of the ways to \_\_\_\_\_ heart disease.  
A. push off      B. put off      C. ward off      D. throw off

26. They were surprised to come \_\_\_\_\_ such a large sum.  
A. into      B. up to      C. over      D. up with

27. A walnut tree \_\_\_\_\_ us from the sun on hot days.  
A. fences      B. warns      C. shelters      D. prevents

28. This machine will have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the decade.  
A. broken down      B. phased out      C. set out      D. made off with

29. I didn't see anyone but I felt as though I \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. have been watched      B. was being watched      C. being watched      D. am watched

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ to success is to be ready from the start.  
A. key      B. response      C. agreement      D. demand

31. For years she had \_\_\_\_\_ of meeting her long-lost sister.  
A. hoped      B. wished      C. longed      D. dreamed

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ against your having that kind of accident are about 500 to 1.  
A. possibilities      B. figures      C. opportunities      D. odds

33. They live in a \_\_\_\_\_ house in the suburbs of London.  
A. single      B. detached      C. free-standing      D. distinct

34. Many people these days find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ a career.

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A. settle into      B. stabilise      C. settle down      D. arrange

35. He never expected his prophecy to be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. accomplished      B. realised      C. achieved      D. fulfilled

36. They shared out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the business among all the partners.

A. makings      B. proceedings      C. benefits      D. proceeds

37. The signal was extremely difficult to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. settle      B. decipher      C. capture      D. fix

38. No one was capable of breaking the \_\_\_\_\_ silence following the news.

A. harsh      B. thick      C. stunned      D. punched

39. They noticed a flame \_\_\_\_\_ in the breeze.

A. flickering      B. flashing      C. blinking      D. sparkling

40. He congratulated his opponent with just a \_\_\_\_\_ of smile on his face.

A. mark      B. print      C. hint      D. sign

**II. Complete the following sentences with one appropriate preposition/ particle for each blank.**

1. The government's plans to reduce crime came \_\_\_\_\_ for a lot of criticism from freedom groups.
2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ the impression that you like Indian food.
3. This is one of the exceptions \_\_\_\_\_ the rule.
4. The factory paid \_\_\_\_\_ nearly a million pounds to their employees who were injured in the explosion.
5. Before they open the new factory, a lot of the young people round here were \_\_\_\_\_ the dole.
6. Mr. Horrid was a terrible teacher and obviously not cut \_\_\_\_\_ for teaching.
7. I can't cancel my arrangements \_\_\_\_\_ such short notice.
8. All the police's efforts to find him were \_\_\_\_\_ vain.
9. The farmhouse we stayed in was completely \_\_\_\_\_ the beaten track.
10. She's gone and this time it's \_\_\_\_\_ good.

**III. Read the text and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).**

Talent scouts are looking for the next generation of supermodels have realised Africa's potential. Lyndsey McIntyre, a former model herself, recently opened one agency's first African office. "African women are being graceful and serene" she says. "These qualities could make them do very well in this business."

However, sporting supermodels is rarely easy, as well McIntyre discovered when she visited the Orma tribe of remote north-eastern Kenya, whose the women are reported to be especially striking. "The tribal leaders were a bit suspicious and I wasn't allowed to be meet many of their girls," she explains. Another problem is that reports aren't always reliable.

McIntyre discovered this when one of village's "most beautiful girl" turned out to be its heaviest one. She had to explain that Western advertisers prefer far slimmer women. The Orma are not alone in believing fat it is beautiful. In a recent Africa-wide beauty contest, all the Ugandan contestants were disqualified for being a little too large around the hips. "I don't understand why the fashion industry's obsession with small hips," said one judge for the contest. "But because we want the girls to succeed and to see African models working internationally, we give the industry what it wants.

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00..√...	3.....	6.....	9 .....
1.....	4.....	7.....	10.....

#### IV. Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter.

A teacher standing at the front of a history class is seldom teaching history alone. A good teacher is also (1. DEMONSTRATE) \_\_\_\_\_ self-expression, management ability, (2. COMMUNICATE) \_\_\_\_\_ skills, and a whole host of other skills that may be (3. USE) \_\_\_\_\_ for you later in life. There are certain basic (4. ABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone needs to have if they are to be (5. SUCCESS) \_\_\_\_\_ in education, employment and even in social circumstances. Learning these skills is (6. SPECIAL) \_\_\_\_\_ important at secondary school level, in order to (7. FULL) \_\_\_\_\_ prepare for further education or the working world. A minimum level of (8. COMPETENT) \_\_\_\_\_ is demanded by all employers, colleges and universities. The more advanced you are in those areas, the more the (9. ORGANISE) \_\_\_\_\_ believes you will be competent. These personal (10. DEVELOP) \_\_\_\_\_ skills differ from other school subjects in that they cannot be taught in isolation from the rest of the school curriculum.

#### V. Complete each phrase in bold with one of the words from the box.

concern      wonder      likelihood      point      use  
means      trace      knowing      choice      matter

1. It's unfortunate, but I'm afraid **you give me no** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. By the time the police arrived, **there was no** \_\_\_\_\_ of the burglars.
3. **It's no** \_\_\_\_\_ asking me the way, I'm only a visitor here.

4. If you will smoke so much **it's no** \_\_\_\_\_ you have a bad cough.

5. You go home, **there's no** \_\_\_\_\_ in both of us waiting.

6. Mind your own business, **it's no** \_\_\_\_\_ of yours.

7. As far as we know, the old man has **no** \_\_\_\_\_ **of support**.

8. **There is really no** \_\_\_\_\_ what Eric will do next.

9. I couldn't solve the puzzle, **no** \_\_\_\_\_ **how** hard I tried.

10. At the moment **there is no** \_\_\_\_\_ of the Prime Minister resigning.

#### VI. There are 10 errors in the following passage. Identify and correct them.

Children who tell pop music does not interfere with their homework receive Line 1  
 support today, with the discovery that pay attention to visual stimuli and sounds Line 2  
 requires completely different brain pathways which can operate at the same time Line 3  
 with your appreciation of either being damaged. Researchers have founded that Line 4  
 listening to car stereos does not create much interference when you are driving. Line 5  
 Similarly, pop music should not interfere with children homework. The affect of Line 6  
 pop music on their performance at it is far outweigh by other factors, such as Line 7  
 how happy they are to be doing it. These findings could be applied for the Line 8  
 design of places which people have to take in large amounts of information very Line 9  
 quickly. They could, for example, be relevantly to the layout of pilot cockpits Line 10  
 on aircraft. Line 11

#### C. READING COMPREHENSION

##### I. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question.

##### WIND - The untamable weather machine

On 15 October 1987, the southern counties of Britain were struck by the strongest winds they had experienced in 200 years. Gusts of over 130 kilometers per hour slammed across the region and £1.5-billion-worth of damage was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in just a few hours.

Extreme weather events like this are dramatic (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the power of the wind. It's one part of the weather we generally don't give a second thought to in Britain but it plays a vital role in people's lives across the world. Without the formation and circulation of winds there would quite (3) \_\_\_\_\_ be no climate.

Some parts of the world seem to suffer more than others from the effects of 'ill winds', and links between particular winds and psychological problems (4) \_\_\_\_\_ back centuries. The Fo<sup>□</sup>hn, the hot dry wind that slides off the slopes of the Alps, is capable of boosting temperatures quite suddenly by 10°C or more. It affects as many as one in three people in its (5) \_\_\_\_\_, making them feel anxious, irritable and generally ill. In California, many people (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the Santa Ana, which rushes down from the

high Mojave desert. Lyall Watson, in his book Heaven's Breath, claims that when the Santa Ana blows, murder rates soar.

The wind may get into the headlines when it comes in the form of tornadoes and hurricanes, but for the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ part it goes about its job of shifting huge masses of air around the planet. Plants take (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of this free ride to send their pollen grains far and wide. Trees (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on it to remove old leaves and make way for new growth. Spiders have been caught (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a lift at altitudes of almost 4.5 kilometers.

1. A. made	B. caused	C. destroyed	D. completed
2. A. reminders	B. recollections	C. mementos	D. memorial
3. A. easily	B. rightly	C. surely	D. simply
4. A. last	B. originate	C. pass	D. date
5. A. line	B. road	C. path	D. bypass
6. A. despair	B. respect	C. dread	D. warn
7. A. most	B. maximum	C. majority	D. general
8. A. benefit	B. chance	C. occasion	D. advantage
9. A. need	B. trust	C. hope	D. rely
10. A. traveling	B. hitching	C. borrowing	D. making

### AS OLD AS YOU FEEL

It might after all be true that you are only as old as you feel. A British clinic is carrying out new high-tech tests to calculate the "real" biological age of patients (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the rate of physical deterioration.

Information on every (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of a patient's health, fitness, lifestyle and family medical history is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ into a computer to work out whether they are older or younger than their calendar age suggests.

The availability and increasing accuracy of the tests has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ one leading British gerontologist to call for biological age to be used to determine when workers should retire. He (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that if an employee's biological or "real" age is shown, for example, to be 55 when he reaches his 65th birthday, he should be (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to work for another decade. Apparently most employers only take into (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a person's calendar years, and the two may differ considerably.

Some of those prepared to pay a substantial sum of money for the examinations will be able to smugly walk away with medical (8) \_\_\_\_\_ showing that they really are as young as they feel, giving them the confidence to act and dress as if they were younger. Dr Lynette Yong, resident doctor at the clinic where the tests are offered claims that the purpose of these tests will be to motivate people to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their health.

The concept of "real" age is set to become big (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA with books and websites helping people work out whether their body is older or younger than their years. Others firmly believe that looks will always be the best indicator of age.

1. A. based	B. decided	C. arranged	D. established
2. A. position	B. prospect	C. attitude	D. aspect
3. A. supplied	B. fed	C. provided	D. planned
4. A. projected	B. prodded	C. provoked	D. prompted
5. A. debates	B. argues	C. discusses	D. enquires
6. A. encouraged	B. supported	C. incited	D. promoted
7. A. interest	B. detail	C. account	D. importance
8. A. grounds	B. signs	C. demonstration	D. evidence
9. A. progress	B. improve	C. gain	D. increase
10. A. trade	B. pursuit	C. business	D. concern

**II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. Write your answers on your answer sheet.**

### SPLENDID SPAS OF ASIA

Lying on a bed almost on the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of a cliff, with a stupendous ocean view and the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of waves, aches and pains are soothed away (3) \_\_\_\_\_ expert hands. Only two steps are needed to reach the private pool, which seems to merge (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean.

Such a scenario is no longer a fantasy (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an increasingly popular reality in Asia for many stressed out businessmen and visitors from all over the world in search of that peaceful time and space for their body and mind.

In the last four years, at (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 17 hotel spas have opened in South East Asia to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ this need. The tropical climate of the region and its reliable sunshine make for an ideal spa setting. Picturesque environments (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with a series of rejuvenating treatments bring the desired result. The Asian spa resorts have acquired a formidable reputation for their professional services as (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as for the decor of their large treatment rooms. Visitors relax with Thai music and soak in the warm tones of the room. As all these take (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in individual rooms, precious privacy is guaranteed, a rare privilege often absent from other spas where guests share rooms or changing areas.

### TREE FOR LIFE

Trees are amongst the biggest and longest-living things on Earth, some dating back longer than the oldest buildings. But as well as being nice to look at, trees also (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an important role in improving the quality of our lives.

On a world-wide scale, forests help to slow down the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of global warming by using up the gas known as carbon dioxide and giving (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the oxygen we need to breathe. At local neighborhood level, trees also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ important environmental benefits. They offer shade and shelter, which in turn

reduces the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of energy needed to heat and cool nearby buildings, at the same time, they also remove other impurities from the air we breathe.

Urban trees are especially important because for many people they provide the only daily contact with the natural world. What's (6) \_\_\_\_\_, urban trees also provide a home for birds, small animals and butterflies. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the trees, we would lose the pleasure of seeing these creatures in our cities. Regrettably, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, trees in cities are now coming under (9) \_\_\_\_\_. There is a limit to the level of pollution they can put up with and down at the street level, their roots are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ seriously disturbed by the digging needed to make way for modern telephone, television and other cables.

**PART D: WRITING.**

**I. Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given.**

1. I offered to help her but she said "No, thanks." (**turned**)

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2. Mary didn't feel like going to the party. (**mood**)

→ .....

3. If you are in Nha Trang by any chance, come and see us. (**happen**)

→ .....

4. Dick's school is making him sit his exams again. (**made**)

→ .....

5. I would always do what you advised. (**advice**)

→ .....

6. How has the strike affected student attendance? (**effect**)

→ .....

7. She began to suffer from irrational fears. (**prey**)

→ .....

8. Mr Misery was the only student who didn't smile. (**except**)

→ .....

9. I assure you're hungry. (**granted**)

→ .....

10. The book was not as good as he had hoped. (**expectations**)

→ .....