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Môn thi: **TIẾNG ANH**
Thời gian làm bài: 90 phút (không kể thời gian phát đề)
(Đề thi có 05 trang)

I. Choose the word / phrase / sentence (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space or best answers the question given in each sentence. (3.5 pts)

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. **a**dvice B. c**a**reer C. h**a**cker D. **a**ddress

2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. en**th**usiastic B. **th**reaten C. **th**umb D. sunba**th**ing

3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. confidence B. professor C. discussion D. appearance

4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. support B. solar C. agree D. reduce

5. **Anna**: Look at those dark clouds! I bet we're going to get caught in a downpour.
Ben: Oh no, I didn't bring an umbrella. It _____ quite a heavy storm.

A. would be B. will be C. is going to be D. was

6. **Sophia**: What are your plans for celebrating this year? Are you having a big party this year?
Mike: Not this time. We're just going to stay home to watch fireworks _____ New Year's Eve.

A. at B. for C. in D. on

7. **Peter**: I need help with my presentation on Roman history; I'm completely lost.
Claire: Talk to Mr. Davies; he's so knowledgeable _____ ancient civilizations.

A. into B. about C. of D. for

8. **Manager**: You seem a lot more energized lately; what have you been doing differently?
Employee: I've been trying hard to _____ the amount of sugary snacks I eat during my breaks, and I feel much better!

A. come in for B. go off C. cut down on D. put foward

9. **Laura**: I remember the early 2000s; everything seemed so new and different back then.
Tom: Yes, I often think about that time _____ we were all young and unaware of what the future held for us.

A. where B. whose C. which D. when

10. **Mark**: Dr. Allen's lectures are great; he presents complex ideas clearly.

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Sarah: He's definitely one of the most _____ speakers here, with his vast experience.

A. vivid B. learned C. fragile D. mature

11. **Sarah**: Why was the concert cancelled at the last minute?

John: _____ the heavy rainfall and high winds, they had to shut the venue down.

A. Though B. Due to C. In spite of D. Nevertheless

12. **Helen**: That scene where the main character finally meets his family after years of war completely broke me.

James: I know exactly what you mean. It was such an emotional and _____ experience; I couldn't stop my tears.

A. vulnerable B. honest C. touching D. difficult

13. **Mia**: Thank you so much for bringing that apple pie to the dinner party; everyone absolutely loved it!

Gunno: _____ .

A. Keep up the good work!

B. No, it's on me.

C. You're welcome, I'm happy to hear that.

D. Sorry, I don't mean to.

14. **Tom**: _____ .

Alice: That's a great suggestion! I should check the exchange rate and convert some money before I leave.

A. Have you finished packing your passport and travel documents yet?

B. Why don't you exchange some currency before getting to the hotel?

C. Are you worried that you might forget something important for the trip?

D. When did you book your flight and arrange your airport transfer?

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

15. What does the notice imply?

A. The business will be permanently closed starting on August 1st.

B. Borcelle is relocating to a building after the renovation is complete.

C. Customers will not be able to visit Borcelle for a period of time.

D. The improvements are minor and will only take a few days to finish.

16. What does the sign tell you to do?

A. You should contact local authorities for updates on the water quality.

B. The water has a serious, hidden problem that could make people sick.

C. The closure is only happening now because of the weather conditions.

D. You can still use the water for quick activities like gathering shells.

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

Dear Lily,

How are you? I'm finally back from my two-week summer trip to Japan, and I wanted to tell you all about it. It was truly an unforgettable (17) _____! We spent the first week exploring Tokyo. It's exactly how you (18) _____: huge, busy, and absolutely incredible. We visited the famous Shibuya crossing and explored the quiet gardens near the Imperial Palace. The transportation system there is so (19) _____; everything runs exactly on time.

The food, of course, was the highlight. I ate so much sushi, ramen, and tempura, it was unbelievable. I even tried some Michelin-star cuisine, although I must admit we had to pay through the (20) _____ for that one meal! It was worth every penny, but my wallet definitely feels lighter now. The second week was spent traveling south, and we managed to climb Mount Fuji at sunrise. It was the most challenging thing (21) _____ I've ever done, but the (22) _____ from the top was breathtaking.

I have hundreds of pictures to show you when we meet up next week. I can't wait to hear about your summer too!

Talk soon, Desmond

17. A. crisis	B. disaster	C. knowledge	D. experience
18. A. pretend	B. consider	C. imagine	D. suppose
19. A. efficient	B. practical	C. proficient	D. exhausted
20. A. mouth	B. nose	C. knee	D. leg
21. A. when	B. whose	C. who	D. which
22. A. direction	B. sight	C. view	D. scence

IV. Read the following leaflet promoting Ca tru – Vietnamese Music Art. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

CA TRU: VIETNAM'S CLASSIC MUSIC ART

A UNESCO Cultural Treasure That Needs Our Protection

Ca tru *(ca trù)* is a very special and traditional type of Vietnamese classical music. It is more than just singing; it is a blend of detailed poems, great singing skills, and a kind of stage show. Historically, this art form was mainly listened to by the Imperial Court (the King's family) and Important People (like scholars and officials), often performed in elegant Singing Houses *(ca quán)* as the main part of their cultural life.

The Special Three-Person Group

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See the special connection between the three main performers that makes Ca tru unique:

1. The Dao Nuong (Female Singer): She is the heart of the show. She sings the complex songs and keeps the rhythm perfect by hitting the phach *(phách)* (two bamboo sticks).
2. The Kep (Lute Player): He plays a special three-stringed instrument, providing the warm and great music for the singer.
3. The Quan Vien (The Listener/Critic): This specialized audience member uses the drum to show approval or helpful feedback for the singer's performance. The drumbeat connects the artist and the audience.

Why You Must Experience Ca Tru

- Amazing skill: Watch an art form that needs high-level singing and great teamwork between the performers.
- Cultural key: Learn about centuries of Vietnamese poems and history hidden in the songs.
- Direct interaction: Feel the excitement and meaning in every drumbeat, a direct chat between the artists and the listeners.

23. Ca tru is a form of singing that includes only vocals, with no elements of stage performance or poetry.
24. Historically, ca tru was mainly enjoyed by common workers and average citizens in Vietnamese society.
25. The role of the Kép (Lute Player) is to maintain the perfect rhythm by striking the phách.
26. The drumbeat used by the Quan Vien serves as a direct way for the artist and the audience to communicate.
27. What is the central purpose of the drum played by the Quan Vien?
    A. To provide the primary musical accompaniment for the female singer.
    B. To criticize any mistakes made by the Kép (Lute Player).
    C. To directly express the audience's artistic judgment or approval of the singer.
    D. To announce the beginning and end of the performance to the audience.
28. Based on the text, why is Ca trù considered "more than just singing"?
    A. Because it requires the performers to dance as well as sing.
    B. Because it is a combination of poetry, strong vocal technique, and a stage show.
    C. Because it is only performed in elegant Singing Houses.
    D. Because the Imperial Court invented the music 500 years ago.

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

29. The museum displayed _____ artifacts, from ancient ceramics to modern paintings. **(VARY)**
30. The artist finally gained international _____ for her unique sculpture series. **(RECOGNIZE)**
31. She _____ spilled coffee all over the report while rushing into the meeting. **(ACCIDENT)**
32. A warm bath and a cup of tea helped to _____ the tension after a long, difficult day. **(SOFT)**
33. It took a great deal of _____ for the young speaker to address the large crowd for the first time. **(ENCOURAGE)**

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34. After the factory closed down, many workers were left _____ and had to search for new jobs. **(EMPLOY)**

VI. Look at the entry of the word 'respect' in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with no more than three words. (0.5 pt)

★ B1 [uncountable, singular] polite behaviour towards or care for somebody/something that you think is important

- **respect for somebody/something** *to show a lack of respect for authority*
- *They have a deep respect for the natural world.*
- *He has no respect for her feelings.*
- *Everyone has a right to be* ***treated with respect****.*
- *A two-minute silence was held as a* ***mark of respect****.*
- **out of respect (for somebody/something)** *Out of respect for my friend, I didn't say anything.*

35. We stayed silent _____ for the grieving family.

36. Bowing before the master is a _____ in their culture.

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. The last time I saw my sister was three years ago.

→ It's .....

38. I hate it when people interrupt me when I'm talking.

→ I can't stand.....

39. You must submit your application before January.

→ You must hand .....

40. Although he can speak Russian fluently, he still has problems with listening.

→ Despite .....

THE END OF THE TEST

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