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ĐỀ THAM KHẢO SỐ 2

KỲ THI TUYỂN SINH VÀO LỚP 10 THPT
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Môn thi: **TIẾNG ANH**
Thời gian làm bài: 90 phút (không kể thời gian phát đề)
(Đề thi có 05 trang)

I. Choose the word / phrase / sentence (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space or best answers the question given in each sentence. (3.5 pts)

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. impress**ed** B. cherish**ed** C. promot**ed** D. attach**ed**

2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. m**a**ze B. l**a**ck C. c**a**mpus D. emb**a**rrass

3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. result B. device C. invite D. coral

4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. positive B. accomplish C. natural D. different

5. **Emma**: Why is the classroom so noisy?

Jake: The students _____ a group activity about climate change.

A. have done B. do C. are doing D. did

6. **Lisa**: Where's the cat?

Tom: It's hiding _____ the bed.

A. next to B. between C. on D. under

7. **Anna**: The project failed because nobody wanted to lead.

Tom: True. Someone should take responsibility _____ the mistakes and learn from them.

A. for B. about C. by D. of

8. **Jenny**: The teacher asked us to present the project tomorrow.

Mark: Don't worry, we can _____ a plan tonight.

A. keep up with B. come up with C. get along with D. look down on

9. **David**: Do you know the book _____ explains global warming?

Emma: Yes, it's in the library.

A. who B. whom C. which D. what

10. **Emma**: The professor's explanation of quantum physics was surprisingly _____.

Liam: I agree. It was detailed but still easy to follow.

A. articulate B. irrelevant C. superficial D. incomprehensible

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11. **Olivia**: I managed to complete the assignment _____ the lack of time.

Emma: That's impressive! You worked really fast.

A. in spite B. however C. because of D. despite

12. **Noah**: The factory was fined for causing too much air _____.

Lily: That's not surprising. Their production has increased a lot this year.

A. production B. solution C. pollution D. consumption

13. **Emma**: Are you coming to the meeting this afternoon?

Rachel: _____. I have another appointment at that time.

A. I'm not sure B. I don't think so.

C. Yes, I am. D. I hope so.

14. **Lee**: _____.

Ben: Just a salad. I'm not very hungry today.

A. What are you having for lunch? B. Where are you going?

C. What are you doing? D. What did you cook?

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



15. What does the sign tell you to do?

A. You must only smoke in this designated area.

B. You are allowed to smoke but not indoors.

C. You can smoke if you ask the staff first.

D. Smoking is strictly prohibited here.



16. What does the sign say?

A. To tell people that the floor needs cleaning.

B. To inform people that they must wait here.

C. To warn people to walk carefully

D. To encourage people to walk faster.

III. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage. (1.5 pts)

Dear Alex,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to tell you about an amazing cultural event I (17) _____ last weekend. Our city hosted the International Culture Festival, and it was one of the most inspiring (18) _____ I have had recently.

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The festival (19) _____ people from more than twenty countries, each presenting their traditions through food, music, and art. I was fascinated by the Indian dance performance, full of color and rhythm, and I also enjoyed (20) _____ traditional Turkish sweets. What impressed me most was the Japanese tea ceremony, which showed how respect and harmony are central values in their culture. It was not only beautiful but also very calming.

Another (21) _____ was the chance to talk directly with the performers. They explained the meaning behind their customs, and I realized how culture is more than entertainment; it is a way of expressing identity and history. Sharing these traditions helps us understand diversity and appreciate differences.

I strongly believe that events like this encourage tolerance and friendship (22) _____ people. Next year, I hope you can join me at the festival. I am sure you would enjoy it as much as I did.

Best wishes,

Emma

17. A. went	B. attended	C. attempted	D. finished
18. A. experiences	B. experiments	C. knowledge	D. skills
19. A. invited	B. covered	C. contained	D. gathered
20. A. to taste	B. taste	C. tasting	D. being tasted
21. A. part	B. highlight	C. point	D. sector
22. A. among	B. in	C. with	D. between

IV. Read the following leaflet about city life. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

Discover the Joys of City Life!

City life is not only about tall buildings and busy streets – it's a place full of opportunities, culture, and excitement. In many modern cities, people can enjoy museums, theatres, and shopping centres, while also having access to schools, hospitals, and reliable public transport.

Today, young people are finding new ways to make city life more enjoyable. For example, student groups in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City have organized "Green Corners" projects, planting trees and flowers to create cleaner and more beautiful spaces. For them, living in the city is not just about convenience – it's about responsibility and pride.

Experts believe that if more citizens learn about the benefits and challenges of city life, they will appreciate it more and contribute positively. However, without strong efforts to solve problems like traffic jams and pollution, city life may become stressful and unhealthy.

Here's what we can do:

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- Learn about the city's history and culture.
- Use public transport to reduce traffic.
- Support projects that make the city greener.
- Share stories and images of city improvements to inspire others.

By doing these things, we can preserve the beauty of our cities and make urban life better for future generations!

23. In many modern cities, people can enjoy both cultural and practical services.

24. The "Green Corners" projects were started by local governments.

25. The leaflet encourages citizens to take action to improve city life.

26. The leaflet suggests that city life is already free from problems like pollution.

27. According to the leaflet, one reason city life may become stressful is that _____.

A. people spend too much time shopping

B. traffic jams and pollution are not solved

C. students refuse to join community projects

D. hospitals are not available in cities

28. All of the following ideas are included in the leaflet **EXCEPT** _____.

A. city life offers culture and convenience

B. student groups help make cities greener

C. citizens should use public transport

D. city life is only about tall buildings

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

29. The team is looking for someone who is highly _____ and able to work independently. (**RELIABILITY**)

30. The company is planning to _____ its training programme to better prepare new employees. (**WIDE**)

31. She spoke _____ during the interview, which impressed the hiring panel. (**CONFIDENCE**)

32. She felt completely _____ after listening to the disappointing news. (**DISCOURAGE**)

33. There has been a noticeable _____ in the quality of customer service recently. (**IMPROVE**)

34. The two universities formed a close _____ to promote joint research. (**PARTNER**)

VI. Look at the entry of the word "opportunity" in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with no more than three words. (0.5 pt)

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opportunity *noun*

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/ˌɑːpərˈtuːnəti/

[countable, uncountable]

(plural **opportunities**)

★ a time when a particular situation makes it possible to do or achieve something

SYNONYM **chance**

- *Don't **miss this opportunity**!*
- **opportunity to do something** *You'll **have the opportunity** to ask any questions at the end.*
- *I'd like to **take this opportunity** to thank my colleagues for their support.*
- *I would definitely go **if the opportunity arose**.*
- *a **window of opportunity*** (= a period of time when the circumstances are right for doing something)

35. We have a small _____ to finish the project before the deadline.

36. I'd like to _____ to express my gratitude to my teachers.

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. The boss didn't respond to the new proposal.

→ The boss didn't make.....

38. I started learning Spanish five years ago.

→ I have.....

39. This book is more interesting than that one.

→ That book is.....

40. The manager decided to cancel the meeting due to low attendance.

→ The manager decided to call .....

THE END OF THE TEST

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