

PRACTICE TEST 14

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. struggle B. plumber C. subway D. cubic
- Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. paths B. locks C. months D. keeps
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. sightseeing B. suggestion C. government D. benefit
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. ranger B. bathtub C. diet D. nearby
- Adrian:** I called the travel agency to book our trip to Hawaii.
Xavier: Great choice! They can provide better hotel options _____ they know the area well.
A. while B. because of C. as D. in spite of
- Skylar:** Did you hear about the car accident on the highway?
Charlie: Yes, it happened _____ Tuesday afternoon while I was going to school. It was terrible.
A. on B. at C. in D. with
- Colton:** I spent the whole day sitting _____ a desk knitting these gloves.
Maria: That sounds tiring!
A. on B. in C. from D. at
- Cora:** We finally reached the _____ of the mountain after a long climb.
Axel: The effort is worth it for this scenic view. It's breathtaking.
A. nature B. bank C. seaside D. summit
- Liam:** What did you enjoy most about your trip to Huế City?
Khoa: I really liked the boat tour on the Perfume River, _____ runs near ancient temples. It was unforgettable!
A. who B. where C. which D. whose
- Phương:** I remember your aunt liked being _____ in the past. What made her decide to get married?

Kristen: She found the right person, and everything just fell into place.

A. divorced B. single C. official D. nuclear

11. **Linh:** This English movie is exciting, but I'm having trouble understanding the accents.

Josh: Why don't you _____ on the subtitles? That would make it easier to follow.

A. come B. turn C. go D. put

12. **Parker:** Using cotton swabs can increase your _____ of having an earache.

Logan: Oh, I've been doing that. I guess I should stop!

A. risk B. opportunity C. fortune D. promotion

13. **Nick:** My puppy is sick, and I'm really worried.

Nora: _____

A. I'm sorry to hear that.

B. Don't give up.

C. That's perfect.

D. I'm glad you like it.

14. **Camila:** _____

Grayson: I know, and I've been preparing since last year to apply.

A. I'm taking extra language classes.

B. A lot of foreign universities offer courses in English.

C. English is the primary language used for communication.

D. Mastering English opens up so many opportunities.

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 are not allowed to use plastic bags.

B. You cannot cut paper into small pieces.

C. It's forbidden to go alone in public spaces.

D. You mustn't drop litter in public spaces.



16. What does the sign say?

A. After the heavy rain, you can drive on the road freely.

B. Drivers don't need to avoid that area for safety reasons.

C. The road is not accessible due to water covering the surface.

D. The road is flooded so you can paddle a boat here.

III

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following travel advertisement. (1.5 pts)

Let's Tour Tràng An

Discover the breathtaking Tràng An Scenic Landscape Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Vietnam, where limestone mountains (17) _____ peaceful rivers. This impressive area offers visitors a unique experience with its (18) _____ caves and attractive valleys. As you take a boat tour, you'll enjoy stunning scenery of caves and ancient temples. The (19) _____ of visitors can be limited during off-peak seasons, offering a more peaceful experience, while the best time to visit is (20) _____ November and April, when the weather is cooler. Tràng An's picturesque beauty, which sits at sea (21) _____, has remained largely untouched, protecting its natural features from significant (22) _____. Don't miss the opportunity to visit one of Vietnam's most beautiful landscapes – an adventure you can't experience anywhere else!

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| 17. A. visit | B. link | C. meet | D. observe |
| 18. A. polluted | B. underground | C. relaxing | D. considerable |
| 19. A. number | B. amount | C. other | D. many |
| 20. A. from | B. about | C. into | D. between |
| 21. A. turtle | B. level | C. mount | D. rock |
| 22. A. government | B. information | C. damage | D. access |

IV

Read the following fact file on urban homelessness. 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)

Homelessness: A Growing Urban Crisis

Nowadays, urban homelessness is a growing issue, with a rising population of individuals struggling to find shelter in cities.

This problem is caused by various factors, including unemployment, lack of affordable housing, etc. Many homeless people are former homeowners or renters who could no longer keep up with rising housing costs. Poor urban planning and inadequate social services also contribute to the issue.

The consequences of homelessness are significant, affecting both individuals and society. Homeless people face harsh living conditions, limited access to healthcare and increased exposure to crime. Cities often experience rising social tensions, public health risks and strained resources as they attempt to manage this growing crisis. The lack of permanent addresses also restricts the homeless population's access to jobs and education, trapping them in a cycle of poverty.

To address this issue, governments and communities must work together. Authorities in charge of urban development should prioritise affordable housing initiatives, while increasing funding for shelters and support programmes. Expanding mental health

and job training services can empower the homeless to rebuild their lives. By taking ownership of this challenge and investing in solutions, cities can reduce homelessness considerably.

23. Many homeless people once had homes but lost them due to rising housing costs.
24. The consequences of homelessness are minor, having little impact on individuals or society.
25. Cities rarely face social tensions, public health risks or resource strain when dealing with homelessness.
26. Authorities should expand shelter funding and prioritise affordable housing initiatives.
27. Homeless individuals are trapped in poverty _____.
A. because of expanding mental health and job training services
B. and able to keep up with rising housing costs
C. due to limited access to jobs and education
D. and find it easy to find shelter in cities
28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the fact file EXCEPT _____.
A. The lack of effective urban planning and social services contributes to homelessness.
B. Homeless people might be more vulnerable to dangers like theft.
C. More people move to cities in search of better job opportunities.
D. Mental health and job training services can give the homeless a chance to rebuild their lives.

V

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

29. This morning, I saw a _____ man sleep on a park bench, wrapped in a worn jacket. (home)
30. Last night, the storm caused _____ damage to numerous houses and facilities. (structure)
31. The classrooms are going to be _____ with new desks and chairs for the new academic year. (furniture)
32. David hopes _____ to join a professional football team and become a famous player. (eventual)
33. My hectic schedules make me have little time for family gatherings, so all my _____ with my relatives become weaker. (connect)
34. The _____ often educate the students about conservation and responsible outdoor practices when they come here. (range)

VI

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

limit /'lɪmɪt/ *noun*

The maximum possible amount, extent, or degree of something

The engineer driver ensured that the train's speed remained within acceptable limits for passenger safety.

exceed the limit *My mother doesn't allow me to exceed the limit of two hours of screen time per day.*

set limits *The city has set strict limits on industrial pollutants to lessen environmental damage.*

over the limit *John was caught for being over the limit after drinking too much alcohol.*

35. To protect the community, local authorities _____ on loud music and events to prevent noise pollution.
36. The police breathalysed the motorcyclist and found he was _____. He was heavily fined for it.

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. Since there aren't many police officers on the streets, some citizens feel unsafe during late hours.

➞ If _____

38. There is no way he can repair the pipes without calling a plumber.

➞ It's _____

39. It has been three weeks since I ate a meat pie.

➞ I haven't _____

40. As the office was noisy, I moved to a quieter corner to finish my work.

➞ Because of _____

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
damage	damage	damaging	
employ	employment/ unemployment/ employee/ employer	employed/unemployed/ employable/ unemployable	
	event/eventuality	eventful/uneventful/ eventual	eventfully/ uneventfully/ eventually
experience	experience/ inexperience	experienced/ inexperienced	
furnish	furniture	furnished/unfurnished	
home	home/ homelessness	homeless/homely homeward	home/homewards
pacify	peace/ peacefulness	peaceful/peaceable	peacefully/ peaceably
protect	protection/ protector	protected/unprotected/ protective	protectively
structure	structure/ structuralist	structural/structured	structurally
PHRASAL VERBS			
check in	As soon as they checked in at the hostel in Đà Lạt, they rented motorbikes to explore the surrounding hills.		
set up	They decided to set up a visitor centre in the national park to help tourists.		
take after	My brother takes after our father, and they both have a big nose and curly hair.		
turn on	I tried to turn on my laptop, but it didn't work.		