PRACTICE TEST 9

Time allotted: 90 minutes

I **Choose the word, phrase or sentence that best fits the space in each sentence or best answers the given question. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes on the answer sheet. (3.5 pts)**

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
   A. w<u>o</u>rried B. maj<u>o</u>r C. c<u>o</u>rrect D. comf<u>o</u>rt

2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
   A. talk<u>ed</u> B. sprain<u>ed</u> C. switch<u>ed</u> D. cough<u>ed</u>

3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
   A. amusing B. rewarding C. astonishing D. challenging

4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
   A. spotlight B. bizarre C. moral D. factor

5. ***Tom:*** Can you send me the report by Wednesday?
   Nam: Sure! I'll try to finish it early _____ we have it available for the conference.
   A. because B. although C. so that D. therefore

6. ***Tiffany:*** This is the best time of year to be in the park.
   Thomas: I agree! It's so refreshing to go for a walk _____ a beautiful spring morning.
   A. at B. in C. with D. on

7. ***Judy:*** What are some popular tourist spots _____ Asia?
   Hiền: There are so many! Some of the top destinations include Thailand, Japan and South Korea.
   A. in B. on C. out D. from

8. ***Natalie:*** How did you find _____ without any money?
   Skylar: I found a moneyless platform where the hosts provide free places to stay in exchange for some help around the house.
   A. electricity B. environment C. accommodation D. documentation

9. ***Carter:*** I saw an interview with the tennis star _____ picture you showed me a few days ago.
   David: Oh really? What did he talk about?
   A. that B. whose C. which D. whom

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10. ***Colton:*** What do you think makes Italian cuisine so popular?
Jaden: It's the _____ use of fresh, healthy ingredients like basil, olive oil, and tomatoes.

A. distinctive **B.** authentic **C.** vibrant **D.** adventurous

11. ***Sophia:*** Do you ever get nervous before an important race?
Audrey: Yeah, but I use deep breathing to _____ off the fear and help me stay focused.

A. push **B.** gain **C.** sell **D.** ward

12. ***Andrew:*** Do you know why we have high and low tides?
Maria: Yeah, it's due to the moon's pull. Its _____ causes the water to rise and fall.

A. orbit **B.** meteor **C.** astronomy **D.** gravity

13. ***Mandy:*** There's a party at my place on Tuesday. Come by if you're free!
Taylor: _____

A. No worries, it's all good! **B.** It's okay, I understand. **C.** Absolutely, I wouldn't miss it. **D.** We're cool!

14. ***Max:*** _____
Hoa: A few years ago. Creating beautiful things from clay was really fascinating to me.

A. How did you make those ceramic pieces?
B. Why do like collecting ceramic pieces?
C. When did you start collecting ceramic pieces?
D. Who bought you those ceramic pieces?

II Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer for questions 15 and 16. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes on the answer sheet. (0.5 pt)

15. What does the sign say?

A. You mustn't stay off the tracks when a train is about to pass.
B. You can cross the tracks when a train is nearby.
C. You don't need to wait until the train has passed before crossing the tracks.
D. You mustn't cross the tracks when a train is approaching.

16. What does the sign say?

A. You mightn't control the lighting system remotely when living here.
B. There might be surveillance cameras and motion detectors here.
C. You might have cleaning robots when buying a flat here.
D. You mightn't regulate heating or cooling in a room.

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III Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following email about advancements in robotics for space and ocean discovery. (1.5 pts)

New message

To: Mai

Subject: Book report

Hi Mai,
I've just finished a book on advancements in robotics for space and ocean discovery. It's really a big (17) _____ in how we explore the universe. Engineers continue to develop robots with new designs to assist astronauts in space missions and to explore distant planets. They also help in conducting experiments and (18) _____ impressive discoveries. Similarly, underwater robotics have been designed to study marine species and (19) _____ secrets beneath the ocean. Engineers and researchers, in collaboration (20) _____ scientists, aim to advance robotic technology to improve data collection and the invention of autonomous robots has (21) _____ us to explore extreme environments. They will keep experimenting with new ideas and refining their designs. Definitely, (22) _____ of these will help us better understand the vast unknowns of our world and beyond.
How about your book report? Write to me soon!
Best,
Andy

SEND

17.	**A.** challenge	**B.** change	**C.** concentration	**D.** argument
18.	**A.** making	**B.** taking	**C.** turning	**D.** doing
19.	**A.** useless	**B.** careful	**C.** adopted	**D.** hidden
20.	**A.** on	**B.** from	**C.** to	**D.** with
21.	**A.** let	**B.** made	**C.** allowed	**D.** gave
22.	**A.** much	**B.** all	**C.** little	**D.** several

IV Read the following brochure of a course on overcoming fear and building courage. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False, and choose the correct answers to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

Take Control of Your Fear and Find Your Confidence!

Do fear and embarrassment stop you from living your best life? Join our Overcoming Fear and Building Courage course to feel stronger and more confident in your daily life.
In this course, trained psychologists will help you understand your fear and learn how to manage it as a natural emotion. You'll practise ways to calm down in stressful situations and reduce feelings of anxiety through step-by-step methods.
Our course includes:
• Simple breathing and relaxation exercises to feel more at ease.

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• How to handle embarrassment and stay confident.
• Share and learn with others in a safe and caring group.
• Easy steps to face challenges and build courage.

By following these methods, you'll not only reduce fear but also feel ready to tackle challenges with courage. Whether you're nervous about public speaking, meeting new people, or making mistakes, we'll help you feel ready to face it all.

Sign up now to take the first step toward a fearless future!

• **Start Date**: June 12th • **Duration**: 4 weeks • **Course fee**: $40 per person

23. This course will guide you how to deal with your fear and stay confident.

24. You can manage your fear through complex breathing techniques and stressful activities.

25. After completing this course, you may have enough confidence to make a speech in front of the crowd.

26. A group of people must pay $40 to take the course.

27. When attending this course, trained psychologists will _____.

A. provide you with step-by-step methods
B. feel stronger and more confident in your daily life
C. understand and manage fear as a natural emotion
D. be ready to tackle challenges with courage

28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the brochure EXCEPT _____

A. This course will last for 4 weeks.
B. This course will begin on June 12th.
C. You'll have a chance to exchange ideas with others in a supportive environment.
D. Performing easy breathing and relaxation techniques can help you have a nice sleep.

V Use the correct form of the word given in each sentence. (1.5 pts)

29. This _____ roof of the stadium can open and close automatically, adapting to different weather conditions. (retract)

30. This _____ advertising campaign help expand the company's target customer successfully. (impact)

31. The bully _____ to punish me if I didn't do all his assignments for him. (threat)

32. The teacher spoke very _____ of my study progress, which made my parents very proud and happy. (favour)

33. She conducted a science survey in _____ with one of her classmates. (collaborate)

34. My grandfather is a _____ who always doubts the effectiveness of the vaccinations despite their high success rates. (pessimistic)

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VI Look at the entry of the word 'discovery' in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with two or three words. (0.5 pt)

discovery /dɪˈskʌvəri/ *noun*

Something newly found, especially previously unknown

He made an incredible discovery in the medical field.

grim discovery	*The divers made a grim discovery at the bottom of the lake.*
scientific discovery	*Do you know that many famous scientific discoveries were made by accident?*
voyage of discovery	*I consider travelling to ancient ruins as a voyage of discovery into the past.*

35. Understanding electricity is essential because many _____ depend on its applications.

36. For many students, learning English is a _____ that opens doors to new customs and traditions.

VII Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it. (1.0pt)

37. I'm not going to take a road trip without my group of friends.

➲ I have no intention _____

38. The instructions are unclear, so I cannot fix this robot.

➲ If _____

39. It has been a long time since I flew to Egypt.

➲ The last time _____

40. My parents don't let me use my phone at the dinner table.

➲ I am _____

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ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
accommodate	accommodation	accommodating	accommodatingly
advance	advance/ advancement	advancing/advanced	
collaborate	collaboration/ collaborator	collaborative	collaboratively
	environment/ environmentalist	environmental	environmentally
favour	favour/favourite	favourite/favourable/ unfavourable	favourably/ unfavourably
	pessimist/pessimism	pessimistic	pessimistically
	psychology/ psychologist	psychological	psychologically
retract	retraction/retractor	retractable	
stress	stress	stressful/stressed	stressfully
threaten	threat	threatening	threateningly

PHRASAL VERBS	
calm down	He started crying when he got a cut, so I told him to calm down.
speed up	He needs to speed up his running if he wants to qualify for the team.
turn up	He turned up the radio to hear the news more clearly.
ward off	I often spend time in nature as it's one of the best ways to ward off my anxiety and fear.

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