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## Test 6 Thanh Hải

### Reading Comprehension

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) which best completes each sentence.

- 1 Tom trains hard, is talented and eager to win – he is, in ..... , the perfect competitor.  
A total    B whole    C short    D part
- 2 ..... attempts were made to reach those buried beneath the rubble of the collapsed building.  
A Strong    B Strenuous    C Energetic    D Exhausting
- 3 Casinos ensure there is a healthy ..... between what they take from gamblers and what they pay out.  
A profit    B margin    C difference    D balance
- 4 He was told that students over the age of twenty-six were not entitled to a government ..... to help with their studies.  
A handout    B subsidy    C aid    D grant
- 5 I revised my views ..... comments from colleagues.  
A in the light of    B further to    C against    D consequent upon
- 6 He bought the cottage ..... renovating it and then selling at a large profit.  
A with a view to    B with the target of    C aiming to    D his goal being
- 7 She got the job ..... of considerable competition.  
A in the face    B in the teeth    C regardless    D irrespective
- 8 That is a view to which I do not .....  
A agree    B support    C subscribe    D maintain
- 9 If only he ..... help us by talking directly to the boss.  
A might    B could    C will    D should
- 10 It was difficult for the lecturer to ..... his voice to the back of the hall.  
A shout    B raise    C deliver    D project
- 11 The dealer ..... the cards before the game began.  
A mixed    B mingled    C sorted    D shuffled
- 12 The ..... of the pudding is in the eating!  
A taste    B proof    C quality    D pleasure

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- 13 After the engine failed, the boat just ..... with the current.  
A floated    B moved    C drifted    D rolled
- 14 The consultant outlined the patient's ..... and asked the students to identify the disease.  
A signs    B reactions    C notes    D symptoms
- 15 Harold would rather we ..... hold the meeting on Friday.  
A shouldn't    B weren't to    C didn't    D wouldn't
- 16 You may not have liked her, but ..... be quite so rude?  
A should you    B did you dare to    C did you need to  
D would you have to
- 17 The company doesn't have a graphics section and ..... out all its design work.  
A farms    B sends    C tenders    D offers
- 18 The politician knew exactly how to call ..... a response from the audience.  
A up    B forward    C out    D forth
- 19 She has not yet got ..... her recent illness.  
A by    B through    C over    D out of
- 20 The new recruits were put under a lot of .....  
A pressure    B worry    C pain    D tension
- 21 Such a horrible crime created a sense of ..... among the public.  
A avenge    B fury    C outrage    D revenge
- 22 This singer is on the ..... of a wonderful career.  
A threshold    B start    C edge    D point
- 23 Although he was regarded as being a talented actor, his career was not a success in financial .....  
A ways    B terms    C aspects    D points
- 24 The training manager told the trainees that they would have ..... all the techniques needed in selling by the end of the course.  
A mastered    B overcome    C conquered    D vanquished
- 25 There was ..... coverage of the story on all the television channels.  
A complete    B extensive    C total    D absolute

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## Use of English

1 Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with **one** suitable word.

We do not know how art began any more than we know how language started. If we take art to mean ..... (1) activities as building temples and houses, making pictures and sculptures, ..... (2) weaving patterns, there are ..... (3) people in all the world without art. If, on the other ..... (4), we mean by art some kind of beautiful luxury, we must realise that ..... (5) use of the word is a very recent development and that many of the ..... (6) artists of the past never ..... (7) of it. We can best understand this difference if we think of architecture. We all ..... (8) that there are beautiful buildings and that some of them are true ..... (9) of art. But there is ..... (10) any building ..... (11) the world which was not erected ..... (12) a particular purpose. Those ..... (13) use these buildings as ..... (14) of worship or entertainment, or as dwellings, judge them ..... (15) and foremost by the standards of utility. But ..... (16) from this, they may like or ..... (17) the design or the proportion of the structure. In the ..... (18) the attitude to paintings and statues was often similar. We are not ..... (19) to understand the art of the past if we are quite ignorant of the ..... (20) it had to serve.



- 2 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it.

EXAMPLE: We expect he will arrive by nine o'clock.

ANSWER: He is *expected to arrive by nine o'clock*.

- a) These are problems which can only be solved politically.  
These are problems to which .....
- b) People say that animals are mistreated in that circus, but I didn't see this.  
I didn't see .....
- c) If you practise regularly you will become more skilful.  
Without .....
- d) Peter's advice to me was to sell the shares immediately.  
Peter suggested .....
- e) I am sure the exchange rate will not change.  
In my opinion there .....
- f) We can attend the seminar provided we get the manager's approval.  
The manager's .....
- g) It sounds very much like a song I heard twenty years ago.  
It reminds .....
- h) Sarah thought the traffic warden was a policeman.  
Sarah mistook .....

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#### 3 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: 'Would you like some toast?'

'No, thank you. I've had some already.'

- a) I ..... my visit to the dentist but it turned out to be even worse than I had expected.
- b) We ..... Tom since eight o'clock and he still hasn't arrived.
- c) You look upset. What on earth ..... ?
- d) It ..... Sally that you saw; she's in London.
- e) I'm tired - I ..... getting up so early.
- f) Sally ..... to come and spend Christmas with us, but she had to change her plans as a result of the bad weather.

#### 4 For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. This word **must not be altered** in any way.

EXAMPLE: It is by no means certain that he was responsible for the crime.  
**questionable**

ANSWER: *It is questionable whether he was responsible for the crime.*

- a) I couldn't draw because I didn't have the necessary equipment.  
**lack**

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- b) No special payments have been received by my client.  
**receipt**

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- c) He didn't concentrate on the lecture.  
**attention**

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- d) This car cannot go faster than 60 m.p.h.  
**speed**

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- e) It was unfair that the ice-skater got such low marks.  
**deserve**
- .....

- f) There isn't much that Peter doesn't know about modern art.  
**gaps**
- .....

- g) That painting is nothing like the one I saw at the auction.  
**similarity**
- .....

- h) William remained silent throughout the meeting.  
**contribution**
- .....