GE8 SAMPLE TEST 1

A - LISTENING

Questions 1-5 (5pts). Listen to different conversations and choose the correct answer A, B, or C. You will hear the recording twice.

1. You will hear a girl talking about her illness.

The girl advises the boy to

A. keep away from other kids.

B. go to the hospital.

C. keep his hands clean.

2. You will hear two friends discussing a band.

They agree that the band

A. has better songs now than in the past.

B. charges little money.

C. offers something important.

3. You hear a boy telling his friend about a movie he saw.

How did he feel after watching it?

A. angry

B. positive

C. negative

4. You hear two friends talking about a new teacher.

The girl thinks that the Maths teacher is

A. exciting.

B. boring.

C. strict.

5. You will hear two friends talking about language learning.

How does the girl feel about language learning?

A. It's interesting.

B. It's unnecessary.

C. It's good for older people.

6. You hear two friends talking about their plans.

They agree that they should

A. go on a tour later.

B. spend all day on the beach.

C. go and eat something in the morning.

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Questions 6-10 (5 pts). For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear an announcement at a fitness centre.

Fitness Week

Anyone who would like to become healthier and learn new things should (14) ..... for this course.

All new members must have with them trainers, a tracksuit, shorts and T-shirts as well as a(n) (15).....

After answering some questions, specific targets will be set according to the members' (16) .....

Every morning a(n) (17).....will keep an eye on new members exercising.

At the end of the week, members will be told (18)..... so as not to gain back the weight they've lost.

For the next 48 hours, there's a sale on: you can pay £ (19)..... for 7 days.

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B - READING & USE OF ENGLISH

Read the texts A-E about natural wonders and answer the questions 1-6. Write **A, B, C, D, or E** in the gaps.

Which wonder

1. is not particularly attractive to look at?	_____
2. can be dangerous to reach out?	_____
3. is near towns that are pleasant to visit?	_____
4. took millions of years to create?	_____
5. requires that visitors take measures to protect themselves when visiting it?	_____
6. also has another name used by local people?	_____

A. The Great Barrier Reef

Reefs form underwater and can be made of coral, sand, or rock. The top of the reef sits about two or three feet below sea level. Coral reefs are found in warm, shallow, clean water, and the Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef of all. It stretches for two thousand kilometres and forms a natural breakwater that protects the coast of Australia from the strong waves of the South Pacific. There are many islands on the Great Barrier Reef formed by piled-up coral and sand. However, these islands are very difficult to reach, as sharp coral can tear the bottom out of a boat. Visitors must be careful not to step on living coral, as it grows very slowly—about five centimetres a year. The Great Barrier Reef is home to many types of fish, which depend on the coral to protect them.

B. Victory Falls

One of the greatest waterfalls in the world is located on the Zambezi River, on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Some people believe it is the most beautiful sight they have ever seen. Local inhabitants call it 'Mosi-oaTunya', which means 'smoke that thunders'. This name likely comes from the fact that you can hear the falls and see the mist rising from them long before you see the falls themselves. The falls are more than a mile wide and range from 256 feet high at the edges to 354 feet in the center. At the top, the falls are divided into several parts by small islands and cliffs. Discovered in 1855 by the Scottish explorer David Livingstone, the falls were named Victoria Falls in honor of Queen Victoria.

C. The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon, located in Arizona, USA, is renowned for its spectacular shapes and colors, carved by the Colorado River which flows through it. The Grand Canyon is notable for its contrasting weather conditions. In the middle, the climate is extremely hot and dry. On the north rim, the environment is cooler and more mountain-like, especially at night. In contrast, the south rim experiences a mix of hot and cooler temperatures. Hiking in the Canyon is a popular activity, but it is quite different from hiking in other regions due to the dry climate. Hikers are strongly advised to consume at least three liters of water daily. Additionally, they should avoid exposing their skin and refrain from hiking during the full heat of midday.

D. Ayers Rock

Ayers Rock, also known as Uluru, is one of the oldest rocks on Earth, located in Australia. The native Aborigines believe it is a symbol of creation. Formed over a period of 500 million years, Ayers Rock now rises 1142 feet above the plain and spans an impressive five miles around the base. It is situated in the Uluru National Park, which is home to 150 species of birds and 26 types of mammals. The sides of Ayers Rock contain numerous caves, which the Aborigines believe hold spiritual significance. The entire area is breathtaking and well worth a visit.

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E. The Barringer Meteor Crater

Some natural wonders of the world are known for their beauty, but the Barringer Meteor Crater is not one of them. However, it is an extraordinary physical phenomenon, created thousands of years ago by a meteor smashing into the Earth at 43,125 miles per hour. The crater measures 4,145 feet across and is 570 feet deep. When it was first discovered in 1871, it was thought to be the top of a volcano. However, in 1902, Dr. Daniel Barringer demonstrated that the rocks around the hole were not volcanic. Over time, it was confirmed that the rocks came from an enormous meteor that crashed into the Earth. The nearest population centers to the crater are the towns of Flagstaff and Winslow, Arizona. Both are well worth visiting for their many nearby attractions.

Questions 20-28 (10pts). Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete the sentences.

20. Being _____ means understanding the impact of our actions on the environment and taking steps to protect it.

A. eco-friendly B. zero-carbon C. carbon neutral D. eco-aware

21. __appliances help conserve resources and lower electricity bills by using less power to operate.

A. Eco-friendly B. Eco-aware C. Energy efficient D. Radioactive

22. In agriculture, 70% of the world's fresh water supply is used for _____.

A. irrigation B. wells C. salination plants D. biodiversity

23. Plant science can help farmers to increase yields on the same size of fields, thus protecting _____and the natural habitat.

A. deforestation B. agriculture C. industry D. biodiversity

24. Do you know why there are so many _____creatures in the ocean?

A. bioluminescent B. compound C. organism D. bioluminescence

25. Digestive _____are proteins that your body makes to break down food and aid digestion.

A. compounds B. organisms C. emits D. enzymes

26. The _____ is known for its distinctive black and white fur and is often found in Australia.

A. leopard B. koala bear C. giant tortoise D. zebra

27. Your brain contains about 100 billion microscopic cells called _____.

A. organs B. muscles C. spinal cords D. neurons

28. Sensory neurons in your skin relay this information to your _____ and brain at a speed of more than 240 km/ph.

A. cells B. spinal cord C. neurons D. muscles

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For questions 29–133, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Write BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS.

29. The company will complete the new desalination plant by the end of this year.

BE → The new desalination plant _____ by the end of this year.

30. It was a mistake not to inform the government about the drought.

HAVE → The government _____ about the drought sooner.

31. Great Thunberg spoke loudly during her speech on climate change. Everyone could understand her thoroughly.

SO THAT → Greta Thunberg spoke loudly _____ understand her thoroughly.

32. Mozart watched his older sister Maria playing the piano, and then he started to play it himself.

HAD → Before being able to play the piano himself, Mozart _____ his older sister Maria playing it.

33. "I have already finished my homework by 10.00." said Mark.

HAD → Mark said that he _____ homework by 10.00.

D – WRITING

You have received this email from your English-speaking friend Lena. From: Lena Subject: My report on World Heritage Sites Hello! I hope this email finds you well. After my last account of my country, Poland, my teacher has asked me to write another report on a place in the world that could be a World Heritage Site. She suggested I use the information I've exchanged with you – my pen pal! That's why I'm writing to you. I'd love to hear about a place in your country that you think deserves to be a World Heritage Site. Can you tell me about it? How can people travel there? What can visitors do once they arrive? And why did you choose this place above all the others in your country? Write me soon! Best, Lena Write your email in response to Lena in **150-200** words.	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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