

**ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI CẤP HUYỆN**

**MÔN TIẾNG ANH - LỚP 9**

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**Thời gian : 150 phút ( Không kể thời gian phát đề )**

**PART I : LISTENING ( 4 .0 điểm )**

**I. You will hear an interview with a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called Krispy with his sister Mei .For each question , choose the correct answer A, B or C: ( 2.0 điểm )**

**1. When Nick and Mei started writing music together , they -----**

- A. disagree about the style they should have
- B. didn't want to be the same as other bands
- C. were influenced by different kinds of music

**2. The band Krispy was started after -----**

- A. Nick began studying at music school
- B. two other musicians heard Nick and Mei playing
- C. Nick and Mei advertised for the band members

**3. In the band's first year together , -----**

- A. concert audiences liked their music
- B. they signed a recording contract
- C. their national tour was very successful

**4. What does Nick say about life in the band today ?**

- A. The older members look after him and Mei
- B. He's pleased to have the chance to travel
- C. There's no opportunity for them to relax together

**5. What disappointment has the band had ?**

- A. They haven't yet had a number one single
- B. Their first album sold under a million copies
- C. A health problem delayed their album recording

**II. You will hear a man called Ben ,from a young people’s organization , telling a youth group about a course they can do on Saturdays. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space ( 2.0 điểm )**

<b>Saturday course</b>	
Name of Ben ‘s organisation : ( 6 ) -----	
Aim of course : Discovering ( 7 ) -----	
Closest course location for this group (8)-----	
Length of course ( 9)-----weeks	
Examples of activities we will do :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn how to climb</li><li>• Cut up wood</li><li>• Make a ( 10) -----</li><li>• Design a bird house to take home</li></ul>	

**PART II: READING COMPREHENSION ( 5.0 điểm )**

**I. You are going to read the passage about letter writing . Six sentences have been removed from the passage. Choose from the sentences A- F the one which fits each gap ( 1- 5 ) .There is one extra sentence which you don’t need to use ( 1.0 điểm)**

- A. Poor handwriting can spoil your enjoyment of a letter .
- B. Notes are appreciated , but how much better to have a year’s supply of news
- C. But instead of harming the relationships, lettering writing seemed to improve them
- D. We had been corresponding for 29 years but had never met
- E. More important , if she hadn’t replied , we would be the poorer for it
- F. Most of the letters from home contained just everyday events concerning my parents and their friends

Letter writing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. It probably began with the little notes I would write to my mother. My mother, also always insisted I write my own thank-you letters for Christmas and birthday presents. It didn’t matter how short or untidy they were as long as they were letters

When I left home at 18 to train as a doctor in London, I would write once a week, and so would my mother. Occasionally my father would write and it was always a joy to receive his long,

amusing letters. (11)-----Of course, we also made phone calls but it is the letters I remember most.

There were also letters from my boyfriends. In my youth I seemed to attract people who had to work or study away at some time and I was only able to stay in touch by correspondence. (12)-----I found that I could often express myself more easily in writing than by talking

I love the letters that come with birthday or Christmas cards. (13)-----And it's even nicer when it's an airmail envelope with beautiful stamps. My overseas letters arrive from Manga in Sri Lanka, from someone I trained with over 20 years ago, and I have a penfriend in Australia and another in Vancouver

Then there's the lady who writes to me from France. If we hadn't started talking in a restaurant on the way home from holiday, and if my husband had taken her photo and if I hadn't asked her for her address, I would never have been able to write to her. (14)----- As it is, we now have a regular correspondence. I can improve my French (she speaks no English); we have stayed at her home twice and she has stayed with us.

My biggest letter-writing success, however, came this summer, when my family and I stayed with my American penfriend in Texas (15)----- Everyone was amazed that a correspondence could last so long. The local press even considered the correspondence worth reporting on the front page.

**II. Read the text below and decide which answer ( A, B, C or D ) best fits each gap. (2.0 điểm )**

Steven Spielberg was born in Ohio. He is one of the most ...(16)..... film makers in recent times, and in his ...(17)... he has earned millions ...(18)..... dollars. He has been making movies ...(19)..... 1961. His first film was a war movie, *Escape to Nowhere*, ...(20)..... was made when he was only 13. He studied English literature at California State University and then worked in the television division ...(21)..... Universal Studios in Hollywood for seven years.

In 1975, he made the movie *Jaws*, which ...(22)... .....very successful, and ...(23)..... him rich and famous. Since then, he has made more than 30 movies, including the box-office hits *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Indiana Jones*, *ET*, and *Jurassic Park*. He has also directed ...(24)... serious movies, like *Schindler's List* and *Saving Private Ryan*, and he has produced a lot of hit movies. In 1994, he (25) ..... a new Hollywood studio, Dreamworks.

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| 16. A. successfully | B. unsuccess | C. successful | D. success    |
| 17. A. job          | B. career    | C. work       | D. profession |
| 18. A. of           | B. in        | C. for        | D. about      |
| 19. A. ago          | B. for       | C. since      | C. in         |

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| 20. A. who     | B. whom   | C. whose   | D. which   |
| 21. A. in      | B. at     | C. into    | D. near    |
| 22. A. were    | B. is     | C. are     | D. was     |
| 23. A. to make | B. made   | C. makes   | D. make    |
| 24. A. some    | B. much   | C. more    | D. most    |
| 25. A. forms   | B. formed | C. forming | D. to form |

**III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question. (2.0 điểm)**

When I opened the first 'Body Shop' in 1976 my only object was to earn enough to feed my children. Today 'The Body Shop' is an international company rapidly growing all around the world. In the years since we began I have learned a lot. Much of what I have learned will be found in this book, for I believe that we, as a company, have something worth saying about how to run a successful business without giving up what we really believe in.

It's not a normal business book, nor is it just about my life. The message is that to succeed in business you have to be different. Business can be fun, a business can be run with love and it can do good. In business, as in life, I need to enjoy myself, to have a feeling of family and to feel excited by the unexpected. I have always wanted the people who work for 'The Body Shop' to feel the same way. Now this book sends these ideas of mine out into the world, makes them public. I'd like to think there are no limits to our 'family', no limits to what can be done. I find that an exciting thought. I hope you do, too.

**26. What is the writer's main purpose in writing this text?**

- A. to tell the reader her life story
- B. to introduce her ideas to the reader
- C. to explain how international companies operate
- D. to tell the reader how she brought up a family

**27. What would someone learn from this text?**

- A. how to make a lot of money
- B. how to write a book about business
- C. what the writer's family is like
- D. what the writer's book is about

**28. How does the writer feel about the business she runs?**

- A. She doesn't care about success if her children are fed.

- B She just runs it for her own entertainment
- C It is not like any other company
- D It is likely to become even more successful.

**29. What kind of workers does the writer like to employ?**

- A. workers who can explain her ideas
- B. workers who get on well with the public
- C. workers who have the same attitudes as she does
- D. workers who have their own families

**30. What kind of person does the writer seem to be?**

- A. She seems to be someone with strong opinions.
- B. She doesn't seem to be very confident
- C. She is mainly interested in making money.
- D. She sees running a business as just a job

**PART III. LANGUAGE FOCUS ( 6.0 điểm )**

**I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form / tenses. ( 2.0 điểm )**

*Dear Sir ,*

I am writing to you because I ( **31. just lose** )----- my case . I ( **32. leave** )----- it on the seat of the 8.30 bus from Sotton to Rosedate this morning . After I had got off the bus, I suddenly remembered ( **33. leave** ) ----- it and I ( **34. run** )----- back to the bus . However , it ( **35. be** ) ----- no longer on the seat and no one ( **36. know** ) ----- anything about it . I ( **37. already tell** ) ----- the principal of my college but no one has handed in the missing case yet . I ( **38. have** ) ----- the case for three years and I ( **39. like** ) ----- it a lot .

I am looking forward to ( **40. hear** ) ----- from you as soon as possible. I can call at the bus station on Tuesday to collect the case

Yours faithfully,  
Vincent Shamin

**II. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals : ( 2.0 điểm )**

## FRIENDS

Many people consider friendship to be the most important ( **41. RELATION** ) ----- they can have . It is ( **42. WONDER** ) ----- to have a friend you can talk to and share ( **43. VALUE** ) ----- experiences with .

However , it is important to choose friends ( **44. CARE** ) ----- . An ideal friend should be ( **45. THOUGHT** ) ----- and when any difficulties arise , hopefully be there for us . Of course there will be times when we might be ( **46. DOUBT** ) ----- of our friends . But , we should always talk things through in a sensible way and find a ( **47. SOLVE** ) ----- to our problems . Moreover , we should be careful not to be ( **48. TRUTH** ) ----- . Without ( **49. HONEST** ) ----- the bond between friends is ( **50. USE** ) ----- and not worth anything at all .

### III. Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions ( 2.0 điểm )

51. There must be a solution ----- your problem.
52. You remind me ----- myself when I was your age.
53. Can you please translate this document from French ----- English ?
54. The difference ----- price for the same product can vary considerably from store to store.
55. I can't go out tonight . I'm feeling a bit ----- the weather.
56. The difference ----- the rich and poor is staggering in most developing countries.
57. My sister wastes a lot of money ----- her clothes.
58. ----- my parents' surprise I passed all my exam.
59. He started going to school ----- the age of five . So now he 's been at school for ten years.
60. He accused me ----- selling secret information to the enemy.

### PART IV. WRITING ( 5.0 điểm )

**I. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using words given . DO NOT CHANGE THE WORDS GIVEN . ( 2,5 điểm )**

61. My computer really needs to be repaired at the moment ( **reparing** )

My computer -----

62. We couldn't swim because the sea was rough ( **prevented** )

The rough sea -----

63. "I think you should stop eating so many sweets," Mary's sister said to her ( **advised** )

Mary's sister -----so many sweets

64. We haven't told anyone about the change in our plans ( **informed** )

No one -----in our plans

65. If I were you, I wouldn't stay in the sun without sunscreen ( **had** )

You -----without sunscreen

66. He managed to convince me that it was a safe operation ( **succeeded** )

He ----- that it was a safe operation

67. I have never read such an interesting book before ( **first** )

This is -----such an interesting book .

68. Although he smokes heavily, he refuses to go for a check-up ( **smoker** )

Despite -----, he refuses to go for a check-up .

69. I don't know why Mary left the party so suddenly. ( **made** )

I don't know -----the party so suddenly

70. Hearing that a war had broken out was a shocked to everyone ( **shocked** )

Everyone -----that a war had broken out

**II. Read the text and fill in each of the blanks with ONE suitable word. ( 2,5 điểm )**

Napping, or taking short periods of sleep during the day, is a basic human need. According (71)-----numerous studies, napping decreases tiredness and increases energy levels. Napping is based on common sense and every animal on the planet naps. But many people prefer to fight against tiredness rather (72)-----take a short sleep during the day. For the (73)-----of workers a nap in the afternoon increases productivity, creativity and problem-solving skills. One expert (74)-----called for a new part to the work day, a period called 'nap time'. He argues that the modern work system (75)-----not designed around the actual physical needs of people's bodies. People have coffee breaks, (76)----- --what they really need is nap breaks.

Chronobiologists, scientists (77)-----study sleep patterns, say that 'morning' people can benefit from a twenty- minute nap around noon, while 'night owls' need a nap around three or four in (78)-----afternoon. The key is to ( 79)-----out what kind of nap you need and for how long. It has been established that even very short breaks reduce errors and accidents and are very useful if taken about eight or nine hours ( 80)----- you wake up .