

## PRACTICE TEST 1 (THPT)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

**Question 1:** A. cultures      B. customs      C. ideas      D. migrants

**Question 2:** A. shortlist      B. temporary      C. afford      D. accordingly

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

**Question 3:** A. machine      B. robot      C. human      D. fiction

**Question 4:** A. employment      B. politics      C. dependent      D. invention

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

**Question 5:** There has been little rain in this region for several months, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. has it      B. has there      C. hasn't it      D. hasn't there

**Question 6:** The teacher had the students \_\_\_\_\_ an essay on the positive and negative effects that modern technology has on children.

A. to write      B. to be written      C. write      D. writing

**Question 7:** If he \_\_\_\_\_ the money, he wouldn't be in prison now.

A. hadn't stolen      B. didn't steal      C. had stolen      D. stole

**Question 8:** She \_\_\_\_\_ French words for hours, but she still doesn't remember all of them.

A. has been learning      B. has been learnt  
C. has learnt      D. have been learning

**Question 9:** True Blood is my favourite TV series, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have much time to watch it often.

A. although      B. before      C. if      D. yet

**Question 10:** \_\_\_\_\_ this book by the time it is due back to the library?

A. Will you read      B. Will you have read  
C. Will you be reading      D. Have you read

**Question 11:** It is predicted that over the next few decades many species will die \_\_\_\_\_ as once fertile areas turn to desert.

A. off      B. out      C. up      D. down

**Question 12:** The archaeological excavation \_\_\_\_\_ to the discovery of the ancient city lasted several years.

A. led      B. leading      C. to lead      D. being led

**Question 13:** The old astronomer patiently made his \_\_\_\_\_ and wrote down what he saw.

A. observation      B. observatory      C. observe      D. observer

**Question 14:** Richard \_\_\_\_\_ a bad cold the day before his exam.

A. came up with      B. came down with      C. came across      D. came round

**Question 15:** GPS systems help a lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ on land, on the sea, and in the air.

A. inform      B. interfere      C. navigate      D. reunite

**Question 16:** Ten million text messages are sent on \_\_\_\_\_ every minute.

A. account      B. average      C. common      D. general

**Question 17:** When preparing a CV, university \_\_\_\_\_ can consider attaching a separate report about official work experience during the course.

A. graduates      B. leavers      C. candidates      D. applicants

**Question 18:** I'm so \_\_\_\_\_ under with work at the moment - it's awful.

A. iced      B. rained      C. snowed      D. fogged

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.*

**Question 19:** I'm sorry I can't go to the movies with you this weekend - I'm up to my ears in work.

A. very busy      B. very bored      C. very scared      D. very idle

**Question 20:** The speaker paused. He hesitated to answer the direct question raised by the audience.

A. decided      B. continued      C. determined      D. wavered

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.*

**Question 21:** This boy is poorly-educated and doesn't know how to behave properly.

A. uneducated      B. knowledgeable      C. ignorant      D. rude

**Question 22:** They had the volume turned down, so I couldn't make out what they were talking about.

A. reduced the noise      B. increased the noise  
C. limited the noise      D. controlled the noise

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges*

**Question 23:** Two friends Diana and Anne are talking about their upcoming exams.

- Diana: "Our midterm exams will start next Tuesday, are you ready?"

- Anne: "\_\_\_\_\_".

A. I'm half ready.      B. God save you.  
C. Thank you so much      D. Don't mention it!

**Question 24.** - Mai: "\_\_\_\_\_".

- Nam: "Goodluck!"  
A. I don't like rock music.      B. How do you do!  
C. Have a nice day!      D. I'm taking an English test this afternoon.

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 25 to 29.*

Welcome to the Netherlands, a tiny country that only extends, at its broadest, 312 km north to south, and 264 km east to west - (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the land area increases slightly each year as a result of continuous land reclamation and drainage. With a lot of heart and much to offer, 'Holland,' as it is (26) \_\_\_\_\_ known to most of us abroad - a name stemming from its once most prominent provinces - has more going on per kilometer than most countries, and more English-speaking natives. You'll be impressed by its (27) \_\_\_\_\_ cities and charmed by its countryside and villages, full of contrasts. From the exciting variety on offer, you could choose a romantic canal boat tour in Amsterdam, a Royal Tour by coach in The Hague, or a hydrofoil tour around the biggest harbour in the world - Rotterdam. In season you could visit the dazzling bulb fields, enjoy a full day on a boat, or take a bike tour through the pancake-flat countryside spiced with windmills. The possibilities are countless and the nationwide tourist office is on hand to give you information and help you (28) \_\_\_\_\_ reservations. You'll have (29) \_\_\_\_\_ language problems here, as the Dutch are true linguists and English is spoken here almost universally.

**Question 25.** A. so      B. despite      C. in spite of      D. although

**Question 26.** A. regularly      B. occasionally      C. Commonly      D. unusually

**Question 27.** A. historic      B. historical      C. historically      D. historian

**Question 28.** A. sit      B. catch      C. do      D. make

**Question 29.** A. few      B. a few      C. little      D. a little

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.*

**Question 43:** Ninety-seven percent of the world's water are salt water found in the oceans.

A. percent      B. world's      C. are      D. found

**Question 44:** You should stop wasting your time and doing something useful instead.

A. wasting      B. and doing      C. something      D. instead

**Question 45:** In principal, there is nothing that a human can do that a machine might not be able to do one day

A. principal      B. nothing      C. a      D. do

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions*

**Question 46:** I can't cook as well as my mother does.

A. My mother can cook better than I can.  
B. My mother can cook worse than I can.  
C. My mother can cook well than I can.  
D. I can cook better than my mother can.

**Question 47:** The secretary said, "Sorry, I will never work on Sunday."

A. The secretary promised not to work on Sunday.  
B. The secretary refused not to work on Sunday.  
C. The secretary reminded her boss to work on Sunday.  
D. The secretary refused to work on Sunday.

**Question 48:** It isn't necessary for us to get a visa for Singapore.

A. We needn't get a visa for Singapore.  
B. We mustn't get a visa for Singapore.  
C. We mayn't get a visa for Singapore.  
D. We shouldn't get a visa for Singapore.

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions*

**Question 49:** My dad has a wide range of practical life skills. He can solve most problems by himself.

A. If my dad had a wide range of practical life skills, he could solve most problems by himself.  
B. Because of having a wide range of practical life skills, my dad cannot solve most problems by himself.  
C. Were my dad to have a wide range of practical life skills, he couldn't solve most problems by himself.  
D. Without a wide range of practical life skills, my dad couldn't solve most problems by himself.

**Question 50:** Alice registered for the course. She then received the scholarship.

A. Hardly had Alice registered for the course when she received the scholarship.  
B. Only after Alice registered for the course, she received the scholarship.  
C. Having received the scholarship, Alice registered for the course.  
D. Registering for the course helped Alice receive the scholarship.