Marie Curie School **PRACTICE TEST – No 02**

Grade 8

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I. PHONETICS

Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the other three in each question.

1. A. place	B. made	C. ancient	D. surface
2. A. language	B. college	C. colleague	D. judge
3. A. difficult	B. different	C. offical	D. united

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the other three in each question.

4. A. native	B. official	C. different	D. country
5. A. Vietnamese	B. national	C. international	D. economic

II. VOCABULARY

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence below.

6. I use English every day, with people from _____ countries.
   A. differ B. differently C. different D. difference
7. I'm in a team with two boys from Australia and a girl from _____.
   A. USA B. US C. United States D. the United States
8. He has been able to _____ his English by going other English speaking countries.
   A. improve B. improvement C. improving D. improveness
9. The English are _____ for their incompetence with languages.
   A. legend B. legendary C. legends D. legendary
10. The Glastonbury Festival in England is a celebration of music and it _____ thousands of people every year.
   A. attraction B. attractor C. attractive D. attracts
11. A _____ is a person who is forced to leave a country.
   A. citizen B. civil C. refugee D. resident
12. There was a _____ sunset last night when we were visiting Australia.
   A. spectacular B. giant C. guarantee D. iconic
13. In many countries, streets often look very _____ with Christmas trees.
   A. historic B. symbolic C. festive D. legendary
14. Mickey's Soundsational Parade, the most popular event in California, has _____ music from famous Disney films.
   A. symbolized B. increased C. formalized D. celebrated

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15. In the parade, well-known Disney characters _____ along the street, either on floats or on foot.

A. commute B. march C. train D. serve

Choose the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

16. This city is ***legendary for*** many significant events which many people around the world enjoy.

A. well-known for B. exciting of C. haunting by D. historic about

17. Driving through vast green pastures, or boating on scenic lakes – or lochs – are other ***attractions*** that Scotland offers.

A. famous people C. beautiful places

B. friendly tourists D. wide lakes and rivers.

18. Australia is the world's only country which covers an ***entire*** continent.

A. a large B. a historic C. a spectacular D. a complete

Choose the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

19. When you get inside the ***spacious*** café, you will find yourself among various wooden puzzles and games.

A. large B. haunted C. symbolic D. small

20. The truth about these castles, which are haunted by ghosts, is still ***puzzling***, so many people still make question about them.

A. interested B. clear C. confusing D. questioning

III. GRAMMAR

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence below.

21. Many people around the world _____ to the Big Ben in London for many recent years.

A. travel B. have travelled C. are travelling D. travelled

22. The number of English speakers in the world _____ quickly this year.

A. is increasing B. has increased C. increases D. increase

23. In many English speaking countries, people _____ Christmas on December 25th.

A. are celebrating C. celebrate

B. has celebrated D. are being celebrating

24. The United Kingdom _____ a union of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A. are B. is C. has been D. being

25. Millions of people _____ Disneyland in California since it opened.

A. have visited B. visits C. visiting D. are visiting

26. According to the timetable, the Photo Exhibition _____ in the Main Hall on April 10th.

A. will take place C. taking place

B. takes place D. have taken place

27. The Flower Festival _____ in the school centre on April 18th. It is a day to promote children's participation in sports.

A. is held B. holds C. will hold D. is holding

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28. The trains for the visit to the dinosaur museum _____ at 9.00 a.m on July 15th.

A. leave B. have left C. are being leave D. leaves

29. It's the third time she _____ Canada so far.

A. has gone to B. is going to C. has been gone to D. goes to

30. Big Ben is a major monument in London which _____ the United Kingdom.

A. symbolizes B. has symbolized C. is symbolizing D. symbolise

Choose the underlined part that needs correcting in each sentence below.

31. He has **made(A)** new friends, **visited(B)**, and **take(C)** part in **different(D)** activities

32. It **is(A)** the **largest(B)** country **have(C)** Portuguese **as(D)** an official language.

33. **The(A)** Maori in New Zealand **greet(B)** **together(C)** by **touching(D)** their noses.

34. In Canada, the **serving(A)** of coffee **in(B)** the end of an evening in a **signal(C)** that it is time for visitors to **leave(D)**.

35. Alaska is **called(A)** the land of Midnight Sun **because(B)** in **summer(C)**, the sun does not set for **near(D)** three months.

IV. READING

Read the passage and then decide whether the sentences are True (T) or False (F)

HOW ENGLISH SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD

The English language was used in Britain first and the ovri expanding Biilisli Empire helped to spread the Modern English around the world during the 18th and 19th centuries. This is why many of the countries where English is an official language were former British colonies, including Canada, Australia, South Africa and the United States.

Colonialism helped to introduce English to regions like India and parts of Africa, where it continues to be widely spoken. Although Hindi is the most widely-spoken language in India today, English remains an official language in the country and is often used in university education, and within the field of politics.

Officially, just 12 percent of Indian people speak English, with many only speaking it as a second language. Nevertheless, the country has an extremely dense population, meaning that this 12 percent cross-section of society exceeds 100 million people. As a result, India has one of the largest English speaking populations on the planet.

Throughout the 20th century, the United States emerged as a major political superpower, especially in the years after World War II. Its influence, combined with Hollywood films and the work of the British Broadcasting Corporalion, are credited with the continued spread of the language throughout the century.

English remains the only official language of the Commonwealth of Nations and is also the recognised official language of Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands and Bermuda.

By the turn of the new century, English has been the most widely-spoken and written language that has ever existed.

*colony (n): thuộc địa

(Adapted from Lingoda)

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		T	F
36.	The modern English started to be used worldwide between 1700s and 1800s.		
37.	Hindi is the most widely-spoken language in the world.		
38.	Both Hindi and English are official languages in India.		
39.	The movie industry in the USA has contributed to the spread of English.		
40.	In the new century, English hasn't existed as the most widely-spoken and written language anymore.		

Read the following passage and choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best answers each of the questions below.

Christmas Day is a holiday in many, but not all, countries. Many homes have Christmas trees and other decorations in the weeks leading to Christmas Day. Some workplaces hold Christmas parties prior to December 25th. Festive activities include exchanging presents, singing Christmas songs, going to parties.

It's a special time when children get presents from family, friends and Santa Claus, or Father Christmas. Christmas cards are also given or sent out prior to Christmas Day. For some, Christmas is an exclusive family affair, while others invite friends to a Christmas buffet or pot luck meal.

Christmas Day is a public holiday in many countries worldwide, including Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United Slates, Government offices, educational institutions, many businesses and post offices are closed on this day. If you plan to travel with public transport, check with the local transport authority on schedule changes.

Images of Santa Glaus, also known as bather Christmas, snowmen, reindeer, and candy canes are seen in cards, posters, signs and other printed or marketing material associated wilh the Christmas celebrations, images of baby Jesus, the Christmas star, and other symbols associated with the religious meaning of Christmas are also seen during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,

Other common decorations associated with Christmas are holly and ivy - both arc associated with Pagan festivals as it was customary to decorate with greenery for these festivals.

(Adapted from Time and date)

41. What is the passage mainly about?
    A. The preparation before Christmas day in some English speaking countries,
    B. The symbols of Christmas in some English speaking countries.
    C. The general information about Christmas in some English speaking countries.
    D. The reasons why Christmas is popular in some English speaking countries.
42. According to the passage, what is NOT one example of festive activities is:
    A. Holding Christmas prior to December 25th
    B. Giving presents to each other
    C. Singing Christmas songs
    D. Going to parties
43. What should people do if they want to travel with public transport?
    A. They should cheek with government offices and educational institutions.
    B. They should check with the local transport authority on schedule changes.
    C. They should cheek with many businesses and post offices.
    D. They should check with the public transport drivers before Christmas Day.

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44. What is another name for Santa Claus?

A. Father Christmas

B. Snowmen

C. Reindeer

D. Candy canes

45. According to the passage, what are the symbols of Christmas?

A. Father Christmas, snowmen, reindeer, candy canes, cards, and posters.

B. Father Christmas, snowmen, signs, and baby Jesus.

C. Santa Claus, baby Jesus, and the Christmas star.

D. Santa Claus, snowmen, posters, baby Jesus, and the Christmas star.

V. WRITING

Choose the sentence (A, B, C or D) that is closest in meaning to the root sentence or best combines the two given sentences.

46. Both French and English are official languages in Canada.

A. In Canada, while French is an official language, English is spoken by more people.

B. In Canada, the official language is not only French, but also English.

C. In Canada, either French or English is the official language.

D. In Canada, neither French nor English is the official language.

47. The USA, Canada and New Zealand are all English speaking countries.

A. English is an official language in the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

B. English is spoken widely in the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

C. English is used widely in the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

D. English is very popular in the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

48. This is the first time she has been to the United Kingdom.

A. She has been to the United Kingdom for some times before.

B. She has never been lo the United Kingdom before.

C. She has never been to the United Kingdom.

D. She hasn't been to the United Kingdom.

49. People call Alaska the land of Midnight Sun because in summer, the sun does not set for nearly three months.

A. Alaska was called the land of Midnight Sun because in summer, the sun does not set for nearly three months.

B. Alaska is be called the land of Midnight Sun because in summer, the sun docs not set for nearly three months.

C. Alaska is called the land of Midnight Sun because in summer, the sun does not set for nearly three months.

D. Alaska called the land of Midnight Sun because in summer, the sun does not set for nearly three months.

50. London has a population of about eight million people.

A. The pollution of London is about eight million people.

B. There are about eight million people living in London.

C. Eight million people are working in London.

D. Eight million people are travelling to London.

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