

GRADE 8 (PART 2)
REVISION FOR END-OF-TERM TEST

READING

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Brighton is a city in the south of England. It's got a population of about 160,000 and its (1) _____ has made it a popular destination for tourists.

Brighton is 85 kilometres from London. It attracts over 8.5 million visitors annually and is the _____ (2) seaside destination in the UK for overseas tourists.

I like Brighton because it's a friendly place and it's very pretty. There are some really old buildings and it's got some nice parks. For tourists, there are a lot of (3) _____ shopping areas, good restaurants, large cultural, music and arts scene. Brighton is (4) _____ to many independent record labels such as Fat Cat Records and Memorials of Distinction. Brighton has several railway stations, many bus routes, coach services and taxis. In spring and summer, (5) _____ students from all over Europe gather to attend language courses at many language schools here. For me, Brighton is one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

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| 1. A. locating | B. locate | C. location | D. located |
| 2. A. more popular | B. popular | C. most popular | D. much more popular |
| 3. A. interested | B. interest | C. interests | D. interesting |
| 4. A. place | B. home | C. country | D. house |
| 5. A. thousands | B. thousands of | C. thousand | D. a thousand of |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Spring is a time when there are many festivals in our country. Among them, Hoa Ban Festival is the most beautiful and interesting and it _____ (1) in Lai Chau. It is _____ (2) of the cultural life of the Thai people. In the second lunar month of the year, when it gets warmer and hoa ban- a kind of beautiful flower in the northwest mountainous area- blossoms, Hoa Ban Festival is (3) _____. This is a great time for everyone, especially for boys and girls. The boy picks the most beautiful flower and gives it to his girlfriend. This is not only a time for love but also for the Thai people to (4) _____ for good crops and happiness, and express their special thanks to the Gods and ancestors. The festival is always _____ of songs and prayers.

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| 1. A. holds | B. organizes | C. takes place | D. takes part |
| 2. A. typical | B. significant | C. necessary | D. optional |
| 3. A. seen | B. arranged | C. observed | D. celebrated |
| 4. A. ask | B. look | C. pray | D. worship |
| 5. A. crowded | B. joyful | C. proud | D. full |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Today's grandparents are joining their grandchildren on social media, but the different generations' online habits couldn't be more different.

In the UK the over-55s will soon be the site's second biggest user group, following the group of individuals aged 25 to 34 years. . Many old people join Facebook to see what their children and grandchildren are doing as it is a much better way than waiting for letters and photos in the post. “ Ironically, their grandchildren are less likely to use Facebook themselves. Children under 17 in the UK are leaving the site, but they're not going far from their smartphones. Unlike their grandparents' generation, many teenagers are spending so much time on their phones at home that they are missing out on spending time with their friends in real life. Their grandparents, on the other hand, may make contact with old friends from school they haven't heard from for a long time through Facebook. Social networking sites like Facebook have **considerably** changed their social life

Teenagers might thank their parents for their smartphone and social media addiction as their parents were the early adopters of the smartphone. Peter, aged 38 and father of two teenagers, reports that he used to be on his phone or laptop constantly. 'How could I tell my kids to get off their phones if I was always in front of a screen myself? he says. So, in the evenings and at weekends, he takes his SIM card out of his smartphone and puts it into an old-style mobile phone that can only make calls and send text messages. 'I'm not completely cut off from the world in case of emergencies, but the important thing is I'm setting a better example to my kids and spending more quality time with them.'

Is it only a matter of time until the generation above and below Peter catches up with the new trend for a less digital life?

1. What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Digital habits across generations
- B. The second biggest Facebook user group
- C. The similarity in using social networking sites between teenagers and adults
- D. The popularity of Facebook

2. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?

- A. Grandparents typically use Facebook more than their grandchildren.
- B. Their addiction to mobile phones makes teenagers spend less time with friends in real life.
- C. People aged over 55 make up the largest Facebook user group in the UK.
- D. Social media has changed old people's social life.

3. What might be one of the reasons why teenagers are addicted to their smartphones?

- A. The number of outdoor activities for teenagers has decreased
- B. Their parents spend a lot of time on smartphones.
- C. Parents are trying to spend quality time with their children.
- D. They can socialise with friends after school.

4. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Peter has changed how much time he uses his phone during the working day.
- B. Teenagers are the largest Facebook user age group.
- C. Peter is trying to set a good example of using smartphones to his children.
- D. Teenagers are using Facebook more than before.

5. Which word(s) is CLOSEST in meaning to the word “considerably” in paragraph 2?

- A. gradually
- B. suddenly
- C. a little
- D. greatly

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Once upon a time, in the 6th Hung Vuong dynasty, the King wanted to give the crown to one of his sons. He decided that he would organise a competition, and he would give the crown to whoever could find the most delicious and special food.

Each prince searched for an amazing food with the hope that they would become King. Tiet Lieu, the 18th prince, was a very kind person. One day, he dreamed that a god told him how to make some special food to symbolise the earth, the sky, and the parents. Tiet Lieu woke up and made Banh Chung and Banh Day. Banh Chung was square and symbolised the earth. Banh Day was round and symbolised the sky. Banh Chung and Banh Day symbolised the parents, too.

The King had seen and tasted all of the special food, but he thought Banh Chung and Banh Day were the most delicious. He asked Tiet Lieu about the meanings of **them**, and then he decided to give the crown to Tiet Lieu. From that day on, Vietnamese people make Banh Chung and Banh Day on the Tet holiday and on some other occasions.

1. The King in the 6th Hung Vuong dynasty decided to organise a food competition because he wanted to _____.

- A. choose the heir to the throne B. find the most delicious and special food
C. choose the best cook in his country D. train his sons as cooks

2. Each prince searched for an amazing food because he _____.

- A. wanted to satisfy his father's needs B. hoped to be given the crown
C. hoped that he would be helped by a god D. wanted to help his father to choose the heir to the throne

3. The word 'symbolise' in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. display B. show C. represent D. describe

4. The word 'them' in the passage refers to _____.

- A. The King and Tiet Lieu B. The King and his sons
C. Vietnamese people D. Banh Chung and Banh Day

5. The King chose Tiet Lieu as the heir to the throne because _____.

- A. he dreamed that a god told him to give the crown to Tiet Lieu
B. he thought Tiet Lieu's food was more interesting and meaningful
C. the others failed to find any special food that suited their father's taste
D. Vietnamese people chose Tiet Lieu's food for special occasions

WRITING

Mark letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.

Question 1: Joe is more hard-working than his brother.

- A. Joe is not as hard-working as his brother.
B. Joe's brother is not as hard-working as he is.
C. Joe is less hard-working than his brother.
D. Joe's brother is more hard-working than he is.

Question 2: Peter doesn't play basketball as well as he did two years ago.

- A. Two years ago Peter didn't play basketball as well as he does now.
- B. Peter is a better basketball player than he was two year ago.
- C. Two years ago Peter played basketball worse than he does now.
- D. Two years ago Peter played basketball better than he does now.

Question 3. You are not allowed to take photos in the museum.

- A. You don't have to take photos in the museum.
- B. You shouldn't take photos in the museum.
- C. You mustn't take photos in the museum.
- D. You don't need to take photos in the museum.

Question 4. The hotel wasn't very nice; however, we enjoyed our holiday.

- A. Despite being the nice hotel, we didn't enjoy our holiday.
- B. Because the hotel wasn't very nice, we didn't enjoy our holiday.
- C. Even though the hotel was not very nice, we enjoyed our holiday.
- D. Although the hotel was not very nice, but we enjoyed our holiday.

Question 5. You mustn't smoke on the plane in all Vietnam Airlines flights.

- A. It is necessary to not smoke on the plane in all Vietnam Airlines flights.
- B. It is a good idea not smoke on the plane in all Vietnam Airlines flights.
- C. Smoking on the plane in all Vietnam Airlines flights is not allowed.
- D. It is compulsory to smoke on the plane in all Vietnam Airlines flights.

Questions 6. If you don't come here early, you will miss the most important part of the show.

- A. Unless you come here early, you will miss the most important part of the show.
- B. Unless you come here early, you will not miss the most important part of the show.
- C. Come here early, or you won't miss the most important part of the show.
- D. Because you didn't come here early, you missed the most important part of the show.

Question 7. It snowed heavily; however, they continued hiking to the top of the mountain.

- A. Because it snowed heavily, they continued hiking to the top of the mountain.
- B. The heavy snow made it impossible for them to reach the top of the mountain.
- C. They continued hiking to the top of the mountain in spite of being snow heavily
- D. Despite the heavy snow, they continued hiking to the top of the moutain.

Question 8. *Dave was stressed because his parents highly expected his study results.*

- A. Dave was stressed in spite of his parents' high expectation of his study results.
- B Dave was stressed because of his parents' high expectation of his study results.
- C. Dave was stressed because of his parents have high expectation of his study results.
- D. Dave was stressed despite of his parents' high expectation of his study results.

Question 9. *His leg was injured, so he couldn't take part in the race.*

- A. *He couldn't take part in the race because of his leg injured.*
- B. *He couldn't take part in the race because his leg being injured*
- C. *He couldn't take part in the race therefore his leg was injured*

D. He couldn't take part in the race due to his injured leg.

Mark A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best combines the two given sentences

Question 10. Children love Tet because they don't go to school at Tet. They can receive lucky money.

- A. Children love Tet because they don't go to school at Tet; therefore, they can receive lucky money.
- B. Children love Tet because they don't go to school at Tet; moreover, they can receive lucky money.
- C. Although children love Tet because they don't go to school at Tet, they can receive lucky money.
- D. Children love Tet because they don't go to school at Tet; otherwise, they can receive lucky money.

Question 11. Most people book tickets long in advance. They cannot return home for Tet.

- A. Most people must book tickets long in advance; therefore, they cannot return home for Tet.
- B. Most people book tickets long in advance; otherwise, they cannot return home for Tet.
- C. Most people book tickets long in advance, so they cannot return home for Tet.
- D. Most people book tickets long in advance; moreover, they cannot return home for Tet.

Question 12. Tet is considered a holiday. People become even busier than on ordinary days.

- A. Tet is considered a holiday; therefore, people become even busier than on ordinary days.
- B. Because Tet is considered a holiday, people become even busier than on ordinary days.
- C. As Tet is considered a holiday, people become even busier than on ordinary days.
- D. Tet is considered a holiday; nevertheless, people become even busier than on ordinary days.

Question 13. I was very tired after a long trip to Hue. I still went to visit Tay Ho conical hat making village right away.

- A. I was very tired after a long trip to Hue despite I went to visit Tay Ho conical hat making village right away.
- B. Despite I was very tired after a long trip to Hue, I went to visit Tay Ho conical hat making village right away.
- C. I was very tired after a long trip to Hue although I went to visit Tay Ho conical hat making village right away.
- D. Although I was very tired after a long trip to Hue, I went to visit Tay Ho conical hat making village right away.

Mark A, B, C or D to indicate the best sentence that can be written from the given words

Question 14. What/ nice / weather/ today

- A. What a nice weather today is!
- B. What nice weather it is today!
- C. What nice the weather is today!
- D. What nice weather is today!

Question 15. The tortoise/ run/ while/ the hare/ sleep

- A. The tortoise ran while the hare is sleeping.
- B. The tortoise ran while the hare was sleeping.
- C. The tortoise was running while the hare slept.
- D. The tortoise was running while the hare was sleeping

Question 16. As soon as / Snow White/ eat the apple/ she/ fall down.

- A. As soon as Snow White ate the apple, she was falling down.

- B. As soon as Snow White was eating the apple, she falls down.
- C. As soon as Snow White was eating the apple, she fall down.
- D. As soon as Snow White ate the apple, she fell down.

Question 17. When the princess/ wander/ the castle, she / see/ old servant spinning.

- A. When the princess wandered through the castle, she was seeing an old servant spinning.
- B. When the princess was wandering through the castle, she was seeing a old servant spinning.
- C. When the princess was wandered through the castle, she saw an old servant spinning.
- D. When the princess was wandering through the castle, she saw an old servant spinning.

Question 18. Festival / hold/ promote / the Da Lat trademark/ honour / flower growers.

- A. The festival is holding to promote the Da Lat trademark and honour flower growers.
- B. The festival holds to promoting the Da Lat trade mark and honouring flower growers.
- C. The festival is held to promote the Da Lat trade mark and honour flower growers.
- D. The festival holds to promoting the Da Lat trade mark and honouring flower growers.

Question 19. My family/ break with/ tradition /by/ travel to Sapa/ Tet/ last year.

- A. My family breaks with tradition by travelling to Sapa for Tet last year.
- B. My family broke with tradition by travel to Sapa for Tet last year.
- C. My family broke with tradition by travelling to Sapa at Tet last year.
- D. My family broke with tradition by travel to Sapa at Tet last year.

Question 20. What / brave / knight!

- A. What a brave man the knights are!
- B. What brave the knights are!
- C. What brave the knights!
- D. What brave knights!