

GRADE 9 - UNIT 5 – PRACTICE TEST 2

I. PRONUNCIATION

- Question 1.** A. discover B. become C. afford D. comfort (v)
Question 2. A. business B. sciintist C. historian D. research
Question 3. A. encourage B. consider C. imagine D. understand
Question 4. A. astronaut B. explorer C. inventor D. translator

II. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space in each question.

- Question 5.** At first, John hoped to cure headaches with _____ of cola leaves and cola nuts, but later it turned out to be something different because of the accident caused by his assistant.
A. an invention B. a mixture C. an illness D. a design
- Question 6.** Both the bride and bridesmaid's looks should work hand _____ hand to complement each other.
A. in B. with C. for D. to
- Question 7.** Since it began to be manufactured in 1933, George has built easy-to-use, reliable equipment that has _____ the test of time.
A. lain B. sat C. leaned D. stood
- Question 8.** After holding _____ jobs in different states, he settled in Oregon and opened a law office in Portland.
A. variable B. vary C. various D. variant
- Question 9.** The bowl is removable _____ cleaning.
A. for ease of B. for fear of C. in case of D. in terms of
- Question 10.** I have to work at weekends.
A. I wish I hadn't had to work at weekends. B. I wish I didn't have to work at weekends.
C. I wish I hadn't to work at weekends. D. I wish I don't have to work at weekends.
- Question 11.** _____ he ring, I will tell him the news.
A. If B. Unless C. Should D. When
- Question 12.** He devoted himself _____ his public speaking skills.
A. to improving B. to improve C. improving D. improve
- Question 13.** She strode purposefully up to the desk and demanded _____ to the manager.
A. speaking B. to speak C. to speaking D. being spoken
- Question 14.** If the population _____ growing, we will need a bigger place to live.
A. keep B. kept C. keeps D. will keep

III. Look at each sign or notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) that matches its meaning.



Question 15. What does the sign mean?

- A. Falling rocks
B. Flying planets
C. Rolling circles
D. Dropping objects

Question 16. What does the notice say?

- A. The six-week course is cheaper if you also do the one-day class.
B. The one-day class is free for those who book the six-week course.
C. You must pay for the six-week course before you do the one-day class.
D. The one-day class and the six-week course cost \$50 for each.

Special one-day drama class this Saturday.
Price - \$50 per person. Anyone who attends will be able to book our new six-week course at a discount.

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

The explorer Christopher Columbus made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain: in 1492, 1493, 1498 and 1502. He was determined (17) _____ a direct water route west from Europe to Asia, but he never did. (18) _____, he stumbled upon the Americas. Though he did not "discover" the so-called New World, millions of people already lived there. His journeys (19) _____ the beginning of centuries of exploration and colonization of North and South America. During the 15th and 16th centuries, leaders of several European nations sponsored expeditions abroad (20) _____ the hope that explorers would find great wealth and vast undiscovered lands. The Portuguese were the (21) _____ participants in this "Age of Discovery," also known as "Age of Exploration." (22) _____ in about 1420, small Portuguese ships known as caravels zipped along the African coast, carrying spices, gold and other goods as well as enslaved people from Asia and Africa to Europe.

- Question 23.** A. finding B. to find C. founding D. to found
Question 24. A. Therefore B. Also C. Instead D. However
Question 25. A. opened B. widened C. unlocked D. marked
Question 26. A. in B. with C. for D. at
Question 27. A. latest B. soonest C. earliest D. fastest
Question 28. A. Starting B. To starting C. Having started D. Started

V. Read the following and do as directed.

While Earth is only the fifth largest planet in the solar system, it is the only world in our solar system with liquid water on the surface. Just slightly larger than nearby Venus, Earth is the biggest of the four planets closest to the Sun, all of which are made of rock and metal. Earth is the only planet in the solar system whose English name does not come from Greek or Roman mythology. The name was taken from Old English and Germanic. It simply means "the ground." There are, of course, many names for our planet in the thousands of languages spoken by the people of the third planet from the Sun. Earth has a very hospitable temperature and mix of chemicals that have made life abundant here. Most notably, Earth is unique in that most of our planet is covered in liquid water, since the temperature allows liquid water to exist for extended periods of time. Earth's vast oceans provided a convenient place for life to begin about 3.8 billion years ago. Some of the features of our planet that make it great for sustaining life are changing due to the ongoing effects of climate change.

a. Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:

- Question 23.** You can find liquid water on the surface of every planet in the solar system.
Question 24. Earth is the largest planet when compared to the five planets closest to the Sun.
Question 25. The word "Earth" does not derive from the ancient Roman or Greek myths.
Question 26. The Earth is a friendly-weather place.

b. Choose the correct answer to each question:

- Question 27.** What does the name "Earth" simply mean?
A. The solar system B. The ground C. The planet D. The myth
Question 28. According to the passage, what makes planet Earth so unique?
A. Its life began 3.8 billion years ago.
B. There are thousands of languages spoken here.
C. Earth is the only place that combats the effects of climate change.
D. Most of it is covered in liquid water.

VI. Supply the correct form of the word given in each sentence.

- Question 29.** Many of the pupils in this primary school are _____ in Welsh and English. (**LANGUAGE**)
Question 30. An _____ pot would have still less chance of escape if dashed against a wall. (**EARTH**)

Question 31. My ex-boss passed away at the age of 48 after struggling _____ against cancer. **(ENCOURAGE)**

Question 32. Not much on contemporary art but a sprinkling of the new art history proves that _____ are aware of current trends. **(PUBLICATION)**

Question 33. The librarian has _____ every book so that she can check more easily and make sure not to lose books in the library. **(INVENT)**

Question 34. A long flight of stairs made the center _____ to disabled visitors. **(ACCESS)**

VIII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it.

Question 37. I don't go to the cinema so often, because I don't live near it. **(MORE)**

→ Were _____

Question 38. If it rains tomorrow, we won't go to the beach.

→ Unless _____

Question 39. I should have bought you a birthday present.

→ I wish _____

Question 40. If only I had seen you off at the airport.

→ I regret _____