
I. PHẦN TRẮC NGHIỆM (30 câu; 7,5 điểm)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

- Question 1: A. hear B. clear C. near D. bear
 Question 2: A. believes B. rejects C. maintains D. confides
 Question 3: A. laugh B. enough C. high D. cough

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 4 to 8.

In Britain, greetings cards are sold in chain stores and supermarkets, in newsagents' shops, corner shops and, increasingly, in shops that specialize in the sale of cards and paper for wrapping presents in.

The most common cards are birthday and Christmas cards. Many Christmas cards are sold in aid of charity and special 'charity card shops' are often set up in temporary premises in the weeks before Christmas. A wide variety of birthday cards is available to cater for different ages and tastes. **Some**, especially ones for young children or for people celebrating a particular birthday, have the person's age on the front. Many have comic, often risqué, messages printed on them, and cartoon-style illustrations. Others are more sober, with reproductions of famous paintings or attractive original designs. The usual greeting on a birthday card is 'Happy Birthday', 'Many Happy Returns' or 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday'.

Some people also send special cards for Easter and New Year. Easter cards either portray images of spring, such as chicks, eggs, lambs, spring flowers, etc, or have a religious theme.

Cards are produced for every 'milestone' in a person's life. There are special cards for an engagement, a marriage, a new home, a birth, success in an examination, retirement, a death in the family, etc. Some are 'good luck' or 'congratulations' cards. Others, for example 'get well' cards for people who are ill, express sympathy.

(Extracted from The Oxford Advanced Learner's Encyclopedic Dictionary)

- Question 4: What is the passage mainly about?
 A. Easter Cards B. Greetings Cards C. Christmas Cards D. Birthday Cards
- Question 5: The word 'some' in paragraph 2 refers to_____.
 A. young children B. ages and tastes C. birthday cards D. card shops
- Question 6: Which of the following is NOT the usual greeting on a birthday card?
 A. 'Many Happy Returns' B. 'Good luck'
 C. 'Happy Birthday' D. 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday'
- Question 7: The word 'milestone' in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to_____.
 A. a convenient way B. a positive view C. an important event D. a special gift
- Question 8: It can be inferred from the passage that_____.
 A. greetings cards are not very popular in Britain.
 B. greetings cards are for children only
 C. greetings cards are used on many different occasions
 D. there are few choices of birthday cards

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- Question 9: She wrote her essay carefully to avoid_____ mistakes.
 A. make B. making C. being made D. to make
- Question 10: This is the supermarket_____ you can buy almost everything.
 A. who B. when C. that D. where
- Question 11: I woke up when the alarm clock_____.
 A. went off B. turned off C. put off D. took off
- Question 12: Jack: 'Can I borrow your notes, please?'
 Jill: '_____'.
 A. No, thanks. B. Yes, sure. C. Yes, I can D. Well done!
- Question 13: We are worried_____ the current situation of environmental pollution in our country.
 A. about B. of C. on D. at
- Question 14: It is becoming_____ challenging to find a good job nowadays.
 A. more and more B. the more C. better and better D. the better
- Question 15: Candidates have to attach their birth_____ to their applications for this position.
 A. degrees B. diplomas C. qualifications D. certificates
- Question 16: It is boring in here. Let's go _____ else for a change.
 A. nowhere B. something C. nothing D. somewhere

Question 17: My students promised that they would hand in their assignments _____.

- A. yesterday B. tomorrow C. the following day D. the previous day

Question 18: The money that I earn is enough to _____ my family's basic needs.

- A. take B. meet C. give D. see

Question 19: Jane is a(n) _____ girl so she finds it easy to make friends with other students

- A. honest B. sociable C. kind D. shy

Question 20 : Peter would not have been late for the interview if he _____ the bus.

- A. didn't miss B. doesn't miss C. hasn't missed D. hadn't missed

Question 21 : We will leave _____ the rain stops.

- A. as soon as B. while C. during D. until

Question 22 : Harry Potter books, which _____ by J.K. Rowling, are very popular with children around the world.

- A. will write B. wrote C. were written D. will be written

Question 23 : Scientists have proposed a possible _____ to the problem of global warming.

- A. solution B. effect C. result D. plan

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 24 : The woman decided to devote herself full-time to social work.

- A. help B. bring C. dedicate D. determine

Question 25: We should join hands to make our city green, clean and elegant.

- A. put together B. make decisions C. take action D. work together

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word for each of the blanks from 26 to 30

Most people today take relatively little general exercise. Over the last 30 or 40 year lifestyles have changed considerably and many people now travel even (26) _____ shortest distances by car or bus. Lack of exercise combined with eating too many fatty and sugary foods has meant that many people are becoming too fat. Experts are particularly concerned that children (27)_____ a lot of their free time watching television or playing computer games instead of being physically active.

In recent years, however, there has been a growing (28)_____ in fitness among young adults and many belong to a sports club or gym. Membership of a sports club or gym can be (29)_____ and not everyone can afford the subscription. Local sports centres are generally cheaper. Evening classes are also cheap and offer a wide variety of fitness activities ranging (30)_____ yoga to jazz dancing. Some companies now provide sports facilities for their employees or contribute to the cost of joining a gym.

(Extracted from The Oxford Guide to British and American Culture - Oxford Advanced Learner's Compass)

Question 26 : A. the B. an C. a D. one

Question 27 : A. spend B. get C. make D. take

Question 28 : A. interestingly B. interested C. interesting D. interest

Question 29 : A. popular B. cheap C. expensive D. easy

Question 30 : A. at B. in C. from D. on

II. PHẦN VIẾT (2,5 điểm)

Write a paragraph about the school subject that you like best.

You should write at least 80 words.

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