

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.

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| 1. A. abd <u>o</u> minal | B. abo <u>l</u> itionist | C. abo <u>m</u> inate | D. antibi <u>o</u> tics |
| 2. A. appre <u>c</u> iable | B. atro <u>c</u> ious | C. <u>c</u> ensorious | D. creta <u>c</u> eous |
| 3. A. fu <u>n</u> gicide | B. indu <u>t</u> ive | C. mu <u>s</u> tard | D. mu <u>t</u> inous |
| 4. A. rasp <u>b</u> erry | B. ps <u>y</u> chology | C. p <u>e</u> diatrics | D. ptoma <u>i</u> ne |
| 5. A. <u>s</u> chedule | B. <u>s</u> chema | C. <u>s</u> cholastic | D. <u>c</u> hronic |

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

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| 6. A. sanitary | B. tentacle | C. prosperity | D. momentary |
| 7. A. locate | B. unique | C. ballet | D. metric |
| 8. A. differential | B. preferential | C. assassinate | D. complimentary |
| 9. A. carnivore | B. accomplice | C. bewilder | D. delusive |
| 10. A. prophesy | B. atmosphere | C. hemisphere | D. ideology |

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.

1. Nathalie seems very tough at work. She's a different person at home, _____.
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| A. though | B. although | C. as though | D. even though |
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2. I kept out of the conversation because it _____ me.
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| A. wasn't concerned | B. wasn't concerning | C. didn't concern | D. didn't concern to |
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3. The entire city was _____ electricity last night – it was chaotic.
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| A. no | B. almost no | C. hardly any | D. without |
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4. Henry was overweight, so he went on a strict diet and _____ twenty kilos.
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| A. missed | B. lost | C. failed | D. fell |
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5. He was arrested because he answered to the description of the _____ man.
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| A. searched | B. pursued | C. wanted | D. hunted |
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6. Humanity has done great damage to the environment in its search for _____ materials.
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| A. live | B. raw | C. crude | D. rude |
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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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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 Foehn, 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.

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| 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**)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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