



HƯỚNG DẪN CHẤM

KỲ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI CÁC TRƯỜNG THPT CHUYÊN  
KHU VỰC DUYÊN HẢI VÀ ĐỒNG BẰNG BẮC BỘ  
LẦN THỨ XIV, NĂM 2023  
ĐỀ THI MÔN: TIẾNG ANH 10

Thời gian: 180 phút (không kể thời gian giao đề)

**A. LISTENING (50 points) - (Tapescript included)**

*Part 1. You will listen to a short conversation about Milo's restaurants. For questions 1-5, complete the form below by writing NO MORE THAN ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on the answer sheet. (10 points) (10 points – 2 points/a correct answer) (Adapted from Cambridge IELTS 18)*

1. training	2. discount	3. taxi	4. service	5. English
-------------	-------------	---------	------------	------------

*Part 2. For questions 1-5, listen to an audio on whether can a virus catch a virus, decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F). (10p) (Adapted from Life Noggin Youtube) (10 points – 2 points/a correct answer)*

1. TRUE	2. FALSE	3. FALSE	4. TRUE	5. FALSE
---------	----------	----------	---------	----------

*Part 3. For questions 11-15, listen to an interview with someone who consulted a 'life coach' to improve her life and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D which fits best according to what you hear. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. (10 points – 2 points/a correct answer) (Adapted from Proficiency Testbuilder)*

11. D	12. A	13. C	14. A	15. B
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

*Part 4. Listen to a piece of news about a climatic event in Europe. For questions 16-25, fill in each gap with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the recording. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered spaces provided below. (20 points) (Adapted from Sky News Youtube)*

**(20 points – 2 points/a correct answer)**

- |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 16. plummeting to historic       | 21. reservoirs                |
| 17. human-induced global warming | 22. dwindle further           |
| 18. teeming with                 | 23. amid record-breaking heat |
| 19. unprecedented                | 24. key economic artery       |
| 20. Italy's bread basket         | 25. drags on                  |

**B. LEXICO – GRAMMAR (40 points)**

**Part 1. For questions 26-45, choose the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following sentences and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on the answer sheet. (20 points – 1 point/a correct answer)**

26. B	27. A	28. B	29. B	30. C	31. D	32. B	33. D	34. B	35. C
36. A	37. B	38. D	39. A	40. A	41. D	42. C	43. D	44. B	45. A

**Part 2. For questions 46-55, fill each gap with the correct form of the words in brackets. Write your answer in the boxes provided on the answer sheet.**

**(10 points – 1 point/a correct answer)**

46. entourage	51. replenished
47. scaremongering	52. animalcules
48. ingratitude	53. dispiritingly
49. gaseous	54. insupportable
50. decorous	55. risk-free

**Part 3. For questions 56-65, complete each of the following sentences with suitable preposition(s). Write your answer in the boxes provided on the answer sheet.**

**(10 points – 1 point/a correct answer)**

56. out	57. out of	58. off	59. up for	60. up against
61. off	62. down	63. back	64. over	65. over

**C. READING (60 points)**

**Part 1. For questions 66-75, read the following passage and decide which option (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap. Write your answers in corresponding numbered boxes on**

*the answer sheet. (15 points – 1.5 points/a correct answer) (Advanced 10 CAE Practice Tests)*

66. C	67. C	68. D	69. A	70. B
71. C	72. B	73. A	74. C	75. D

*Part 2. For questions 76-85, fill each of the following numbered blanks with ONE suitable word and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes on the answer sheet.*

*(15 points – 1.5 points/a correct answer) (Longman CPE Practice Tests)*

76. the	77. communications	78. however	79. no	80. worth
81. given	82. did	83. short	84. subscribers	85. grew

*Part 3. For questions 86-95, read the following passage and circle the best answer to each of the following questions. Write your answers in corresponding numbered boxes provided on the answer sheet. (15 points – 1.5 points/a correct answer) (TOEFL Preparation Book)*

86. B	87. D	88. D	89. A	90. B
91. D	92. B	93. C	94. C	95. A

*Part 4. For questions 96-105, read the passage and do the following tasks. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes on the answer sheet.*

*(15 points – 1.5 points/a correct answer) (Adapted from Cambridge IELTS 18)*

96. iii	97. viii	98. vi	99. v	100. vii
101.i	102.iv	103.False	104.True	105. Not Given

## **D. WRITING (60 points)**

### **Part 1: 20 points**

#### **Contents (10 points)**

*The report MUST cover the following points:*

- Introduce the charts (2 *points*) and state the overall trends and striking features (2 *points*)
- Describe main features with relevant data from the charts and make relevant comparisons (6 *points*)

### **Language use (10 points)**

*The report:*

- should demonstrate a wide variety of lexical and grammatical structures
- should have correct use of words (verb tenses, word forms, voice...) and mechanics (spelling, punctuation,)

### **Part 2: (30 points)**

*The mark given to part 3 is based on the following criteria:*

#### **1. Organization (5 points)**

a. Ideas are well organized and presented with coherence, cohesion and unity.

b. The essay is well-structured:

\* Introduction is presented with clear thesis statement.

\* Body paragraph are written with unity, coherence and cohesion.

Each body paragraph must have a topic sentence and supporting details and examples when

necessary.

\* Conclusion summarizes the main points and offers personal opinions (prediction, recommendation, consideration ...) on the issue.

#### **2. Content (15 points)**

a. All requirements of the task are sufficiently addressed.

b. Ideas are adequately supported and elaborated with relevant and reliable explanations, examples, evidence....

#### **3. Language use (10 points)**

a. Demonstration of a variety of topic-related vocabulary.

b. Excellent use and control of grammatical structures (verb tenses, word forms, voice...) and

mechanics (spelling, punctuation...)

## Tapescripts

### Part 1.

**W** So, I understand you're interested in restaurant work?

**M** Yes. I've got a bit of experience and I can provide references.

**W** That's good. I can check all that later. Now, Milo's Restaurants have some vacancies at the moment. They're a really good company to work for. Lots of benefits.

**M** Oh right.

**W** Yes. They've got a very good reputation for looking after staff. For example, all employees get **training** -even temporary staff.

**M** Oh really? That's quite unusual, isn't it?

**W** Certainly is.

**M** And do staff get free uniforms too?

**W** Urn ... you just need to wear a white T-shirt and black trousers, it says here. So I guess not ... But another benefit of working for a big company like this is that you can get a **discount** at any of their restaurants.

**M** Even at weekends?

**W** No, but you'll be working then anyway.

**M** Oh yes. I suppose so. Most of their restaurants are in the city centre, aren't they? So, easy to get to by bus?

**W** Yes. That's right. But if you have to do a late shift and finish work after midnight, the company will pay for you to get a **taxi** home.

**M** I probably won't need one. I think I'd use my bike.

**W** OK. Now, they do have some quite specific requirements for the kind of person they're looking for. Milo's is a young, dynamic company and they're really keen on creating a strong team. It's really important that you can fit in and get on well with everyone.

**M** Yeah. I've got no problem with that. It sounds good, actually. The last place I worked for was quite demanding too. We had to make sure we gave a really high level of **service**.

**W** That's good to hear because that will be equally important at Milo's. I know they want people who have an eye for detail.

**M** That's fine. I'm very used to working in that kind of environment.

W Perfect. So the only other thing that's required is good communication skills, so you'll need to have a certificate in English.

## Part 2:

Well, until recently, the answer was no. Viruses are simple, submicroscopic parasites, a hundred times smaller than bacteria. Without a metabolism or proteins for transcription and replication, **they're little more than zombies, borrowing life from other creatures.** So if viruses can't even keep themselves alive, how can they sustain another? Nature, it seems, is always surprising us. In the early 2000s, scientists discovered an exceptional virus that altered our understanding of life itself. At first, experts assumed it was bacteria, but what they'd actually found was a giant virus, so large it could be glimpsed with a simple microscope. Inside, this virus had many more genes than normal, encoding for proteins, metabolic pathways, even replication machinery. Experts named it the mimivirus, short for mimicking microbe, and soon they began to find others just like it. That's when things got really meta. Because while the mimivirus was a surprise, the discovery of its relative, the so-called mamavirus, was a **bombshell**. Slightly larger than mimi, the mamavirus turned out to be hiding an itty bitty virus of its own. With just 21 genes, this little fella, named Sputnik, is the first example of a virus infecting a virus infecting an amoeba. Since then, dozens of other virophages have been found, and while there's still a lot we don't know about this madness, the basics are familiar. After infecting its first host, Sputnik releases its DNA into the amoeba. Unable to reproduce on its own, it then attaches to an already-present mamavirus, injecting its genetic material into that second host too. Once inside, this foreign DNA hijacks the host's 'viral factory' so it can begin to replicate, **ultimately making it harder for the mamavirus to do the same.** It's David and Goliath on a miniscule scale. Today, we know virophages can infect both mama and mimiviruses, as well as plenty of others. As such, **some consider them viral parasites**, representing a whole new class of virus, **while others think they are too basic to be called even that.** Whatever they are, they're probably important. And we keep learning more and more about virophages and giant viruses. In fact, just last year, a paper was published stating that some giant viruses, called Pandoraviruses, are so large they can encode thousands of proteins, 90 percent of which are not seen anywhere else on Earth. Plus, not only do giant viruses appear to create genes, they also appear to steal them. Sputnik and other virophages have remarkably similar genes to their hosts, which has experts wondering if these giant viruses are defending themselves by stealing genetic material from their viral parasites. **All that is still up for debate**, but the idea that viruses can create and transfer genes does fit well with another theory. More than a billion years ago, a giant DNA-based virus is thought to have infected a budding eukaryotic cell, somehow creating the first cell nucleus.

## Part 3.

**Interviewer:** Brigid, what made you do it and what is a ‘life coach’?

**Brigid:** Well, all was not entirely well with my life. Nothing drastic: I just felt ‘stuck’ and in need of change, both on the work front – too much to do, too little time – and at home – ditto. I wasn’t miserable enough for therapy or counselling. I simply wanted to get a little more from life. Until recently, the options for someone in my situation would have been extremely limited. Now, however, legions of ‘life coaches’ are out there, ready and waiting to come to the aid of the frustrated and down-at-heart. For about £40 a session, your personal coach will telephone you once a week, and spend half an hour talking to you in an effort to help you sort your life out.

**Interviewer:** But isn’t this just another self-improvement fad? Like all the self-help books and tapes?

**Brigid:** Well, I was a bit dubious myself, but I decided to try it. I booked a course with Fiona Harrold, a leading British coach. She identified my anxieties almost immediately. Within half an hour of our first conversation, I found myself agreeing that the first thing I had to tackle was my deeply ambivalent relationship with money. Yes, of course it was rooted in childhood – but what could we actually do about it? Fiona is a passionate advocate of self-belief and, with her characteristic verve, she told me I had to carve out a whole new way of thinking about myself. I must see myself as ‘a magnet for money’, she said. And she told me: ‘Consider yourself someone to whom cash flows effortlessly. Why shouldn’t you have an easy life, an abundance of pleasure, leisure and luxury – and all without feeling any guilt?’

**Interviewer:** How did you react to that?

**Brigid:** Well, it seemed such a preposterous idea that I laughed out loud down the telephone. But, undeterred by my scepticism, Fiona told me to suspend my disbelief, and gave me a clutch of positive affirmations with which to brainwash myself into readiness for riches. She told me to repeat the following words whenever possible: ‘I, Brigid, am now ready to have the ideal life that I deserve.’ Doing this, I found, cheered me up no end.

**Interviewer:** What else did she tell you?

**Brigid:** Well, subsequent sessions were more practical. First came the mandatory de-cluttering – she told me to throw out as much unnecessary jumble and rubbish as possible, clearing space for all the goodies to come – once the money started to roll in. Then we

began trying to cure my personal finance phobia: I dutifully did my sums, and started saving something, however small, every month. My work also came under close scrutiny, too, as I made up my mind to concentrate on jobs that really interested me. Exactly which issues you tackle during coaching is up to you. According to Fiona, most people want to get organised at home and at work, make the most of their abilities and sort out money problems. She reckons that building up confidence is vital. She really does believe that people are capable of doing anything they want to do, and that all that **stands in their way is childhood conditioning.**

**Interviewer:** So what did you get out of it all? And would you recommend it?

**Brigid:** Well, coaching makes you get on and do all those things you've put off for so long, because there is the deadline of the next session. If you don't act in time, your coach probably won't want to speak to you. So coaching is hardly a soft option. But for me, it has provided a great boost. There have been no instant miracles, but things are looking up at work and financially, money and I are definitely on better terms. I still have my doubts about the **'me first' approach** – but, then again, it is **a healthy counterbalance to the 'me last' way of thinking I am used to.**

**Interviewer:** Thanks, Brigid. Now, if you want to find out more about life coaches...

#### **Part 4.**

Europe is in the grip of its most extreme drought in decades. Record-breaking heat waves linked to climate change have dried up rivers across the continent and sent water reserves **plummeting to historic** lows. Scientists have warned that scorching summers and drier winters will likely become the new normal due to **human-induced global warming.** Europe's rivers are disappearing. Italy's Po is yet another casualty of the severe drought gripping much of the continent. The river would normally be **teeming with** tourists, instead its drying bed is littered with empty boats. Those living near Italy's longest river say the situation is **unprecedented.** "I'm young and I do not remember anything like this but even the elderly of my village and the villages around here have never seen something like this never ever." With the Po relied upon for keeping rice fields like this one irrigated, farmers are warning of devastating consequences for the region known as **Italy's bread basket.** Spain is facing similarly dire conditions with **reservoirs** falling to their lowest levels since 1995. At this one in Extra Medora the water has receded so far, a medieval



bridge submerged decades ago is exposed again. In Catalonia this 9th century church has also emerged from the depths. With scorching weather predicted to continue water supplies are set to only **dwindle further**. Even the notoriously wet UK is facing drought conditions with the source of the river Thames drying up for the first time since at least 1976 **amid record-breaking heat** and low rainfall. In France two rivers are drying up like here in the northwest where the Loire the country's longest river has fallen so low in some places it can be crossed on foot. To the east sinking water levels in the Rhine are threatening not just fish but the German economy too. The river is a **key economic artery** with barges transporting millions of tons of cargo including coal oil and gas each year but officials are warning that it is set to become impossible for most boats within days as Europe's drought **drags on**.

**- THE END -**