REVISION FOR THE FIRST - MID TERM TEST (N^{0}3) – GRADE 10

(READING)

Task 1: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank

A lot of people like to play their records as loudly as possible. The (1) _____ is that the rest of the family and the neighbors often complain (2) _____ they don't like the music. One (3) _____ to this problem is to wear headphones, but headphones are usually uncomfortable.

An arm-chair which has a record-player built into it has just been (4) _____ by a British engineer, Stephen Court.

The armchair looks like an ordinary armchair with high back. However, each of the two sides of the chair has three loudspeakers inside to reproduce middle and high sounds. Low sounds are reproduced by a pair of loudspeakers in a hollow (5) _____ under the seat. Anyone who sits in the chair hears sounds coming from all around his/her head.

1. A. conclusion	B. impact	C. sequence	D. result
2. A. if	B. for	C. lest	D. since
3.A. way	B. answer	C. conclusion	D. settlement
4.A. drawn	B. discovered	C. imagined	D. designed
5.A. hole	B. set	C. location	D. Space

Task 2: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank

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We have an old (6) _____ instrument. It is called a clavichord. It is (7) _____ in the living-room. It has belonged to our family for a long time. The instrument was bought by my grandfather (8) _____ years ago. Recently it was damaged by a visitor. She tried (9) _____ jazz on it. She struck the keys too hard and two of the strings (10) _____. My father was shocked. Now we are not allowed to touch it. It is being repaired by a friend of my father's.

6. A. music	B. misic's	C. musical	D. musician
7. A. placed	B. set	C. kept	D. held
8. A. much	B. many	C. number	D. lots
9. A. play	B. played	C. playing	D. to playing
10. A. broken	B. breaking	C. were breaking	D. were broken

Task 3: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank

Services (11) _____ at a beauty centre for cats and dogs in Russia are similar to those that you get at health spas for humans.

Owners bring their pets to the centre to (12)_____ them with a massage or to get them in (13)_____ by doing doggy aqua aerobics, walking on a treadmill, or fit ball exercises with a personal coach.

A dog owner explained that if you get a dog, you have to (14) _____ for it, keep it in shape, bathe it, and feed it properly. This has become much easier with the help of the beauty centre.

Groomers say that the most popular items are haircuts, **fur** masks and pedicures. The whole set costs around 20 US dollars, which is the amount that will also buy you an hour with a (15) _____trainer.

11. A. provided	B. produced	C. kept	D. contributed
12. A. harm	B. favour	C. spoil	D. ruin
13. A. fit	B. health	C. shape	D. weight
14. A. love	B. care	C. responsible	D. watch
15. A. individual	B. human	C. secret	D. personal

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Task 4: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer

May 7, 1840, was the birthday of one of the most famous Russian composers of the nineteenth century Peter Illich Tchaikovsky. The son of a mining inspector, Tchaikovsky studied music as a child and later studied composition at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. His greatest 5 period of **productivity** occurred between 1876 and 1890, during which time he **enjoyed the patronage** of Madame von Meck, a woman he never met, who gave him a living stipend of about $1,000.00 a year. Madame von Meck later **terminated** her friendship with Tchaikovsky, as well as his living allowance, when she, herself, was facing financial 10 difficulties. It was during the time of Madame von Meck's patronage, however, that Tchaikovsky created the music for which he is most famous, including the music for the ballets of Swan Lake and The Sleeping Beauty. Tchaikovsky's music, well known for its rich melodic and sometimes melancholy passages, was one of the first that brought 15 serious dramatic music to dance. Before this, little attention had been given to the music behind the dance. Tchaikovsky died on November 6, 1893, ostensibly of cholera, though there are now some scholars who argue that he committed suicide.

16. With what topic is the passage primarily concerned?

A. the life and music of Tchaikovsky

B. development of Tchaikovsky's music for ballets

C. Tchaikovsky's relationship with Madame Von Meck

D. the cause of Tchaikovsky's death

17. Tchaikovsky's father was most probably

A. a musician B. a supervisor C. a composer D. a soldier

18. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "productivity" in line 5?

A. fertility B. affinity C. creativity D. maturity

*19. In line 6, the phrase **"enjoyed the patronage of"** probably means?*

A. liked the company of B. was mentally attached to

C. solicited the advice of D. was financially dependent upon

*20. Which of the following could best replace the word **"terminated"** in line 8?*

A. discontinued B. resolved C. exploited D. hated

*21. According to the passage, all of the following describe Madame von Meck **EXCEPT**:*

A. She had economic troubles. B. She was generous.

C. She was never introduced to Tchaikovsky. D. She enjoyed Tchaikovsky's music.

*22. According to the passage, "**Swan Lake**" and "**The Sleeping Beauty**" are_____*

A. dances B. songs C.operas D. plays

Task 5: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer

For working parents in the U.S., the challenge of juggling careers and family life continues to be a front-burner issue – one that is being recognized by a growing number of employers who have adopted family-friendly policies such as paid leave. But while few Americans want to see a return to traditional roles of women at home and men in the workplace, one reality persists: Women most often are the ones who adjust their schedules and make compromises when the needs of children and other family members collide with work, Pew Research Center data show.

In a 2013 survey, we found that mothers were much more likely than fathers to report experiencing significant career interruptions in order to attend to **their** families' needs. Part of this is due to the fact that gender roles are lagging behind labor force trends. While women represent nearly half of the U.S. workforce, they still devote more time than men on average to housework and child care

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and fewer hours to paid work, although the gap has **narrowed** significantly over time. Among working parents of children younger than 18, mothers in 2013 spent an average of 14.2 hours per week on housework, compared with fathers' 8.6 hours. And mothers spent 10.7 hours per week actively engaged in childcare, compared with fathers' 7.2 hours.

Another factor is the way that society views the bond between mothers and their children. In a 2012 Pew Research survey, the vast majority of Americans (79%) rejected the notion that women should return to their traditional role in society. Yet when they were asked what is best for young children, very few adults (16%) said that having a mother who works full time is the "ideal situation." Some 42% said that having a mother who works part time is ideal and 33% said what's best for young children is to have a mother who doesn't work at all. Even among full-time working moms, only about one-in-five (22%) said that having a full-time working mother is ideal for young children.

Text adapted from ***http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2005/10/01/women-more -than-men-adjust-their-careers-for-family-life/)***

23. According to paragraph 1, paid leave_____

A. is a burning issue associated with the tension between career development and family life
B. an effective solution to the tension between career development and family life
C. is a family – friendly policy in response to the juggle between career development and family life
D. is an issue that needs the attention of working mothers

24. Which of the following is true?

A. Men often need to adjust their career needs to take care of the family
B. Men choose to be stay at home dads to take care of the family
C. Most often it's women who adjust their careers for the family life
D. Traditional roles of men and women have changed, so women have focused on their careers without any compromises

*25. The word "**their**" in paragraph 2 refers to_____*

A. fathers B. mothers C. interuptions D. needs

*26. The word "**narrowed**" closely mean_____*

A. become bigger B. become more important
C. become smaller D. become observable

27. In paragraph 3, how many percent of adults agreed that it's ideal to have a mother who works part-time?

A. 22% B. 16% C. 33% D. 42%

28. How many hours did women spend on doing housework per week according to a survey in 2013?

A. 7.2 hours B. 10.7 hours C. 8.6 hours D. 14.2 hours

29. Which of the following is NOT true?

A. Women make up 50% of the US workforce
B. Women have more hours of paid work than men
C. Women spend more hours on housework than men
D. Women spend more hours on childcare than men

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