

7NC2 PRACTICE TEST

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I. You will hear a conversation in a Gym between a customer and a receptionist. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer. Write your answers in the space provided. (1 point)

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II. You will hear a student called John talking to his classmate Dani about the details of his research project. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, or C. Write your answers in the space provided. (1 point)

- A. divide into 2 parts to argue.
- B. focus on the opinion of the interviewees
- C. take consideration of both side

III. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest by writing your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box. (0.6 points)

1. A. <u>grad<u>ual</u></u>	B. <u>sold<u>ier</u></u>	C. <u>edu<u>cation</u></u>	D. <u>in<u>de<u>pend<u>ent</u></u></u></u>
2. A. <u>ba<u>chelor</u></u>	B. <u>an<u>gel</u></u>	C. <u>am<u>or<u>al</u></u></u>	D. <u>cha<u>m<u>ber</u></u></u>
3. A. <u>comb</u>	B. <u>de<u>b<u>et</u></u></u>	C. <u>doub<u>t</u></u>	D. <u>abs<u>orb</u></u>

IV. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others by writing your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box. (0.4 points)

V. Choose the best answer to complete each of the sentences by writing your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box. (6 points)

14. The draw took place yesterday, but the competition winners _____.
A. are yet to be announced B. haven't been yet announced
C. yet are to be announced D. haven't announced yet

15. The line that divides North and South Korea is the most ____ armed border in the world.
A. formerly B. kindly C. truly D. heavily

16. They sack the head of marketing because he was ____ inefficient.
A. relatively B. deadly C. moderately D. hopelessly

17. She should have been here but she's gone ____ flu.
A. through with B. down with C. back on D. up with

18. We are making an ____ effort to increase production.
A. all-out B. altogether C. all-in D. all-together

19. The jury ____ her compliments on her excellent knowledge of the subject.
A. paid B. gave C. made D. said

20. She was done ____ her promotion.
A. in for B. away with C. out of D. off in

21. They seemed to be ____ to the criticism and just carried on as before.
A. disinterested B. sensitive C. uncaring D. indifferent

22. My speech is okay but I just hope I don't ____ as soon as I get to the podium.
A. dry up B. pass on C. speak out D. get across

23. Like everyone else, Sue has her ____ of course but on the whole, she's quite satisfied with life.
A. ups and downs B. ins and outs C. safe and sound D. odds and ends

24. It is a _____.
A. blue sleeping polyester bag B. blue polyester sleeping bag
C. polyester sleeping blue bag D. sleeping blue polyester bag

25. My youngest brother first dabbled ____ buying old maps for his collection, so he was easily taken ____ by the salesman.
A. in/with B. for/out C. on/up D. in/in

26. With such lack of financial support, they miraculously managed to run their business _____.
A. at stake B. on a shoestring C. in a nutshell D. under siege

27. "When will Chau and Binh arrive?"
"They left home an hour ago. I think they will _____.
A. be here shortly B. here be shortly
C. shortly be here D. here shortly be

28. Recently, the company has received a ____ of complaints from the customers about poor products.
A. pack B. barrage C. pool D. bank

**Write your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following sentence.*

29. Most convalescents prefer to be cared for at home rather than in a hospital.
A. instead of B. in spite of C. in addition to D. at the same time as

**Write your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following sentence.*

30. After all the trouble she put me to, I didn't feel disposed to help her.
A. concerned B. depressed C. unwilling D. uneasy

VI. Identify the mistake in each sentence by writing your answer (A, B, C or D) in the numbered box. (1 point)

1. Most of these women are very poorly paid and work in terrific conditions.
A. women B. most of C. terrific D. poorly
2. They have carried exhausting research into the effects of smartphone on schoolchildren's behaviour and their academic performance.
A. exhausting B. behaviour C. into D. academic performance
3. The website covers the top ten emigration destinations worldwide and includes helpful tips and advices.
A. covers B. top ten C. worldwide D. advices
4. There are many different ways of comparing the culture of one nation with those of another.
A. those B. of comparing C. there are D. another
5. Allen's not having finished his thesis did not discourage him from applying for other degree program.
A. Allen's not B. finished C. discourage D. other

VII. Read the passage and choose the best option to complete the passage. Write your answers in the space provided.

Parent-teen relationships are among the most important in a youth's life. Whether a parent is (1) _____ love, criticism, or old-fashioned rule making, the structure and stability of a healthy parental relationship with teens can make a huge impact (2) _____ their stressful adolescent lives. In Speak, a healthy parent-teen relationship could have meant the difference between swift justice and months of harassment. Mothers, fathers, and family communication (3) _____ are all important in unique ways.

The mother-teen relationship is one of the most important relationships a child can have. Research has (4) _____ that a mother has great influence over their child's decisions about sex, drugs, alcohol, body image, and both friendly and romantic... Fathers, although sometimes considered unimportant or "backseat parents," have a special (5) _____ in the lives of healthy teens. Fathers are the backbone of American family life, and it's often on them that the foundations for their children's future lives they are (6) _____. Involved fathers are present in a child's life to give everything from advice to independence. For example, teens with fathers who are active in their lives are more independent as adults, have (7) _____ self-esteem, are less likely to be (8) _____ or commit suicide, and are happier in general. For daughters, a "daddy's little girl" relationship is a large part of what (9) _____ happy teenage girls. Dads build self-confidence in young women and give them a special (10) _____ of achievement that can only come when given by an authoritative male figure.

1. A. donating	B. offering	C. providing	D. supplying
2. A. in	B. on	C. under	D. to
3. A. in general	B. in all	C. in contrast	D. in full
4. A. expressed	B. hinted	C. implied	D. suggested
5. A. emphasis	B. part	C. place	D. status
6. A. lay	B. lied	C. laid	D. lain
7. A. longer	B. deeper	C. higher	Larger
8. A. depressed	B. desperate	C. hurt	D. stressed

VIII. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.

The languages spoken by early Europeans are still shrouded in mystery. There is no linguistic continuity between the languages of Old Europe (a term sometimes used for Europe between 7,000 and 3,000 B.C.) and the languages of the modern world, and we cannot yet translate the Old European script. Scholars have deciphered other ancient languages, such as Sumerian, Acadian, and Babylonian, which used the cuneiform script, because of the *fortuitous* discovery of bilingual inscriptions. When cuneiform tablets were first discovered in the 18th century, scholars could not decipher *them*. Then inscriptions found in Iran at the end of the 18th century provided a link: these inscriptions were written in cuneiform and in two other ancient languages, Old Persian and New Elamite – languages that had already been deciphered. It took several decades, but scholars eventually translated the ancient cuneiform script via the more familiar Old Persian language.

Similarly, the hieroglyphic writing of the Egyptians remained a mystery until French troops unearthed the famous Rosetta stone in the late 18th century. The stone carried the same message written in ancient Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphs, and Egyptian hieratic, a simplified form of hieroglyphs. The Rosetta stone **thwarted** scholars' efforts for several decades until the early 19th century when several key hieroglyphic phrases were decoded using the Greek inscriptions. Unfortunately, we have no Old European Rosetta stone to chart correspondences between Old European script and the languages that replaced it.

The incursions of Indo-European tribes into Old Europe from the late 5th to the early 3rd millennia B.C. caused a linguistic and cultural discontinuity. These incursions disrupted the Old European sedentary farming lifestyle that had existed for 3,000 years. As the Indo-Europeans encroached on Old Europe from the east, the continent underwent upheavals. These severely affected the Balkans, where the Old European cultures abundantly employed script. The Old European way of life deteriorated rapidly, although pockets of Old European cultural remained for several millennia. The new peoples spoke completely different languages belonging to the Indo-European linguistic family. The Old European language or languages, and the script used to write them, declined and eventually vanished.

Question 1. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. Reason for the failure to understand the written records of Old European culture.
- B. Influences on the development of Old European script.
- C. Similarities between Old European script and other ancient writing systems.
- D. Events leading to the discovery of Old European script.

Question 2. According to the passage, New Ela mite is

- A. a language that was used in Europe about 3,000 years ago
- B. a modern language that came from Old Persian
- C. one of the languages spoken by the Old Europeans
- D. a language that was understood by the late 18th century

Question 3: When does the passage suggest that ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script was finally deciphered?

- A. At around the same time as cuneiform script was deciphered.
- B. Shortly before the Rosetta stone was unearthed.
- C. As soon as additional bilingual inscriptions became available to scholars.
- D. A few decades after the hieratic script was decoded.

Question 4: According to the passage, which of the following is **TRUE** of the Rosetta stone?

- A. It was found by scholars trying to decode ancient languages.
- B. It contains two versions of hieroglyphic script.

- C. Several of its inscriptions were decoded within a few months of its discovery.
- D. Most of its inscriptions have still not been decoded.

Question 5: According to the passage, scholars were able to decipher cuneiform form with the help of _____.

- A. the Sumerian, Acadian, and Babylonian languages
- B. Old Persian
- C. tablets written in Old European
- D. languages spoken in 18th century Iran

Question 6: The word “**fortuitous**” in the 1st paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. important
- B. immediate
- C. early
- D. lucky

Question 7: The word “**them**” in the 1st paragraph refers to _____.

- A. Sumerian, Acadian, and Babylonian
- B. bilingual inscriptions
- C. cuneiform tablets
- D. scholars

Question 8: The word “**thwarted**” in the 2nd paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. continued
- B. influenced
- C. encouraged
- D. frustrated

Question 9: According to the passage, Indo-European incursions caused Old European population to _____.

- A. separated into different tribes
- B. move eastward
- C. change their ways of living and obtain food
- D. start recording historical events in writing

Question 10: The author mentions the Balkans in the passage in order to explain why _____.

- A. Indo-European languages were slow to spread in Old Europe
- B. the inhabitants of Old Europe were not able to prevent Indo-European incursions
- C. the use of the Old European script declined
- D. the Old European culture survived for a time after the Indo-European incursions

IX. Fill in each numbered blank with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in the space provided.

LIGHT UP YOUR FACE WITH GLADNESS

Are you frowning as you read this? Habitual frowners may not even be aware that their foreheads are creased, and will need to touch their brows to (1) _____ out.

A permanent frown is forbidding and unattractive, yet it is very easy to get into the (2) _____ of frowning. You can stop yourself by placing your hand on your forehead to check whether your brow is smooth when you happen to be reading or watching television. In this way, you can begin to unlearn a negative piece of body language – and if you suffer from headaches, you should find yourself suffering from them much (3) _____.

Smiling at yourself may make you feel a (4) _____ self-conscious - but it works! Next time you are (5) _____ the weather, physically or emotionally, you can test for (6) _____ therapeutic powers of smiling. Each (7) _____ the expression fades from your face, try again and again until you begin to notice an improvement in yourself. In a large number of cases, this simple technique will produce noticeable benefits (8) _____ a short space of time – and it's free.

As well as cheering yourself up, smiling at someone else can help (9) _____ of you to feel better, for a smile tends to call forth an answering smile. One of the reasons why we are attracted to smiling faces is because they can affect our autonomic nervous system. Facial expression and moods are catching, since we are not simply registering that someone is cheerful or cross – we are experiencing the same emotion. If you are always surrounded by miserable people with long faces, you are more than (10) _____ to suffer depressive feeling yourself eventually.

X. Finish the second sentence in each pair in such a way that it means the same as the sentence before it. (1 point)

1. Although he is industrious, he hasn't succeeded.

→ Industrious _____

2. There has been a time when the English language was not in a state of change.

→ At no time _____.

3. In spite of her poor memory, the old woman told interesting stories to the children.

→ Even though _____.

4. Just thinking about his face at that moment makes me laugh.

→ The very _____.

5. We couldn't relax until all the guests had gone home.

→ Only _____

XI. Complete the second sentence, using the word given in bold. Do not change the word given.

You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (1 point)

1. Paula said I had caused the accident. **(BLAMED)**

→ Paula _____

2. Even though some events were cancelled, thousands of people attended the festival.

(CANCELLATION)

→ _____

3. He speaks English extremely well. **(COMMAND)**

→ He _____

4. She got her license because her father helped her learn to drive. **(ASSISTANCE)**

→ But _____

5. I don't understand one word of this document.

(HEAD)

→ I _____