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KỲ THI TUYỂN SINH VÀO LỚP 10 THPT
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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. clos**ed** B. swallow**ed** C. look**ed** D. gain**ed**

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

A. ic**o**n B. l**o**cate C. volcan**o** D. s**o**ap

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

A. surface B. wander C. spacecraft D. remind

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

A. technology B. expedition C. community D. resilience

5. **Mia**: Why are you carrying that big backpack?
Leo: I _____ my cousins this weekend.

A. visit B. have visited C. am visiting D. will visit

6. **Lily**: I heard you joined the tech club. What are you doing there?
Sam: The instructor is instructing us _____ the use of 3D printing.

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

7. **Emma**: Do we have everything we need for the science project?
Noah: Yes, the school will provide us _____ all the necessary materials.

A. with B. for C. to D. about

8. **Monica**: I can't believe this movie is three hours long.
Tim: Yeah, that's much longer than most audiences are willing to _____.

A. take over B. put up with C. cut back on D. turn out

9. **Leon**: I finally finished that comic you lent me.
Sauna: Oh really? The one _____ you've been absorbed in for the past two days?

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

10. **Elia**: I was really impressed by how the team handled the crisis yesterday.
Lona: True. The manager stayed remarkably _____ the whole time, which kept everyone calm.

A. indifferent B. reluctant C. composed D. skeptical

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11. **Emily**: I don't understand why he's asking about voting rights already.

Lily: Well, he's only 12, and _____ not eligible to vote, no matter how interested he is in politics.

A. therefore B. since C. because D. however

12. **Olea**: You look completely overwhelmed. What happened to your workspace?

Ethanos: I tried reorganizing my documents, but it somehow turned into an enormous _____ of reports and invoices on my desk.

A. number B. packet C. collection D. pile

13. **Helen**: Would you like a glass of green tea?

Tina: _____.

A. No, let's not B. No, thanks

C. No, I wouldn't D. No, I don't

14. **Lena**: _____.

Mark: Honestly, I didn't expect the board to approve the proposal so quickly.

A. What made you so hesitant earlier? B. Why didn't you attend the meeting?

C. How did the discussion turn out? D. Who was responsible for drafting the report?

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 sign warn you about?

A. You need to stay alert to the presence of drones.

B. You must report any flying objects immediately.

C. You are allowed to fly drones freely in this zone.

D. You can request drone delivery at the entrance.



16. What does the sign say?

A. Only native English speakers are allowed to participate.

B. Participants must deliver their speeches in English.

C. The contest is about giving advice on how to study.

D. The event is limited to professional public speakers.

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

Hi Sam,

I've been wanting to write to you for a while, because recently stress has started to affect me more than I expected. At first, I thought it was just a busy week, but then I realized that feeling (17) _____ had slowly become part of my everyday routine. There are always new deadlines, new tasks, and new messages to answer, and it sometimes feels like there's no real (18) _____, even when the day is technically "over."

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What I find interesting is that stress doesn't always appear as something (19) _____. It can be very quiet. Some days I don't feel nervous at all, but I notice that I'm more impatient, easily distracted, or simply too tired to enjoy anything. Even small decisions feel heavier than they should. That's when I know I really need to pause.

I've started to make a few changes. I try to set clearer boundaries, (20) _____ not checking emails late at night and giving myself permission to rest without feeling guilty. Short walks, stretching, and listening to calm music have helped more than I expected. Talking honestly with friends has also been important, because it reminds me that most people are (21) _____ similar pressure, even if they don't (22) _____ it.

How about you? How do you cope when everything feels like too much? I'd really like to hear your strategies, and maybe we can keep each other accountable for taking better care of ourselves.

Take care,

Peny

17. A. overwhelmingly	B. overwhelming	C. overwhelm	D. overwhelmed
18. A. break	B. recess	C. interval	D. space
19. A. natural	B. minor	C. dramatic	D. irrelevant
20. A. or	B. like	C. by	D. with
21. A. drawing on	B. relying on	C. taking off	D. dealing with
22. A. exhibit	B. portray	C. reveal	D. describe

IV. Read the following passage about animal behavior. 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)

Research on animal behavior has increasingly shown that many species possess far deeper emotions and cognitive abilities than previously believed. Instead of simply reacting to stimuli in a mechanical or instinctive way, modern studies suggest that animals have complex inner lives, including thoughts and feelings that in some ways resemble those of humans.

To challenge earlier assumptions, primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall conducted long-term research on free-living chimpanzees in Africa. Her observations revealed that chimpanzees laugh during play, cry when they grieve, and display a wide range of emotions such as joy, sadness, fear, and playfulness. Goodall recorded numerous moments in which chimpanzee mothers comforted their frightened young by holding, embracing, or grooming them. She also documented social interactions among adult chimps that demonstrated empathy and emotional awareness. After conflicts or stressful events, adults often reconciled by sitting close together,

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embracing, or grooming one another. These behaviors show that physical contact and grooming are essential for maintaining stable relationships and preserving harmony within the group.

In contrast, chimpanzees deprived of natural environments and social interaction frequently develop depression and other emotional disorders, many of which are difficult to reverse. As highly intelligent and social animals, they suffer deeply when isolated.

Overall, Jane Goodall's work has emphasized the need to recognize and respect the emotional lives of chimpanzees and other non-human animals. Her research continues to influence studies on animal behavior, support conservation efforts, and shape our ethical responsibilities toward animals.

23. Modern research suggests that many animals have emotional and cognitive capacities that go beyond simple instinctive reactions.

24. Jane Goodall's observations indicate that chimpanzees use physical contact as a way to repair social relationships after conflicts.

25. Chimpanzees living without social interaction often develop long-lasting emotional problems that are difficult to reverse.

26. Goodall concluded that chimpanzees express emotions only when interacting with humans, not with other members of their group.

27. What is the main purpose of mentioning chimpanzee mothers comforting their young?

A. To show that chimpanzees rely mainly on instinctive reactions

B. To illustrate that chimpanzees display nurturing behaviors linked to emotional awareness

C. To argue that chimpanzees behave exactly like human parents

D. To prove that grooming is only used for hygiene

28. What can be inferred about the emotional impact of isolation on chimpanzees?

A. It causes temporary stress that disappears once they adapt

B. It leads to mild behavioral changes but no long-term harm

C. It can result in severe psychological damage that may not be reversible

D. It improves their independence and problem-solving skills

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

29. The sudden silence in the room was followed by loud laughter, adding to her deep sense of _____. **(EMBARRASS)**

30. Before using the device, make sure you read all the _____ carefully to avoid accidents. **(INSTRUCT)**

31. Although I didn't fully agree with his decision, I could still _____ with the pressure he was under. **(SYMPATHY)**

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32. The abandoned kitten looked so _____ that the volunteers immediately took it in. (**HEART**)

33. Unlike robots, which carry out programmed tasks _____ and without pause, animals possess their own thoughts and emotions. (**MACHINE**)

34. The gym has seen a steady increase in _____ since it introduced more flexible pricing options. (**MEMBER**)

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

trust *noun*

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Idioms

1 ★ B2 [uncountable] the belief that somebody/something is good, sincere, honest, etc. and will not try to harm or trick you

- *Our partnership is* ***based on trust****.*
- *This is a relationship* ***built on*** *mutual* ***trust****.*
- *It has taken years to* ***earn their trust****.*
- *We worked hard to gain the trust of local people.*
- *Talking openly with your team helps to* ***build trust****.*
- **trust in somebody/something** *Her trust in him was unfounded.*
- *If you* ***put your trust in*** *me, I will not let you down.*
- *I want to thank all those people who have* ***placed their trust in*** *me.*
- *She will not* ***betray your trust*** (= do something that you have asked her not to do).

35. If someone repeatedly ignores your boundaries, it's only a matter of time before they _____.

36. In situations where information is limited, you often have no choice but to _____ the people who have more experience than you.

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. Mandy didn't try hard to improve her pronunciation.

→ Mandy didn't make .....

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38. She hasn't been back to her hometown for over 10 years.

→ It is .....

39. My sister regrets not attending that meeting.

→ My sister wishes.....

40. John has become fond of jazz these days.

→ John has got.....

THE END OF THE TEST

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