

MINI-TEST 1**I. WORD CHOICE (10 pts)****Choose the best options to complete the following sentences.**

1. I found the last scene extremely and particularly well-directed.
A. pathetic B. sympathetic C. pitiful D. moving
2. In fact the criminal was from the country before extradition proceedings could be started.
A. interned B. exported C. deported D. barred
3. Even the other convicts considered it a crime.
A. guilty B. hard-bitten C. heinous D. hell-bent
4. that he passes all his exams first time, he'll be qualified in under four years.
A. considering B. assuming C. hoping D. speculating
5. Thousands of circuits can be onto one microchip.
A. crammed B. crushed C. cranked D. crunched
6. The against the baby being deformed are about 1,000 in 1.
A. possibilities B. figures C. opportunities D. odds
7. Although the patient received intensive treatment, there was no improvement in her condition.
A. decipherable B. legible C. discernible D. intelligible
8. The plan received support although none of the committee spoke openly in its favour.
A. tacit B. mute C. silent D. quiet
9. It is possible that an emotional condition can trigger a physical reaction.
A. supersede B. enhance C. diminish D. cause
10. People in this village have got an appetite for news
A. inexorable B. inevitable C. insatiable D. inedible.

II. STRUCTURES AND GRAMMAR (10 pts)**Choose the best option A, B, C or D.**

1. As in Greek and Roman mythology, harpies were frightful monsters that were half woman and half bird.
A. described B. to describe C. description D. describing
2. My arm hurt so much I felt sure I it.
A. should have broken B. must have broken C. might have broken D. ought to have broken
3. John has just bought coffee table.
A. an impressive reddish French wood B. a reddish impressive wood French
C. an impressive French wood reddish D. an impressive wood French reddish
4. How to convince him to come to the exhibition last week?
A. could you B. were you able C. can you D. are you able
5. In 1870,, John D. Rockefeller and others created the Standard Oil Company.
A. that oil prices fluctuated B. despite fluctuating oil prices
C. but the oil prices fluctuated D. oil prices were fluctuating
6. One can't help compassion for the people who lost their homes in the earthquake.
A. to feel B. but feel C. from feeling D. in feeling
7. At the same moment, we both realized what was happening.
A. quite B. seem C. very D. absolutely

8. It is mandatory that smoking in public
 A. prohibited B. prohibit C. be prohibited D. is prohibited

9. It sounds like you let people take advantage of you, you need to learn to be more assertive.
 A. Otherwise B. If only C. What if D. If so

10. The bandages will be taken off a few days after the operation, we will be able to judge how effective the treatment has been.
 A. at which point B. by which point C. during which time D. in which case

III. PREPOSITIONS AND PHRASAL VERBS (10 pts)

Choose the best option.

1. Junior hospital doctors are thrown at the deep end in their first jobs.
 A. in B. away C. to D. with

2. He all his savings on that venture which fortunately succeeded.
 A. went on B. put on C. laid out D. took on

3. The lecture hall gradually emptied as Professor Jackson..... on
 A. kept B. passed C. rambled D. touched

4. The peach pile was so delicious that we the whole thing.
 A. polished off B. coughed up C. wound up D. sponged off

5. I am not sure my brother will ever get married because he hates the feeling of being.....
 A. tied up B. tied in C. tied in with D. tied down

6. Even old Henry Spalding, who has returned to Wellington in the spring, added his signature good measure.
 A. to B. into C. under D. for

7. Paloma will have to her antiques, because she needs the money.
 A. part with B. take out C. move on D. clean up

8. The party rather well. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.
 A. went off B. came forward C. folded up D. got over

9. Don't take your bad friends any more or you'll regret it!
 A. up with B. in for C. down at D. for

10. This area is absolutely for more investment.
 A. crying out B. breaking down C. better off D. cutting back

IV. COLLOCATIONS AND IDIOMS (10 pts)

Choose the best option.

1. To all intents and....., the matter has been settled.
 A. purposes B. reasons C. statements D. proposals

2. Unfortunately it all to whether we can afford it.
 A. boils down B. reduces C. sums up D. rings up

3. He is a clever mimic who can take most of the lecturers in his college.
 A. off B. down C. over D. up

4. We put his manner ignorance of our British customs.
 A. off at B. up with C. up to D. down to

5. This is an exception the general rule.
 A. with B. on C. for D. to

6. He came after we threw cold water on his face.

A. across	B. in	C. on	D. down
7. Grandfather must be tired. He's nodding in his chair.			
A. away	B. of	C. over	D. off
8. Your application will be kept			
A. in	B. on	C. for	D. over
9. When I asked Jean, she hinted the chance of promotion for me.			
A. to	B. about	C. at	D. for
10. His salary was not adequate his need.			
A. with	B. on	C. for	D. of

V. OPEN CLOZE TEST (20 pts)

Fill in each of the numbered blanks with ONE suitable word.

OPEN CLOZE TEST 1 (10 PTS)

We all know that life on earth can be depressing at times, but if it's really (1).....you down, why not think about the possibility of moving to a different environment. It's assumed that by the year 2050 technological solutions will enable people to settle on other planets with a perfect potential of generating their own energy out of local (2)..... However, there are plenty of (3)..... to overcome until the first successful settlement on Mars, for example, is viable. Outer space is known to be a hostile environment with no oxygen to breathe and extremely low temperatures approaching absolute zero. The solar and cosmic (4).....can also prove to be lethal for fragile earthly organisms.

Although we take our elementary life support system for (5)..... here on earth, there is no saying what might happen if we set out on a trek in space without the protection of the earthly atmosphere. Happily, the contemporary space (6)..... have been thoroughly planned to defend our astronauts against the immensely adverse (7)..... of the inhospitable surroundings of space. Therefore, they are located in hermetic and sealed cabins with a fresh (8)..... of air and conditions simulating those on earth.

The first step towards (9)..... colonization is still to be made. The (10)..... are that the pioneers will only be provided with the most necessary equipment and that their advancement will be carefully examined by the experts in a variety of fields including astronomy, medicine, physics and biology.

OPEN CLOZE TEST 2 (10 pts)

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System may be defined as (1)..... of all those objects that are governed by the Sun's gravitational field. Other effects arising (2)..... the proximity of the Sun could equally (3)..... be used as criteria, such as radiation pressure or interaction with the solar wind. (4)..... any of these definitions the Solar System extends (5)..... to a distance of about two light-years; the closest star, Proxima Centauri, (6)..... lying at a distance of slightly more than four light-years. Our knowledge of this region of space certainly does not reach as far as this, (7)....., because the most distant Solar-System objects that we know about, the comets, seem to originate at a distance of (8)..... more than 50,000 astronomical units, or less than a third of the total distance. (9)..... for the other Solar-System bodies known to us, they lie at distances of less than a few hundred AU. Our study is therefore confined (10)..... what is primarily the central region of the Solar System.

VI. WORD FORMS (20 pts)

1. Supply the correct word form (10 pts)

1. After a difficult _____, Michael went on to be a successful lawyer. **BRING**
2. Everyone thinks Ben is a weatherman, but he's actually a _____ which is far more advanced. **CLIMATE**
3. After 2012, the base shifted the event to a(n) _____ schedule, but budget cuts forced it to cancel the 2014 show. **ANNUAL**
4. The best way to solve this dispute is to find a neutral, _____ third party and follow his or her suggestions. **INTEREST**
5. You have been _____ important to the success of this company. I don't know what I would have done without you. **MEASURE**
6. His performance in the match today _____ his reputation as a great player. **LIE**
7. The _____ of any manned mission to the planets will be increased if a secure fuel supply can be found beforehand. **SURVIVAL**
8. His behaviour in his father's presence caused his _____ and his sister ended up inheriting the whole family fortune. **INHERIT**
9. Most of the engine's problems are due to _____. The car has been parked here for nearly a year. **USE**
10. The rocks appear to be stationary but in the high winds that whip across this desert landscape, they are in reality moving _____. **PERCEIVE**

2. Supply each gap with the correct form of the word given in the box (10 pts)

SIR CLIVE SINCLAIR

Born in 1940, UK businessman Sir Clive Sinclair has an (1. ENDURE) _____ place in the minds of British people for two reasons. First, he was the man who (2. REVOLT) _____ home computing with the ZX series of computers, and secondly, he was the man whose (3. ALTER) _____ to the car, the C5, failed spectacularly to capture the public imagination.

Sinclair's products, the ZX81 and its successful (4. PLACE) _____, the ZX Spectrum, were small, affordable computers that sold in huge numbers in the early 1980s. Despite limited (5. CAPABLE) _____, they allowed people to play computer games in their own home for the first time, and even introduced people to the word (6. PROCESS) _____.

The C5, a one-person vehicle that ran on (7. ELECTRIC) _____, was produced in 1984 and was Sinclair's attempt to (8. MODERN) _____ transport. However, it was (9. PERSIST) criticized in the press for being unsafe and impractical in the British climate and production of the C5 was (10. CONTINUE) _____ in August, 1985.

MINI-TEST 2

B. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the best option to complete the following sentences

1. The government needs to _____ businesses that have been trying to evade the tax.
A. put the screws on B. get into gear C. put one over on D. wipe off the map
2. Being a _____ entrepreneur, you will have to make a special effort for people to take you seriously.
A. successful B. budding C. blossoming D. flowering
3. My mother decided to _____ early yesterday while I stayed up to watch Korean movies.

A. doze off B. let up C. get off D. turn in
4. What I like about this amusement park is that there is _____ parking space right outside it.
B. copious B. ample C. expanded D. manifold
5. Last weekend, _____ nothing to watch on TV, we played chess together.
A. there being B. there having C. having had D. being
6. The major political party is _____ the campaign for tighter gun controls in the wake of last month's shooting.
A. procuring B. solidifying C. spearheading D. fulfilling
7. Scientists warn that global warming will soon go beyond _____.
A. the U-turn B. the firing line C. the red line D. the point of no return
8. The prime minister tried to _____ the country's deep-seated problem for fear of being criticized.
A. blot out B. stow away C. paper over D. salt away
9. I'd sooner you _____ a noise last night; I couldn't get to sleep.
A. wouldn't make B. didn't make C. haven't made D. hadn't made
10. On 6th August 1945, an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, killing thousands of citizens and almost _____ the city.
A. overthrowing B. annulling C. eradicating D. annihilating
11. After living one month in New York, I finally _____.
A. get into the swing of things B. get in on the ground floor
C. get a grip on myself D. get ahead of myself
12. The students, _____ are graduating this year, are as thick as thieves.
A. of whom five B. five of whom C. whose five D. A and B are correct
13. The community should take the doctor's advice into consideration since he's in _____ earnest about the epidemic.
A. mortally B. fatally C. deadly D. gravely
14. His fight to _____ four black men of the rape of a seventeen year old white girl two years ago partially inspired the group to protest.
A. exculpate B. exonerate C. bereave D. misappropriate
15. When the cost was _____ the advantages, the scheme looked perfect.
A. set against B. pit against C. counted against D. weighed up against
16. Lionel Messi was _____ over his team's victory against Brazil.
A. delighted B. ecstatic C. jubilant D. blissful
17. That old building hasn't been used for nearly four decades, hence it looks so _____.
A. decrepit B. battered C. glitchy D. derelict
18. When the long holiday ends, we will go _____.
A. back on our feet B. back to square one C. back to the salt mines D. on the back burner
19. On his desk _____, which he usually sits in front of and looks at.
A. stood the picture of us B. the picture of us stands
C. standing the picture of us D. stands the picture of us
20. After getting a 7.5 score in IELTS, Ha hardly makes significant progress but she is _____ nicely.
A. propping up B. ticking over C. wading through D. forging ahead

B. WORD FORM

I. Use the correct form of the word given to fill in each blank

22. Like his famous _____, young Washington had a brave, adventurous spirit. (NAME)
26. She has a softly _____ voice that would melt anyone listening to her singing. (FLUENT)
27. The history of the territory is _____ illustrated in the book. (PICTURE)
28. Don't you think she is _____? She always looks good in her photographs. (PHOTO)
29. Hardly a day goes by without Tim being _____ of eating sweets. (DESIRE)

II. Put the words given in the correct blanks. You have to use their correct forms to make a meaningful passage

26. _____ (clean) efforts were under way in Henan province and the capital city Zhengzhou on Thursday, after a 27. _____ (record) rain storm flooded the city's streets and subway, damaged dams and reservoirs, collapsed roads, cut power to at least one hospital and was linked to a massive explosion at a factory in Dengfeng city. Authorities said 200,000 people were 28. _____ (place) by the floods and more than three million people were affected. Thousands of rescuers were sent in to assist northern Henan, where dozens of counties were hit by flooding on Wednesday night and Thursday, with reports of overflowing reservoirs, 29. _____ (merge) roads, and cars and trucks being washed away. The Henan disaster has prompted public scrutiny over the preparedness of authorities, in particular the 30. _____ (appear) inaccurate weather forecasts and the confusing disaster alert system. Many also questioned the decision to keep the subway operating throughout the deluge.

(Adapted from the Guardian)

C. OPEN CLOZE

Fill in the each blank one suitable word.

THE CHANGING FACE OF WORKING LIFE

The accepted concept of a career 31. _____ followed a similar pattern for decades. After completing their education, people would enter the adult world of work, 32. _____ down on to a job which they would likely remain from that point 33. _____. Not only would this occupation provide their income for their entire working life, it would also allow them a healthy pension when they retired and moved into 34. _____ age. Over the past twenty years, 35. _____, the relationship between a wage earner and their chosen profession has changed enormously. Today, the idea of a 'job-for-life' has all 36. _____ disappeared, to be replaced by an unforgiving world of unstable employment. Some observers even argue that current society to pit old 37. _____ young in a constant battle to find work of some description, all against a 38. _____ of increasing debt and economic difficulties.

At the same time, the government regularly releases figures that suggest the economy is prospering, evidencing this claim with the fact that the unemployment rate continues to fall annually. There are indeed more jobs available. However, a huge number of these are casual, temporary or short-term positions, all of 39. _____ are low-paid and create little in the way of tax income for the government. This has a number of debilitating long-term effects, not 40. _____ because this assurance of a growing economy is based more in myth than fact.

(Adapted from Mindset for IELTS)

MINI-TEST 3

B. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the best option to complete the following sentences

1. All the jobs are on the _____ so we should stick together and try to do something to stop the closure.
A. line B. house C. market D. dot

2. Her close personal friends never _____ in their belief in her; whatever was written in the press.
A. derided B. taunted C. faltered D. reneged

3. His application was _____ because he didn't have necessary qualifications for the job.
A. turned off B. turned down C. sent off D. thrown down

4. For many young people, driving cars at high speed seems to _____ a rather fatal fascination.
A. reserve B. wield C. weave D. hold

5. Lose this important match; _____.
A. or you will have been sacked B. you will be fired
C. so you will be sacked immediately D. and you will be fired right away

6. The president was eventually _____ by a military coup.
A. disbarred B. supplanted C. deposed D. subverted

7. Poor Mary, all her colleagues teased her; she was the _____ of all their jokes.
A. hubbub B. butt C. bulk D. brunt

8. The firefighters fought the blaze while the crowd _____.
A. walked out B. kicked back C. sit about D. looked on

9. We do not have a secretary _____, but we do have a student who comes in to do a bit of filing.
A. as such B. the least bit C. whatsoever D. little more

10. Derek had no experience of white-water canoeing, so it was extremely _____ of him to try and shoot the rapids.
A. treacherous B. intrepid C. perilous D. foolhardy

11. The road is packed with vehicles! That's _____ at rush hour.
A. a going concern B. a hue and cry C. part and parcel D. par for the course

12. He wanted to know whose car I had borrowed _____.
A. yesterday evening B. the last evening C. last night D. the previous night

13. Minister of Interior has recently disclosed why the nation's passport administration was still _____ with fraud, racketeering and delay.
A. thick B. fraught C. imbued D. brimming

14. When a show is popular, everyone is content but if its popularity _____. It is likely to be scrapped.
A. subsides B. dims C. fades D. weakens

15. As we were in an urgent need of syringes and other medical equipment, the aid organisation promised to deliver them _____. the double.
A. in B. at C. with D. over

16. Artists have been _____ by people who stream music without paying.
A. short-dated B. short-changed C. short-circuited D. short-handed

17. People could donate money to non-governmental organisations that feed Palestinians or channel it as medical aid to people who have suffered from the _____ of war.
A. blows B. hardships C. calamities D. adversities

18. You will have to learn to face up to a few _____, my boy, before it's too late.
A. home truths B. odd jobs C. second thoughts D. kid gloves

19. Owning and living in a freestanding house is still a goal of young adults, _____ earlier generations.

B. WORD FORM

I. Use the correct form of the words given to fill in each blank.

22. The sun and moon are often _____ in poetry. (PERSON)
26. They won the case because of the _____ in court of the defendant. (APPEAR)
27. That GE is developing _____ technology aimed at making 97.5% of the world's water drinkable is just among many other innovations that can change our life for the better. (SALT)
28. Darwinism is sort of a _____ which sets up the coming great deception in the past 100 years. (PIN)
29. Her unconscious looks wander to her husband with _____ dependency. (INFANT)

II. Use the correct form of the words given to make a meaningful passage

The internet represents the biggest explosion of data in human history. The information 26 _____ (system) is a bit like a tropical rainforest: luxuriant, dense and fiercely competitive. As such, it contains its fair share of predators and poisonous plants. Deliberately misleading articles, websites and social media posts can come about for lots of different reasons: they might be trying to influence elections or policies; they might represent a form of cyber warfare between states; they might be aimed at raising someone's profile and influence, or 27 _____ (credit) their opponents. Or they might simply be about making money, relying on the attention-grabbing nature of outrageous lies to generate ad revenue. They noted 28 _____ (propagate) tends to use abstract 29 _____ (general) like "truth" and "freedom", and intriguingly showed that use of the second-person pronoun "you" was closely linked to fake news. For me there's an interesting correspondence with certain kinds of political rhetoric here. The language of 30 _____ (fake), with its powerful subjective statements and focus on anxiety, has something in common with that used by populist leaders. Their style, which often involves "adversarial, emotional, patriotic and abrasive speech" should put us on our guard too.

C. OPEN CLOZE

Fill in each blank one suitable word.

Until the nineteenth century, the ownership of land was the only certain basis of power in England. It is true that both power and money 31 _____ be acquired by 32 _____ means: by trade, by commerce, by fighting, by useful services to the government or by personal service to the king and queen. But wealth unsupported by power was 33 _____ to be plundered, power based only on personal abilities was at the mercy of time and future, and the power to be 34 _____ through trade or commerce was limited. Before the nineteenth century 35 _____ wealth of England lay in the countryside as opposed to the towns; landowners 36 _____ than merchants were the dominating 37 _____ and ran the country so that their own interests were the last to suffer. Even 38 _____ the economic balance began to change, they were so thoroughly in 39 _____ of administration and legislation, that their political and social supremacy continued. As a rule, from the Middle Ages until the nineteenth century, anyone who had made money by whatever means, and was ambitious for 40 _____ and his family, automatically invested in a country estate.