

PRACTICE TEST 1

Time allotted: 90 minutes

I

Choose the word, phrase or sentence that best fits the space in each sentence or best answers the given question. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes on the answer sheet. (3.5 pts)

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. loner B. bother C. common D. comment
2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. arrived B. decided C. enjoyed D. contained
3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. hesitate B. advertise C. aggressive D. gravity
4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. bargain B. exchange C. distract D. surprise
5. **Tony:** I think GPS is one of the most useful inventions in society today.
Lily: Yeah, _____ it weren't for GPS, travelling and navigating would be a lot more difficult.
A. if B. because C. so D. although
6. **Hùng:** When will you finish your degree in environmental studies?
Kevin: I've got one more semester left, so I might be done _____ next autumn.
A. on B. at C. by D. from
7. **Sophia:** I haven't seen your brother since last summer. Has he enrolled on university?
Asher: Yes! He lives _____ campus now and returns to visit us once a month.
A. in B. for C. off D. on
8. **Trang:** You looked annoyed. What's wrong with you?
Lucas: I have just bought this new tablet, and I feel like it was a total _____. I paid way more than I should have.
A. product B. rip-off C. cost D. business
9. **Linda:** What field are you most excited about these days?
Peter: I'm really into AI, _____ is significantly transforming every aspect of our life.
A. who B. where C. which D. whose

10. **Jennie:** Why did the smartphone company give you this latest phone model?
Levy: Because I'm _____ on social media and they hire me to promote it on my page.
 A. popular B. confident C. infamous D. competitive
11. **Jade:** Sometimes I dream of leaving the city and living closer to nature. What about you?
Lena: Sounds great, but I think I'd _____ with the urban life.
 A. put B. stick C. turn D. strike
12. **Mom:** Did you find everything you needed? We should come home before rush hour.
Daughter: Yes! All my snacks are in the shopping card. Let's head to the _____, mom.
 A. checkout B. retailer C. receipt D. bargain
13. **Linda:** I'm afraid my study abroad application will be rejected.
Brandon: _____
 A. I can't help it. B. Don't worry. C. I can imagine. D. Hey, you're right.
14. **Woman:** _____
Elaine: I would say that I'm sociable, patient and hard-working.
 A. What would you say your weaknesses are?
 B. What kind of volunteer work are you looking for?
 C. Why does this job interest you?
 D. What type of person are you?

II

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



15. You see this sign on a bottle. What does the sign say?
 A. This drink is safe for pregnant women to use.
 B. Women don't need to avoid using this drink during pregnancy.
 C. This drink is harmful to pregnant women's health.
 D. Pregnant women are allowed to use this drink.



16. What does the sign say?
 A. The room displays clothes, accessories and mannequins for people to buy.
 B. People can ask questions and request assistance here.
 C. This room is for people to complete their purchases.
 D. People can try on clothes here before deciding to buy them.

III

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage from a report on the role of the Internet in education. (1.5 pts)

The role of the Internet in education has significantly (17) _____ over the past decade. Students can now download educational materials, attend online classes and participate (18) _____ local and global discussions. Social media has also become an important tool for connecting them with peers and instructors fast and effectively when on group projects. In the past, students had to (19) _____ mainly on resources in libraries, but now they know how to stream lectures easily and access information at any time. Online platforms have improved learning by offering (20) _____ access to a wide (21) _____ of content. Many students have already benefited from these advances, as they have used the Internet to make (22) _____ for presentations in class and complete assignments more efficiently. As a result, education has become more flexible and accessible than ever before.

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| 17. A. reduced | B. damaged | C. increased | D. bothered |
| 18. A. in | B. on | C. of | D. about |
| 19. A. belong | B. rely | C. follow | D. reset |
| 20. A. slow | B. instant | C. remote | D. unusual |
| 21. A. little | B. plenty | C. range | D. number |
| 22. A. inventions | B. traditions | C. decisions | D. preparations |

IV

Read the following fact file on life in Thailand. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False, and choose the correct answers to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

LIFE IN THAILAND - THEN AND NOW

Family life in Thailand has changed significantly over the years. In the past, families were often large with several generations, close bonds and strong ties of support. Children usually lived with their parents even until they had a job. Members in these extended families relied on each other for emotional and financial support, and the importance of family unity was valued above all. Life was simpler, and many people focused on providing the necessities of life, while luxuries were rare. The community played an essential role in daily life, and families depended on each other to get around, share resources and face challenges together.

In recent years, as urbanisation has increased, it has become more common for young people to move away for work or education, which has led to more independent lifestyles. This shift has made family ties more fragile, and it is rare for children to live

with their parents once they are adults. Modern families now invest in improving their living conditions, prioritising comfort and material goods. Plus, luxuries such as cars and electronics are more accessible. Over time, the government has also worked hard to improve families' access to education and healthcare.

23. Today, Thai families used to be smaller, with fewer generations living together.
24. Emotional and financial support was shared among members of these extended families.
25. People in the past preferred comforts and luxuries to necessities.
26. Modern families focus on better living conditions, choosing comfort and material things.
27. According to the fact file, with more urbanisation, young people often move away for work or study, resulting in _____.
- A. valuing the importance of family unity B. stronger family ties
C. the popularity of adult children living with their parents D. more independent lifestyles
28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the fact file EXCEPT _____
- A. Children often stayed with their parents until they found a job. B. The community was a vital part of daily life.
C. The government has worked to improve families' access to tourism. D. Luxuries like cars and electronics are easier to obtain.

V

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

29. With a wide range of _____ clothes stores in this city, customers have a lot of choices to purchase affordable outfits. (compete)
30. Many buyers now avoid using _____ plastic bags when going shopping, contributing to reducing plastic pollution. (dispose)
31. Living near big rivers _____ many wild animals to cool down and hydrate so that they can travel long distances in search of food. (able)
32. We can sign up for the drama club, or _____, we can try joining the sports club. (alternative)
33. Proper _____ and going on a healthy diet might help lower the risk of heart-related problems. (relax)
34. Social media _____ can increase the popularity of technology products by showcasing them to their large audiences. (influence)

VI

Look at the entry of the word 'alternative' in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with two or three words. (0.5 pt)

alternative /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətv/ *noun*

One of the available possibilities

This laptop is so outdated, so we need to find a better alternative.

offer an alternative *This educational app offers an alternative to learn in a more fun way.*

as an alternative to something *Nowadays, more and more people prefer to use cloth bags to carry things as an alternative to plastic containers.*

viable alternative *In extreme weather events, there is no viable alternative to staying indoors for safety.*

35. _____ to tight clothing, this brand offers comfortable outfits that cover the body well.
36. Advancements in technology have made robotic assistants _____ for manual tasks.

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. Despite winning the swimming competition, Mathew didn't celebrate much.

➞ Even though _____

38. Passing the driving test was easy for them.

➞ They found _____

39. My uncle last wrote to me when he was in Amsterdam.

➞ My uncle hasn't _____

40. We were so late that we couldn't see our father off at the airport.

➞ We weren't _____

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
	alternative	alternative	alternatively
attend	attention/attendant/ attentiveness/ inattentiveness	attentive/inattentive	attentively/ inattentively
compete	competition/competitor	competitive	competitively
dispose	disposal/disposability	disposable	
enable	ability	able/unable	
influence	influence/influencer	influential	influentially
	luxury	luxurious	luxuriously
popularise	popularity/unpopularity	popular/unpopular	popularly
relax	relaxation	relaxed/relaxing	
value	value/valuation	valuable/invaluable/ valueless/valued	valuably/invaluably
PHRASAL VERBS			
cool down	He sat under a tree to cool down after a long walk.		
get back	Before you leave, make sure you get back any forgotten items.		
rely on	If you travel to Tokyo, you'll likely rely on the underground to get around quickly.		
stick with	Despite my sickness, I tried to stick with the project until completion.		