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(Đề thi gồm 10 trang. Thí sinh khoanh (viết) đáp án trực tiếp vào bài thi)

PART II. PHONETICS (10 pts)

Question 1. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others in each group. (5 pts)

1. A. annual	B. eliminate	C. vegetation	D. survey
2. A. fertile	B. critical	C. degree	D. minimum
3. A. ocean	B. cushion	C. illusion	D. patient
4. A. donkey	B. boss	C. women	D. bomb
5. A. performed	B. finished	C. delivered	D. registered

PART IV. READING. (60pts)

Question 2. Read the passage and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. (10 pts)

The expression on your face can usually dramatically alter your feelings and perceptions, and it has been proved that (1) _____smiling or frowning can create corresponding emotional responses. The idea was first (2) _____by a French physiologist, Israel Waynbaum, in 1906. He believed that different facial (3) _____affected the flow of blood to the brain, and that this could create positive or negative feelings. A happy smile or irrepressible (4) _____increased the blood flow and contributed to joyful feelings. But sad, angry expressions decreased the flow of oxygen-carrying blood, and created a vicious (5) _____of gloom and depression by effectively starving the brain of essential fuel.

Psychologist Robert Zajonc rediscovered this early subject, and suggests that the temperature of the brain could affect the production and synthesis of neurotransmitters – which definitely influence our moods and energy levels. He argues that an impaired blood could not only deprive the brain of oxygen, but create further chemical imbalance (6) _____ inhibiting these vital hormonal messages. Zajonc goes on to propose that our brains remember smiling associated with being happy, and that by deliberately smiling through your tears you can (7) _____your brain to release uplifting neurotransmitters – replacing a depression condition (8) _____a happier one. People suffering from psychosomatic (9) _____, depression and anxiety states could (10) _____from simply exercising their zygomatic muscles – which pull the corners of the mouth up and back to form a smile- several times an hour.

1. A. desperately	*B. inattentively*	*C. deliberately*	*D. decidedly*
2. A. put off	*B. put down*	*C. put by*	*D. put forward*

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3. A. aspects	*B. looks*	*C. expressions*	*D. appearances*
4. A. laughter	*B. sadness*	*C. humour*	*D. depression*
5. A. cycle	*B. spiral*	*C. circle*	*D. ring*
6. A. by	*B. without*	*C. when*	*D. from*
7. A. make	*B. persuade*	*C. allow*	*D. decide*
8. A. through	*B. by*	*C. after*	*D. with*
9. A. disease	*B. illness*	*C. infection*	*D. ailment*
10. A. recover	*B. improve*	*C. benefit*	*D. progress*

Question 4. ***You are going to read an article about theme parks in Britain. For questions 1 – 10, choose from the theme parks (A – D). The theme parks may be chosen more than once. (20 pts)***

Of which theme parks are the following stated?

We had no previous experience of places like this.	0	B
Some of the children showed that they were frightened on a certain ride.	1	
The children were all young enough to enjoy it.	2	
It was good that you could find somewhere to rest.	3	
It was more enjoyable than we had expected.	4	
The surroundings are not particularly attractive.	5	
We didn't mind having to wait to go on the rides.	6	
The children wanted to stay longer than we did.	7	
One of the rides seemed to finish quickly.	8	
We were glad that the children couldn't go on a certain ride.	9	
One of the children had a better time than we had expected.	10	

Variations on a Theme

If you're thinking of taking children to a theme park, there are dozens to choose from in Britain. We asked five families to test the best.

A. Fun Island – The Burns family

Last year we went to a huge theme park in the US and we thought that Fun Island might seem dull by comparison. In fact, we were impressed. The park tries hard to cater for younger children, so our three-year-old didn't feel left-out. The kids all loved the Crocodile Ride and the Giant Wheel. There is a special dodgems ride for the very young kids, which was a great success. For older children, there are scarier rides, such as Splash Out, where you end up jumping in a pool! After five hours, Steve and I were ready to call it a day, but the children objected because they were having such fun. Our only criticism would be that the park is slightly lacking in atmosphere, and the scenery leaves something to be desired. But the staff are extremely helpful and we felt it was clean, well-organized and very security-conscious.

B. Wonderland – The McMillan family

None of us had been to a theme park before, so we didn't know what to expect. We thought Oscar might be too young, but he adored it. He was in heaven on a Mountain Train, and particular liked Little Land, with its small replicas of famous buildings that were at his levels! The older children enjoyed the Ferris wheel, and loved driving the toy cars on a proper road layout. We spent six hours there and were glad that there were places where you can put your feet up. The landscaping is perfect and the staff very helpful and friendly. And there's something for everyone, adults included.

C. Adventure World – The Jeffree family

After seven hours we felt there was still a lot to see. The children loved the Big Top Circus, which had a fantastic trapeze act and kept us on the edge of our seats. We went

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on Terror Line and, although the girls were rather scared and kept their eyes shut most of the time, they said they'd enjoyed it. Their favorite ride was Running River, where you think you're going to get soaked, but you don't. for younger children, Toy Land is great fun. The children had a look at the new ride, Fear Factor, but we breathed a sigh of relief when they found that they were too small to go on it! The park is so well designed that even queuing for rides isn't too boring. It's spotless clean and the staff are great. On one ride I couldn't sit with both girls, so a member of staff offered to go with one of them.

D. The Great Park – The Langridge family

We arrived at one o'clock and were disappointed that the park was only open until 5 p.m. This is a super theme park for younger children because the rides aren't too frightening. I'm a real coward but even I enjoyed myself. We all adored Exotic Travels, a boat ride which starts off quite tamely and them becomes terrific fun. We queued for half an hour for Lightning River, and then it was over before we knew it! I wouldn't go on the Big Leap, but if you have the nerve, it looked great. If the children had been a little older, they might have found it a bit tame, but they were all in the right age group and they loved it.

Question 3. (20 pts) Essay writing.

The use of electronic media has a negative effect on personal relationships between people. To what extend do you agree or disagree?

Write an essay of about 250 words to express your opinion.

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THE END

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