

PRACTICE TEST 12

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)

- Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. packages B. replaces C. researches D. becomes
- Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. stripe B. final C. polite D. recipe
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. police B. hotel C. supply D. problem
- Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. photographic B. reality C. professional D. apprenticeship
- Student A:** Deforestation is getting worse in the Amazon rainforest.
Student B: Yeah, it's really worrying _____ so many rare animals are losing their homes.
A. when B. although C. but D. since
- Student A:** We're going paragliding _____ the first time tomorrow.
Student B: Sounds exciting. Don't forget to take some pictures.
A. in B. on C. for D. with
- Woman A:** People say that a lot of long-distance marriages end _____ divorce.
Woman B: I can see why. Being apart can put a huge strain on a relationship.
A. in B. of C. to D. for
- Woman A:** Did you see that the price of eggs has _____ again?
Woman B: Yes, it's getting harder to afford groceries these days.
A. gone up B. taken up C. run out D. put down
- Student A:** My uncle was the first climber _____ got to the peak this morning.
Student B: That's impressive. The trail looked really tough today.
A. where B. whom C. who D. which
- Man A:** Kevin _____ to the manager when I entered the office.
Man B: Oh, what were they discussing?
A. spoke B. speaks C. was speaking D. has spoken

11. **Student A:** My teacher suggested I watch English cartoons with _____.
Student B: Good idea! It'll help you learn new words more easily.
 A. lyrics B. subtitles C. accents D. vocabulary
12. **Student A:** The smell of that barbecue is _____.
Student B: I know, I can't wait to grab a plate.
 A. refreshing B. various C. scenic D. mouth-watering
13. **Student A:** My smart doorbell even records video while I'm away.
Student B: _____
 A. Sounds like a great idea! It could save you a lot on energy bills.
 B. No kidding! That sounds perfect for lazy mornings.
 C. Wow, that's impressive! I'd feel much safer with one of those.
 D. How convenient! It must make cooking a lot easier.
14. **Student A:** _____
Student B: No, thanks. It's not my cup of tea.
 A. Do you want to join me for a horror movie tonight?
 B. Have you just bought a new set of herbal teas from the market?
 C. Where in your town can I get the best iced tea?
 D. Why are you planning a trip to the mountains this winter?



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)



**NO PROTECTION?
NO ENTRY**

15. What does the sign say?
- A. Protective gear is available at the entry.
 B. Without proper safety gear, you cannot enter the laboratory.
 C. Please remove your protective clothing before leaving.
 D. Wearing protective equipment is not considered necessary.

MENU UPDATE
 New vegetarian
 and vegan options now available!



16. What does the notice tell us?
- A. This is your last chance to try vegetarian and vegan options before they become unavailable.
 B. Every dish served in this restaurant contains some vegetables.
 C. The restaurant's menu now offers several newly added dishes.
 D. Vegans and vegetarians are not permitted in this restaurant.



Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following extracted discussion on protecting natural wonders. (1.5 pts)

Student A: I think rainforests are far more spectacular than (17) _____ other natural wonder, especially their unique wildlife. Consequently, protecting them is crucial since they're disappearing quite quickly.

Student B: That's true, but I find caves and rock formations a bit more fascinating. Exploring a cave or climbing an (18) _____ feels like enjoying a 3D movie. However, we should make these places accessible (19) _____ damaging them.

Student C: I agree with both of you, but, in my opinion, (20) _____ spots like beaches and waterfalls are much more enjoyable for everyone. They're perfect for relaxing while learning about nature. Plus, the stalagmite views from mountains are unforgettable. Teaching students to (21) _____ these sites is key to preserving them.

Student A: Yes! We all should be responsible for protecting these wonders to (22) _____ future generations can enjoy them too.

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 17. A. much | B. many | C. any | D. some |
| 18. A. outline | B. outcrop | C. outwork | D. outbreak |
| 19. A. between | B. without | C. among | D. within |
| 20. A. architectural | B. affordable | C. sociable | D. scenic |
| 21. A. respect | B. reuse | C. destroy | D. repair |
| 22. A. forbid | B. focus | C. contain | D. ensure |



Read the following passage. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False, and choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D) for questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

Traffic jams are a big problem in many developing countries. Every day, people spend significant amounts of time stuck in traffic, either in their cars or on crowded buses, because road networks are unable to handle the high volume of vehicles. This not only leads to delays in reaching workplaces and schools but also causes a lot of stress. Several solutions can help alleviate this problem. First, improving public transport is essential. Expanding the number of buses and trains, while ensuring they are clean, reliable, and safe, would encourage more people to use them instead of relying on private cars. This will make the roads less crowded. Second, governments can invest in better infrastructure by constructing additional lanes, widening existing roads, and repairing damaged surfaces to improve traffic flow. Third, people should be encouraged to cycle or walk, especially for short distances. Building special lanes for bicycles and safe sidewalks for walking can help greatly. Another solution is to improve traffic control through lights

and signs. When drivers follow the rules, and there is sufficient enforcement by police or cameras, congestion can be reduced. Finally, promoting carpooling is an effective way to cut down on the number of vehicles on the road. In conclusion, while traffic jams remain a pressing issue in many developing nations, coordinated planning and practical solutions can significantly ease congestion, making people's daily life more efficient and sustainable.

23. Traffic jams in developing countries waste a large amount of people's time every day.
24. Cycling and walking are recommended only for long-distance travel in cities.
25. Traffic lights and signs are mentioned as causes of traffic jams.
26. Sharing cars with others is considered to help reduce traffic jams.
27. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - A. How to solve the issue of traffic congestion in developing countries
 - B. How to reduce delays in reaching workplaces and schools in developing countries
 - C. How to encourage people in developing countries to use public transport
 - D. How to build special bike lanes and safe sidewalks in developing countries
28. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?
 - A. Stress is one of the negative effects of spending long hours in traffic.
 - B. Traffic congestion also contributes to higher levels of air pollution.
 - C. Expanding and improving public transport could encourage people to use fewer private cars.
 - D. Investing in better infrastructure can make traffic flow more smoothly

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

29. She pressed the paper carefully to _____ the creases. (flat)
30. A _____ diet is important to support a child's growth and learning. (nourish)
31. The directions to the campsite were _____ marked on a torn piece of paper. (sketch)
32. Marine _____ in Australia are tracking the migration patterns of humpback whales. (science)
33. In that passage, the author hints at the darker _____ of technology. (imply)
34. Parents are encouraged to take their children for routine _____ check-ups before school starts. (medicine)

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

volume /'vɒljʊ:m/ *noun*

The general size or quantity of something

To reduce traffic jams, the volume of vehicles on the highway is limited during peak hours.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean by volume in the world.

Airports face an enormous volume of travellers trying to get home during the holidays.

The storekeeper restocks when the volume of customers decreases.

35. The Amazon River carries _____ of water, far greater than any other river in the world.
36. As sales _____, the director is considering launching an advertising campaign.

- 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. "Do you visit the dentist twice a year to check your teeth?" Kathy asked me.

⇒ Kathy asked me _____

38. Why don't we stay in a homestay to experience local culture?" I said.

⇒ I suggested _____

39. Lucy wasn't well enough to cook dinner for her children.

⇒ Lucy was so _____

40. Although the exam was difficult, many students passed with distinction.

⇒ In spite of _____