

PRACTICE TEST 12

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)

- Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. vaccine B. relax C. pastry D. attract
- Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. fixes B. caves C. guides D. tales
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. encourage B. innovate C. surgery D. vehicle
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. highlight B. summit C. expert D. guitar
- Addison:** Our new neighbours are always playing really loud music.
Adeline: Yes, _____ the noise, I've never seen anyone ask them to turn it down.
A. despite B. although C. since D. because of
- Everly:** What time does your favorite podcast air?
Jaxon: It's a daily podcast that goes live _____ 6 o'clock in the morning.
A. in B. at C. on D. from
- Maria:** I'm thinking of going hiking _____ the forests next month.
Lillian: That sounds exciting! Are you going with a tour guide?
A. from B. on C. at D. in
- Jade:** I need to hand in my assignment now, but I can hardly get internet _____.
Ryan: Maybe there's something wrong with the router. Try restarting it.
A. promotion B. benefit C. access D. entrance
- Ember:** I found a beautiful rock _____ formation was explained in my geology book.
Hailey: Really? What type of rock is it?
A. which B. where C. who D. whose
- Audrey:** Look at this photo of dessert I captured yesterday. Doesn't it look _____?

Hunter: Wow, it really does! Is that a four-layer chocolate cake?

- A. scenic B. mouth-watering C. spectacular D. hospitable

11. **Wesley:** How do you remember all those new words?

Rowan: I make sure to _____ down new words I hear or read. It really helps.

- A. look B. come C. note D. figure

12. **Mom:** I've booked us a _____ day this weekend. We can try facial and massage treatment.

Daughter: Great, mom! That's exactly what I need to relax.

- A. spa B. restaurant C. department store D. airport

13. **Adrian:** I wish I could go bowling with you this Sunday, but I have a family event.

Xavier: _____

- A. Great idea! B. OK. Another time. C. That's interesting. D. No, of course not.

14. **Colton:** _____

Charlie: Yes, they put it up to warn about crocodiles in the area.

- A. Did you see the new sign by the river?
B. Do you often swim in that river?
C. I think the crocodiles are dangerous.
D. I'm really scared of crocodiles in that river.

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. Protective clothing can't help you prevent hazardous materials in the laboratory.
B. Do not enter the laboratory without protective gear.
C. Wearing personal protective equipment is not necessary.
D. It's unsafe to wear protective clothing when entering the laboratory.



16. What does the sign say?

- A. The menu has been expanded to include new dishes.
B. These new dishes contain meat, poultry and seafood.
C. There are neither vegetarian nor vegan options on the menu.
D. These dishes are not for customers who follow vegetarian and vegan diets.

III

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following extracted discussion on protecting natural wonders. (1.5 pts)

An: I think rainforests are far more spectacular than (17) _____ other natural wonder, especially their unique wildlife. Consequently, protecting them is crucial since they're disappearing quite quickly.

Alice: That's true, but I find caves and rock (18) _____ a bit more fascinating. Exploring a cave or climbing an outcrop feels like enjoying a 3D movie. However, we should (19) _____ these places accessible without damaging them.

Elena: I agree with both of you, but, in my opinion, (20) _____ spots like beaches and waterfalls are much more enjoyable for everyone. They're perfect for relaxing while learning about nature. Plus, the (21) _____ views from mountains are unforgettable. Teaching students to respect these sites is key (22) _____ preserving them.

An: Yes! We all should be responsible for protecting these wonders to ensure future generations can enjoy them too.

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| 17. A. many | B. much | C. some | D. any |
| 18. A. formations | B. decisions | C. suggestions | D. recommendations |
| 19. A. choose | B. know | C. make | D. take |
| 20. A. architectural | B. affordable | C. scenic | D. friendly |
| 21. A. course | B. summit | C. layer | D. stalagmite |
| 22. A. for | B. with | C. at | D. to |

IV

Read the following fact file on some effective ways to reduce traffic jams in urban areas. 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)

How to Tackle Urban Traffic Congestion

Traffic jams are a common issue in most big cities, causing delays, frustration, and even accidents. Addressing traffic congestion requires effective measures and efforts from government authorities.

Firstly, adjusting the working hours of public offices can significantly help. By changing office timings, cities can prevent the rush-hour gridlock, as fewer vehicles would be on the roads at the same time. This simple change can smooth out traffic and ease the burden on main roads during peak hours.

Secondly, promoting public transport is essential. Cities should encourage people to switch from private vehicles to buses, trains, or subways by improving the convenience and accessibility of public transit. Adding more routes, maintaining schedules, and involving modern technologies like smart ticketing can make public transport more appealing.

Finally, expanding roads in high-traffic areas can alleviate congestion. Wider roads

accommodate more vehicles, allowing for smoother traffic flow. Additionally, creating dedicated lanes for pedestrians and cyclists can improve safety and further reduce the number of cars on the road.

By implementing these strategies, cities can solve traffic jams more effectively, making commuting safer for everyone. A combined approach involving urban planning and public cooperation is key to long-term success.

23. Traffic jams in big cities cause serious problems, which requires government action to address.
24. By having offices open at different times, fewer people will be traveling at the same time.
25. Wider roads can fit more vehicles, leading to smoother traffic flow.
26. Dedicated lanes for pedestrians and cyclists can increase cars on the road and lower safety.
27. Some changes like adding more routes, keeping schedules reliable and using modern technology can _____.
- A. encourage people to switch from public transport to private vehicles B. make more people prefer choosing public transport to driving
- C. smooth out traffic and ease the burden on main roads D. improve safety and further reduce the number of cars on the road
28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the fact file EXCEPT _____
- A. Altering the working hours of public offices can make roads less crowded. B. Smart ticketing can make public transport more attractive to people.
- C. For long-term success, urban planning and public cooperation are essential. D. Implement fees in high-traffic areas can reduce car use during peak times.



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

29. She couldn't sleep well during the flight due to her _____ seat. (comfort)
30. _____ conflict often happens at work, where younger employees want flexible working hours, while older ones may struggle to accept these changes. (generation)
31. I live in a(n) _____ family. We often gather for celebrations filled with laughter, storytelling and delicious food. (extend)
32. We heard the music from the concert _____ while we were cycling around the park. (near)
33. The sounds of honking cars used to cause serious _____ to the city dwellers every night. (disturb)
34. The female _____ is counselling the patients on how to take their medications precisely. (pharmacy)

VI

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

access /'ækses/ noun

The chance or permission to use something or meet someone/something

The app requires users to have an account for full access to its features.

provide/allow/gain access

Visitors are required to take off their shoes to gain access inside the ancient temple.

internet access

The governments has successfully provided internet access in remote areas to improve education.

restrict/block access

His access to his social account was blocked after he had violated the terms of the platform.

35. Heavy rains led the authorities to _____ to the cave due to the risk of flooding.

36. I think good _____ lets us start discussions online quickly and easily.

VII

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

37. Why don't we raise funds for children with cancer at the local hospital?

➞ How _____

38. It took me two months to find a suitable flat near my company.

➞ I spent _____

39. No one else in my class can speak English more fluently than Hoa.

➞ Hoa is _____

40. Although Josh doesn't know how to cook, he still enjoys experimenting in the kitchen.

➞ Despite _____

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
	accident	accidental	accidentally
comfort	comfort/discomfort/ comforter	comfortable/ uncomfortable/ comforting	comfortably/ uncomfortably/ comfortingly
disturb	disturbance	disturbed/undisturbed/ disturbing	disturbingly
	generation	generational	
encourage/ discourage	encouragement/ discouragement	encouraged/discouraged encouraging/ discouraging	encouragingly/ discouragingly
extend	extension	extended/extensive	extensively
measure	measure/ measurement	measurable/ immeasurable measured/measureless	measurably/ immeasurably
		nearby	near/nearly
pedestrianise	pedestrian/ pedestrianisation		
urbanise	urbanisation	urban	
PHRASAL VERBS			
look up to	As a war veteran, my grandfather is a true hero, and I deeply look up to him.		
note down	You should note down all the necessary information while attending the conference.		
set off	We decided to set off for London early to avoid traffic.		
take off	It was getting warm, so she decided to take off her sweater.		