

# ENGLISH PRACTICE 3

## I. LEXICO-GRAMMAR (7/20 points)

**Part 1: Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. Write your answer (A, B, C, or D) in the numbered box.**

1. Sheila will inherit everything \_\_\_\_\_ her uncle's death.  
 A. on account of                      B. in spite of                      C. in the event of                      D. in place of
2. His poor handling of the business \_\_\_\_\_ on negligence.  
 A. neared                      B. edged                      C. approached                      D. bordered
3. Down \_\_\_\_\_ for three days.  
 A. the rain poured                      B. poured the rain  
 C. did the rain pour                      D. do the rain pour
4. Can I \_\_\_\_\_ your brains for a moment? I can't do this crossword by myself.  
 A. have                      B. pick                      C. mind                      D. use
5. The job wasn't giving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the experience he wanted.  
 A. width                      B. depth                      C. length                      D. breadth
6. I suppose I could \_\_\_\_\_ advertising.  
 A. catch on                      B. get out of                      C. go in for                      D. work out
7. The storm ripped our tent to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. slices                      B. shreds                      C. strips                      D. specks
8. She travelled the world in \_\_\_\_\_ of her dreams.  
 A. pursuit                      B. finding                      C. chase                      D. trail
9. The agency is \_\_\_\_\_ and not run for profit.  
 A. charitable                      B. donated                      C. voluntary                      D. free
10. Mike, \_\_\_\_\_, will you switch off that television!  
 A. once and for all                      B. now and then  
 C. over and above                      D. from time to time

**Your answers**

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

**Part 2: Write the correct FORM of each bracketed word in the numbered space provided in the column on the right.**

11. The (PLACE)\_\_\_\_\_ of natural resources is becoming inadequate for the support of increasing population. 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The grammar section provides coverage of all the most (PROBLEM)\_\_\_\_\_ areas. 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. He has recorded the (NARRATE)\_\_\_\_\_ for the production. 13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. In this profession, women (NUMBER)\_\_\_\_\_ men by two to one. 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. An (LAY)\_\_\_\_\_ showing population can be placed on top of the map. 15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The shells are so hard and they are virtually (DESTROY)\_\_\_\_\_. 16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. We should arrive two days early in order to (CLIMATE)\_\_\_\_\_. 17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. These changes are likely to (POOR)\_\_\_\_\_ single-parent families 18. \_\_\_\_\_  
even further.
19. I'm afraid the hospital is desperately (STAFF)\_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. 19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. This book will challenge your (CONCEPT)\_\_\_\_\_ about rural life. 20. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: The passage below contains 10 mistakes. Underline the mistakes and correct them in the space provided in the column on the right. (0) has been done as an example.**

Human and primates, the family of apes, gorillas, and chimpanzees, among 0. Humans  
others, divide many common traits. 21. \_\_\_\_\_

While primates are deemed the most intelligent of animals, most researchers  
believed they lack the capacity to produce language. However, a research project 22. \_\_\_\_\_  
in the 1970s at University of Georgia showed promise that chimpanzees have 23. \_\_\_\_\_  
the ability to learn a certain language, just as human children do.

The project used several chimpanzees as test subjects in which Lana, a female 24. \_\_\_\_\_  
chimp was the study focus.

Though the primates lack the vocal constructions to make human speech 25. \_\_\_\_\_  
patterns, the researchers created a language called Yerkish, using lexigram 26. \_\_\_\_\_  
made up of symbols that represent sounds and words. 125 symbols were placed 27. \_\_\_\_\_  
on a keyboard, which Lana was taught how to use the board to communicate 28. \_\_\_\_\_  
with the researchers. She successfully expressed her thoughts by pressing 29. \_\_\_\_\_  
different keys in succession. In some cases, she used up to seven at times. 30. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4: Supply the correct form of the VERB in brackets to complete the passage. Write your answer in the numbered box.**

I don't normally go to the cinema. Not because I don't like it but because it's just a habit I (31. never GET)\_\_\_\_\_ into. However, on this occasion I (32. DECIDE)\_\_\_\_\_ to go because my friends (33. constantly GO)\_\_\_\_\_ on about this film all week and eventually wore me down. It was starring some ephemeral Hollywood actor whom I had vaguely heard of but couldn't put a face to. We got to the cinema early to find people (34. already WAIT)\_\_\_\_\_ outside, which suggested that my friends weren't the only ones who thought it was worth seeing although I could still think of several other things I would rather having been doing at that moment. In the end, the film (35. TURN)\_\_\_\_\_ out to be not half as bad as expected, though I (36. PREFER)\_\_\_\_\_ something with a bit more action. The plot centred on two men who were planning to carry out some immensely complicated robbery, though what they (37. completely FAIL) \_\_\_\_\_ to realize was that all the time their plans (38. closely MONITOR) \_\_\_\_\_ by the police. Somewhat unpredictably, however, they got away with it because they (39. CHANGE) \_\_\_\_\_ their plans at the last minute. It was okay but I (40. not THINK)\_\_\_\_\_ of going again.

**Your answers**

31.	36.
32.	37.
33.	38.

34.	39.
35.	40.

**Part 5: Fill each gap in the following sentences with one of the prepositions or particles in the box. Use each word only ONCE and write your answer in the numbered box. (Please note that the given words outnumber the gaps.)**

by	through	with	for	in	out
up	into	off	across	down	beyond

41. He likes to show \_\_\_\_\_ how well he speaks French.
42. They were sad because the plan fell \_\_\_\_\_ at the last minutes.
43. Ben is a true adventurer. He has climbed this country's highest mountain, canoed \_\_\_\_\_ the continent, and hiked through the Amazon jungle.
44. She wrote the book \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration with one of her students.
45. You'd better write \_\_\_\_\_ the appointment in your agenda, or you'll probably forget.
46. Mary has always looked \_\_\_\_\_ to her uncle, who is a very successful actor.
47. I do feel \_\_\_\_\_ you, honestly!
48. As I had put on weight, my dress was too tight so I had to let it \_\_\_\_\_ especially around the waist.
49. I'm sorry but Dr. Ho sees patients \_\_\_\_\_ appointments only.
50. He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ such assurance that we couldn't but believe him.

**Your answers**

41.	46.
42.	47.
43.	48.
44.	49.
45.	50.