

# PRACTICE TEST 17

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. honest      B. stone      C. homeless      D. comb
2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?  
A. atatched      B. finished      C. achieved      D. produced
3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?  
A. receptor      B. reference      C. receiver      D. reaction
4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?  
A. report      B. ticket      C. sandwich      D. outdoor
5. **Hoàng:** Our town was constructing a new supermarket at this time last summer.  
**Rosie:** I remember! The noise was terrible \_\_\_\_\_ they were building it.  
A. while      B. as soon as      C. although      D. so that
6. **Violet:** What does your sister usually eat \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime?  
**Arthur:** She likes to eat something healthy, like a salad or a sandwich.  
A. on      B. at      C. in      D. from
7. **Alexander:** What do you usually do to pass the time \_\_\_\_\_ the train?  
**Benjamin:** I often listen to podcasts or just scroll through my phone.  
A. for      B. on      C. in      D. at
8. **Daniel:** I'm really interested in the advancements in space \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ethan:** Yes, it's amazing how advanced technology is supporting missions to Mars and beyond.  
A. alternative      B. exploration      C. acceleration      D. resistance
9. **Harvey:** I love my science teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ lesson is interesting and informative.  
**Hudson:** That's awesome! It's great to have a teacher who makes the subject enjoyable.  
A. which      B. who      C. that      D. whose
10. **Robyn:** I've been pushing myself to train harder for the next marathon.  
**Harry:** Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ down and listen to your body to avoid injury!  
A. speed      B. work      C. turn      D. slow

11. **Sara:** I think it's essential for the government to \_\_\_\_\_ in infrastructure.  
**Noah:** Yes, it can help improve transportation and boost the economy.  
A. rely      B. lead      C. invest      D. result

12. **Arthur:** What's your favorite subject in school?  
**Violet:** I have a \_\_\_\_\_ for geography. I love learning about different countries in the world.  
A. document      B. problem      C. passion      D. study

13. **Olivia:** Why don't we try that new escape room in town?  
**Albert:** \_\_\_\_\_  
A. I love that idea.      B. That's not right.  
C. It doesn't matter.      D. I'm not sure I understand.

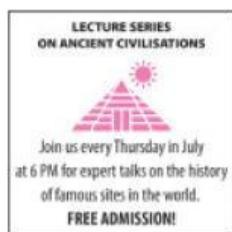
14. **Bobby:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sonny:** I'd rather not. I prefer a quiet life and smaller towns.  
A. Would you like to move to live in a bustling city?  
B. Are you going to travel around the town this weekend?  
C. Do you enjoy living in the countryside?  
D. What do you think about the city life?

**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 carton. What does the sign say?  
A. This milk is for children who may not like plain milk.  
B. This milk contains five different vitamins.  
C. The milk provides essential nutrients for children under 5.  
D. Children at the age of 5 can drink this milk.



16. What does the sign say?  
A. Each lecture will feature experts discussing some famous natural world heritage sites.  
B. The series will be held every Thursday at 6 a.m. in July.  
C. People are invited to attend a series of lectures about modern architectures.  
D. The talks are open to the public and free of charge.

### III

**Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following guide to collecting things as a hobby. (1.5 pts)**

If you're thinking about starting a collection, make (17) \_\_\_\_\_ your mind about what interests you the most and remember these tips:

- Collections can range from astonishing items like rare coins to bizarre objects that (18) \_\_\_\_\_ curiosity. Don't limit yourself to ordinary things – sometimes the most unexpected items make the best collections.
- As a chronicler of your collection, document (19) \_\_\_\_\_ piece, sharing the story behind it. You'll soon find that what once seemed (20) \_\_\_\_\_ can become valuable with time.
- Start small and try to avoid rushing into a collection. (21) \_\_\_\_\_ it slow and enjoy the process. Your collection can grow into a remarkable, rewarding hobby that brings (22) \_\_\_\_\_ and curiosity.

Quite simple, isn't it? Keep an open mind, and you'll discover a world full of exciting and valuable things!

17. A. up	B. on	C. into	D. from
18. A. tease	B. lead	C. spark	D. wake
19. A. other	B. some	C. each	D. many
20. A. remarkable	B. tough	C. empty	D. worthless
21. A. Turn	B. Take	C. Time	D. Tell
22. A. sadness	B. disappointment	C. joy	D. variety

### IV

**Read the following two brochures of the historic sites in Hồ Chí Minh City. 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)**

#### **The War Remnants Museum**

The War Remnants Museum, established in 1975, displays over 20,000 documents, artifacts, historical facts, and images depicting the hardships and crimes of the Resistance War against America. Its distinctive exhibits include the famous "Napalm Girl" photo and stories of the devastating war. Visitors will find galleries with newspaper clippings, personal stories and war machinery like tanks, helicopters, etc. Outside, a reconstructed "Tiger Cage" showcases the brutal conditions of Côn Đảo Prison.

**Address:** 28 Võ Văn Tần Street, Võ Thị Sáu Ward, District 3

**Opening hours:** 7:30 – 17:30

**Tickets:** Adults: 40,000 VND/person      • **Children under 6 years old:** Free admission

#### **The Independence Palace**

The Independence Palace is a historic site symbolising Vietnam's reunification, featuring well-preserved interior rooms, information boards, and photos that reflect a former period in history. Visitors can explore everything from the president's private chambers and basement bunker to the rooftop and stunning surrounding gardens. Today, it remains a popular attraction in Hồ Chí Minh City and is still used for government meetings and receptions.

**Address:** 135 Nam Kỳ Khởi Nghĩa Street, Bến Thành Ward, District 1

**Opening hours:** 8:00 – 15:30

**Tickets:** • **Adults:** 65,000 VND/person • **Children:** 15,000 VND/person  
• **Students:** 45,000 VND/person (student ID required)

23. Established in 1975, the War Remnants Museum displays documents, artifacts, and photos of the war's hardships.

24. Inside the War Remnants Museum, a rebuilt "Tiger Cage" displays the harsh conditions of Côn Đảo Prison.

25. Visitors can visit the War Remnants Museum and the Independence Palace at 4 p.m.

26. When visiting the Independence Palace, children of all ages can enter without paying any fee.

27. Besides being a popular destination in Hồ Chí Minh City, the Independence Palace \_\_\_\_\_.

A. stores more than 20,000 historical facts

B. consists of galleries with newspaper clippings, personal stories and war machinery

C. offers the entrance fee for adults which is 40,000 VND

D. is used for hosting government meetings and receptions

28. All of the following statements are mentioned in the brochure EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The Independence Palace allows visitors to see the private chambers, bunker, rooftop and scenic gardens.

B. The most significant moment in the palace's history took place on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975.

C. Both historic sites are located in the central districts of Hồ Chí Minh City.

D. The "Napalm Girl" photo and stories about the destructive war are among the distinctive displays in the palace.

## V

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

29. It's \_\_\_\_\_ for a mountaineer to go hiking in extreme weather. (risk)  
They might encounter an avalanche or a landslide.

30. My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ about his chance of getting a well-paid job after graduation. (optimism)

31. After years of searching, the long-lost treasure of the forgotten kingdom was finally \_\_\_\_\_ by the explorers. (earth)

32. Since we had rehearsed that play for weeks, they \_\_\_\_\_ stepped onto the stage to perform it. (confidence)

33. Noah took \_\_\_\_\_ for the introduction part of his group presentation. (responsible)

34. Nam is considered the \_\_\_\_\_ son who never rebels against his parents. (conform)

**VI**

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

**reduction** /rɪ'dʌkʃn/ */noun*

A decrease in size, price, or amount, or the act of making something smaller

*Automation and robots have led to the reduction of jobs in factories.*

**result in reductions**

*Choosing sustainable materials may result in cost reductions, driving companies to adopt green practices.*

**significant/  
substantial reduction**

*Investments in education and training aim to achieve a substantial reduction in unemployment.*

**further reductions**

*New regulations aim for further reductions in single-use plastic packaging in restaurants and cafes.*

35. Increasing fuel prices can \_\_\_\_\_ in the demand for private vehicles among budget-conscious consumers.

36. To combat climate change, we need to implement \_\_\_\_\_ in our reliance on non-renewable resources.

**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. It's her responsibility to pick up groceries for the family each week.

⌚ She is \_\_\_\_\_

38. "Are you looking for this geography book?" I asked Phong.

⌚ I asked Phong \_\_\_\_\_

39. I last saw Liam over three years ago.

⌚ I haven't \_\_\_\_\_

40. Mateo couldn't eat the pancake because it was very cold and soggy.

⌚ The pancake was so \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
confide	confidence/ confidentiality/ confidant	confident/confidential	confidently/ confidentially
conform	conformity/ conformist	conformist	
	distinction/ distinctiveness	distinct/indistinct/ distinctive	distinctly/ indistinctly/ distinctively
invest	investment/ investor	investible	
	passion	passionate/ dispassionate/ impassioned	passionately/ dispassionately
	optimist/optimism	optimistic	optimistically
	responsibility/ irresponsibility	responsible/ irresponsible	responsibly/ irresponsibly
reduce	reduction	reduced	
	risk/riskiness	risky	riskily
unearth	earth/earthiness	earthy/earthly/ unearthly/earthen	earthwards

### PHRASAL VERBS

end up	Electronic products often end up in trash instead of being reused.
invest in	By choosing to pursue higher studies, Teddy decided to invest in his education.
look for	After the tornado, we started to look for our dog around the neighborhood.
make for	The quiet countryside makes for an ideal destination to relax.