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(Thí sinh làm bài trên *Phiếu trả lời trắc nghiệm*)

## SECTION I. LISTENING

### HƯỚNG DẪN PHẦN THI NGHE HIỂU

- Mỗi phần được nghe 2 lần, mở đầu và kết thúc mỗi phần có tín hiệu.
- Mọi hướng dẫn cho thí sinh (bằng tiếng Anh) đã có trong bài nghe.

**Part 1. You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).**

**Question 1:** You overhear two people talking in a restaurant.

Where has the woman just come from?

- A. a supermarket                      B. a hospital                      C. a football match

**Question 2:** You hear a man talking about a mobile phone he has bought.

What most attracted him to this phone?

- A. its size                      B. its reliability                      C. its price

**Question 3:** You hear a man talking on the phone about buying a house.

What is the purpose of his call?

- A. to apologize                      B. to complain                      C. to obtain information

**Question 4:** You hear a teenage girl talking about her hobby.

What is she talking about?

- A. a computer game                      B. a musical instrument                      C. a piece of sports equipment

**Question 5:** On the news, you hear a story about a cat.

Where was the cat found?

- A. in a train carriage                      B. on the railway lines                      C. on a station platform

**Question 6:** You hear a woman talking about how she gets ideas for her work.

Who is the woman?

- A. a novelist                      B. an artist                      C. a film-maker

**Question 7:** You hear two people talking.

How does the woman feel?

- A. surprised                      B. satisfied                      C. relieved

**Question 8:** You turn on the radio and hear a man speaking.

What are you listening to?

- A. a history programme                      B. a science-fiction story                      C. an advertisement

**Part 2.** *You will listen to part of an interview with the press officer of the National Fitness Association, in which he gives advice on how to join the right gym. For questions 9 - 15, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear.*

**Question 9:** *Why is it advisable to research gyms in your area before you join?*

- A. Different gyms suit people with different needs.
- B. Some gyms have too much of a social scene.
- C. It's impossible to lose weight in the wrong gym.

**Question 10:** *Mark warns that joining a gym which is unsuitable for you \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. might prove embarrassing
- B. will make you want to give up
- C. could end up being expensive

**Question 11:** *According to Mark, when should you visit a gym for the first time?*

- A. When it's at its busiest.
- B. On any weekday.
- C. At a relatively quiet time.

**Question 12:** *Apart from the standard monthly cost of being a member, you should find out \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. whether there are any hidden costs
- B. whether personal trainers are compulsory
- C. whether the changing rooms are expensive

**Question 13:** *If the gym asks you to sign a contract, you should \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. study it closely on your own
- B. see what happens if you leave
- C. be suspicious of that gym

**Question 14:** *Why does Mark say that life memberships are not good?*

- A. The gym might move far away from you.
- B. You might decide to live elsewhere.
- C. You might change your mind about exercise.

**Question 15:** *Mark says that doing research before joining is worth it because \_\_\_\_\_.*

- A. it will encourage you to start exercising
- B. it can make a difference to the overall cost
- C. the right gym can improve your quality of life

## **SECTION II. LEXICO – GRAMMAR**

**Part 1.** *For questions 16-32, mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

**Question 16:** The project has progressed in \_\_\_\_\_ and starts due to a constant change in funding.

- A. bits
- B. sits
- C. wits
- D. fits

**Question 17:** In \_\_\_\_\_, with the benefits of hindsight, it is clear that this was a bad decision.

- A. reflection
- B. retrospect
- C. status quo
- D. a second thought

**Question 18:** Her colleagues put her \_\_\_\_\_ as a hopeless case, but she proved to be the most talented of all politicians.

- A. into
- B. down
- C. off
- D. through

**Question 19:** Visitors to the local museum are mostly attracted by \_\_\_\_\_ rocking chair.

- A. an old beautiful wooden European
- B. an old wooden European beautiful
- C. a wooden old beautiful European
- D. a beautiful old European wooden

**Question 20:** Fast food is very popular. \_\_\_\_\_, a diet of hamburgers, pizzas and fried chicken is not very healthy.

- A. Unfortunately      B. In contrast      C. Consequently      D. Moreover

**Question 21:** During the Covid-19 pandemic, I experienced the most \_\_\_\_\_ painful nasal swabs that I have ever had.

- A. exculpatory      B. exaggeratedly      C. excruciatingly      D. exasperatedly

**Question 22:** I'm afraid that this incident could put your career here \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in jeopardy      B. beyond a joke      C. at fault      D. in earnest

**Question 23:** \_\_\_\_\_ what the coach said yesterday, everything would not be so difficult now.

- A. Had you listened to      B. Were you to listen to  
C. Had you not listened to      D. Should you listen to

**Question 24:** I don't like a few things about my job, but \_\_\_\_\_ it is quite enjoyable.

- A. sooner or later      B. by mistake      C. by and large      D. what is more

**Question 25:** While backpacking in a quiet, traditional region, I came across the seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ fast food ads typical of my hometown.

- A. irritating      B. ubiquitous      C. invasive      D. infuriating

**Question 26:** Nowhere in the northern section of the United States \_\_\_\_\_ for growing citrus crops.

- A. is the climate suitable      B. is there suitability of the climate  
C. where the climate is suitable      D. the climate is suitable

**Question 27:** The mirror \_\_\_\_\_ broken when I dropped it in the bathroom.

- A. got      B. turned      C. felt      D. grew

**Question 28:** It's as if that silly argument we had has driven a \_\_\_\_\_ between us and we've lost all our old closeness.

- A. wedge      B. beam      C. plank      D. ledge

**Question 29:** The building \_\_\_\_\_ to withstand earthquakes collapsed yesterday in an earthquake. How ironic!

- A. had been designed      B. designed      C. was designed      D. to be designed

**Question 30:** \_\_\_\_\_ the distance was too far and the time was short, we decided to fly there instead of going there by train.

- A. Discovered      B. Discovering      C. To have discovered      D. To discover

**Question 31:** Points will be added to the Entrance Examination scores for those who hold an excellent high school \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. degree      B. qualification      C. diploma      D. certificate

**Question 32:** Over half of the population of this earthquake-stricken area are living \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. on the tenterhooks      B. on the cards      C. on the breadline      D. on the house

**Part 2. For questions 33-34, mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

**Question 33:** It's outrageous! They charged me double the price of an ordinary bottle of wine in that restaurant.

- A. outstanding      B. undesirable      C. competitive      D. scandalous

**Question 34:** Every time he opens his mouth, he immediately regrets what he said. He's always putting his foot in his mouth.

- A. making a mistake      B. doing things in the wrong order  
C. speaking indirectly      D. saying embarrassing things



consume and dispose of goods and services.

These developments have provoked anxious questions about what role humans will play in a technology-driven world. A 2013 University of Oxford study estimates that (45)\_\_\_\_\_ half of all jobs in the United States could be lost to automation over the next two decades. On the other hand, economists such as Boston University's James Bessen argue that automation often goes (46)\_\_\_\_\_ with the creation of new jobs. So which is it - new jobs or massive structural unemployment?

At this point, we can be certain that the Fourth Industrial Revolution will have a disruptive impact on employment, but no one can yet predict the scale of change. So, before we (47)\_\_\_\_\_ all the bad news, we should look at history, which suggests that technological change more often affects the nature of work, (48)\_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity to participate in work itself.

*(Adapted from "Look to history to prepare for an automated future" by Johan Aurik, the Straitstimes)*

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|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Question 41: | A. gloss            | B. blur         | C. tamper      | D. distort      |
| Question 42: | A. addition         | B. creation     | C. extraction  | D. introduction |
| Question 43: | A. profoundly       | B. appositely   | C. thoroughly  | D. similarly    |
| Question 44: | A. converge         | B. suppose      | C. disperse    | D. conclude     |
| Question 45: | A. close to         | B. proximity to | C. near        | D. verge on     |
| Question 46: | A. little by little | B. hand in hand | C. all in all  | D. side by side |
| Question 47: | A. swallow          | B. perpetuate   | C. regurgitate | D. expel        |
| Question 48: | A. except           | B. besides      | C. rather than | D. due to       |

**Part 2.** For questions 49-56, read the following passage and choose the answer A, B, C or D that fits best according to the text. Mark your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided.

Although television was first regarded by many as "radio with pictures," public reaction to the arrival of TV was strikingly different from that afforded the advent of radio. Radio in its early days was perceived as a technological wonder rather than a medium of cultural significance. The public quickly adjusted to radio broadcasting and either enjoyed its many programs or turned them off. Television, however, prompted a tendency to criticize and evaluate rather than a simple on-off response.

One aspect of early television that can never be recaptured is the combined sense of astonishment and glamour that greeted the medium during its infancy. At the midpoint of the 20th century, the public was properly **agog about** being able to see and hear actual events that were happening across town or hundreds of miles away. Relatively few people had sets in their homes, but popular fascination with TV was so pronounced that crowds would gather on the sidewalks in front of stores that displayed a working television set or two. The same thing happened in the typical tavern, where a set behind the bar virtually guaranteed a full house. Sports events that might attract a crowd of 30,000 or 40,000 suddenly, with the addition of TV cameras, had audiences numbering in the millions. By the end of television's first decade, it was widely believed to have greater influence on American culture than parents, schools, churches, and government-institutions that had been until then the dominant influences on popular conduct. All were superseded by this one cultural juggernaut.

The 1950s was a time of remarkable achievement in television, but this was not the case for the entire medium. American viewers old enough to remember TV in the '50s may fondly recall the shows of Sid Caesar, Jackie Gleason, Milton Berle, and Lucille Ball, but such high-quality programs were the exception; most of television during its formative years could be **aptly** described, as it was by one Broadway playwright, as “amateurs playing at home movies.” The underlying problem was not a shortage of talented writers, producers, and performers; there were plenty, but they were already busily involved on the Broadway stage and in vaudeville, radio, and motion pictures. Consequently, television drew chiefly on a talent pool of individuals who had not achieved success in the more popular media and on the young and inexperienced who were years from reaching their potential. Nevertheless, the new medium ultimately proved so fascinating a technical novelty that in the early stages of its development the quality of its content seemed almost not to matter.

Fortunately, the **dearth** of talent was short-lived. Although it would take at least another decade before areas such as news and sports coverage approached their potential, more than enough excellence in the categories of comedy and drama emerged in the 1950s to deserve the attention of discriminating viewers. They are the most fondly remembered of the Golden Age genres for both emotional and intellectual reasons. Live TV drama was, in essence, the legitimate theatre’s contribution to the new medium; such shows were regarded as “prestige” events and were afforded respect accordingly. The comedies of the era are remembered for the same reason that comedy itself endures: human suffering and the ever-elusive pursuit of happiness render laughter a necessary palliative, and people therefore have a particular fondness for those who amuse them.

(Source: <https://www.britannica.com/>)

**Question 49:** Which of the following best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. High-quality programs enjoyed by American
- B. Television development in comparison with radio
- C. Television in the United States
- D. Sport events on television

**Question 50:** The phrase “**agog about**” in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. involved in
- B. keen on
- C. looking forward to
- D. interested in

**Question 51:** According to paragraph 2, why would the public gather on the sidewalks in front of stores?

- A. Because they had no work.
- B. Because of their fascination with TV.
- C. Because of their sense of astonishment.
- D. Because they went to the tavern together.

**Question 52:** Which of the following does the word “**aptly**” in paragraph 3 probably mean?

- A. at a slow speed; not quickly
- B. happening in a short time or without delay
- C. in a way that is suitable or appropriate in the circumstances
- D. the whole of; as much as

**Question 53:** According to paragraph 3, why is television described as “amateurs playing at home movies”?

- A. Because there are no high-quality programs.
- B. Because writers, producers, and performers don’t have enough money to invest on television.
- C. Because talented writers, producers, and performers are busy with Broadway stage and in vaudeville, radio, and motion pictures.
- D. Because there are no talented writers, producers, and performers.

**Question 54:** The word “**dearth**” in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. plenty                      B. absence                      C. empty                      D. lack

**Question 55:** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Television could draw chiefly on a talent pool of individuals who had achieved success in the more popular media.  
B. The categories of comedy and drama emerged in the 1950s were not good enough to attract viewers.  
C. Television in its early days was perceived as a technological wonder rather than a medium of cultural significance.  
D. Few people had TV set at home but they all enjoyed watching programs especially sports on TV.

**Question 56:** The passage can probably be extracted from which of the following?

- A. History book              B. Encyclopedia              C. Daily newspaper              D. Textbook

**Part 3. For questions 57-64, read an extract from an article and choose the answer A, B, C or D that fits best according to the text. Mark your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided.**

### USING VIDEO GAMING IN EDUCATION

It has become conventional wisdom that spending too much time playing video games has a detrimental effect on children’s studies and their social development. However, some educationalists are now questioning this theory and are using video games as effective educational tools thus bridging the gap between recreational and educational activities.

Due to the sophisticated nature of today’s games, teachers are able to justify the inclusion of video and online games for many pedagogical reasons. There may, for example, be sociological, psychological, and ethical implications built into the gameplay. Harvey Edwards, who teaches IT classes in London, was one such educator who decided to use video games in his lessons. To do this, he chose Minecraft, an online game in which players create and develop imaginary worlds. He was somewhat uneasy about attempting such an unconventional approach, not because of some students’ unfamiliarity with the game but rather due to them not being able to make sense of what he was trying to do with it. He worried that it might interfere with his learners’ focus, but he couldn’t have been more surprised by the results.

Minecraft is an example of a ‘sandbox game’, in which gamers roam around and change a virtual world at will. Instead of having to pass through numbered levels to reach certain places, there’s full access from start to finish. The original version can be adapted to control which characters and content are left in. Each student can then be allocated tasks – such as house-building, locating items or problem-solving – which they must complete within the game. Elements of more general skills can be **subtly** incorporated into the lessons, such as online politeness and safety, teamwork and resolving differences. Edwards feels that presenting such lessons in the context of a game students probably already know and enjoy enables him to connect with them at greater depth, and in more motivational ways.

Bolstered by his success, Edwards introduced his approach to another school nearby. He recalls that the first couple of sessions didn’t live up to his expectations. Those who had played Minecraft before were keen for others to adopt their own style of play. Unsurprisingly, this assortment of styles and opinions as to how the game should proceed were far from harmonious. However, the sessions rapidly transformed into something more cohesive, with the learners driving the change. With minimal teacher input, they set about choosing leaders and established

several teams, each with its own clearly-defined role. These teams, now party to clear common goals, willingly cooperated to ensure that their newborn world flourished, even when faced with the toughest of challenges.

‘Human’ inhabitants in a Minecraft ‘society’ are very primitive and wander around the imaginary world, waiting for guidance from players. [A] This dynamic bears a resemblance to traditional education, an observation highlighted by Martina Williams, one of the leaders of the group. [B] ‘Through the game, we were no longer passive learners in the classroom, being told what and how to learn, but active participants in our own society. [C] The leaders, meanwhile, had a vision for their virtual world as a whole, encouraging everyone to play their part in achieving the group’s goals. [D] Through creating their own characters and using these to build their own ‘world’, students will have gained some experiential understanding of societal structure and how communities work.

But not everyone is convinced by video games’ potential academic value. While many progressive commentators cite extensive evidence to maintain that video games encourage collaboration and build problem-solving skills, more traditional factions continue to insist they are a distraction that do not merit inclusion in any curriculum. Even less evangelical cynics, who may grudgingly acknowledge games have some educational benefit, assert that this is only the case in the hands of creative educators. However, the accusation most often levelled at video games is that they detract from the social aspect of the classroom, particularly taking part in discussions. Dr Helen Conway, an educational researcher, argues that video games can be used to promote social activities. ‘Students become animated talking about the game and how to improve their gameplaying and problem-solving skills,’ she says. ‘I find it strange, this image that many people have,’ Conway says. Children are often totally detached from their peers when undertaking more traditional activities, like reading books, but we never suggest that books are harmful because they’re a solitary experience.

**Question 57:** The first time Edwards used a game in his classes, he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. sure that his reasons for getting learners to play it were valid
- B. convinced that learners would realise why he wanted them to play it
- C. anxious that he had chosen the wrong one for learners to play
- D. convinced that learners would see the reasons for playing it

**Question 58:** The writer suggests that Minecraft is a good choice of educational game because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. players can develop their skills in a step-by-step way
- B. any number of learners can use it simultaneously
- C. teachers can remove any inappropriate material
- D. gamers can create educative tasks whilst playing it

**Question 59:** The word ‘**subtly**’ in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. intricately
- B. ingenuously
- C. haphazardly
- D. ingeniously

**Question 60:** Which of the following words in the fourth paragraph is used to convey a feeling of approval?

- A. newborn
- B. keen
- C. driving
- D. harmonious

**Question 61:** Where does this sentence belong to in the fifth paragraph?

**Each group member had ideas as to how their function should develop.**

- A. [D]
- B. [A]
- C. [B]
- D. [C]



**Question 62:** In the fifth paragraph, the writer draws a comparison between a Minecraft ‘society’ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. typical students in a school environment
- B. relationships within the group as they played
- C. the way in which countries organise themselves
- D. how leadership operates in different situations

**Question 63:** In the sixth paragraph, the writer feels that critics of video games in education \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. make accurate observations about teachers who use them
- B. acknowledge the drawbacks of more traditional teaching methods
- C. use flawed research to support their objections to using them
- D. are unwilling to admit that using them in class has benefits

**Question 64:** Which of the following best describes the author's attitude towards the application of gaming into education?

- A. satirical
- B. neutral
- C. supportive
- D. cynical

## SECTION IV. WRITING

**Part 1.** *For questions 65-72, mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.*

**Question 65:** You criticized your son before his friends left. It was wrong of you to do that.

- A. If you had criticized your son after his friends had left, he wouldn't be so upset now.
- B. You must be careful not to embarrass your son when he is with his friends.
- C. Your son must have been embarrassed when you criticized him in front of his friends.
- D. You should have delayed criticizing your son until after his friends had gone.

**Question 66:** Peter told us about his leaving the school. He did it on his arrival at the meeting.

- A. Not until Peter told us that he would leave the school did he arrive at the meeting.
- B. No sooner had Peter arrived at the meeting than he told us about his leaving the school.
- C. Hardly had Peter informed us about his leaving the school when he arrived at the meeting.
- D. Only after his leaving the school did Peter inform us of his arrival at the meeting.

**Question 67:** She gave in her notice. She planned to start her new job in January.

- A. She gave in her notice with a view to starting her new job in January.
- B. She gave in her notice, plan to start her new job in January.
- C. Her notice was given in with an aim to start her new job in January.
- D. Her notice was given in order for her to start her new job in January.

**Question 68:** No one but the experts was able to realize that the painting was an imitation. It greatly resembled the original.

- A. It was hard for ordinary people to judge between the fake painting and the real one.
- B. The painting looked so much like the authentic one that only the experts could tell it wasn't genuine.
- C. It was obvious that only a person with great talent could fake a painting so successfully.
- D. It was almost impossible for amateurs to realize that the painting was not authentic, though the experts could judge it quite easily.

**Question 69:** The plan may be ingenious. It will never work in practice.

- A. Ingenious as it may be, the plan will never work in practice.
- B. The plan may be too ingenious to work in practice.
- C. The plan is as impractical as it is ingenious.
- D. Ingenious as may the plan, it will never work in practice.

**Question 70:** They left their home early. They didn't want to miss the first train.

- A. They left their home early for fear that they wouldn't miss the first train.
- B. They left their home early so as not to miss the first train.
- C. They left their home early in order that not to miss the first train.
- D. They left their home early so as to not miss the first train.

**Question 71:** The new restaurant looks good. However, it seems to have few customers

- A. In order to get more business, the new restaurant should improve its appearance.
- B. If it had a few more customers, the new restaurant would look better.
- C. The new restaurant would have more customers if it looked better.
- D. In spite of its appearance, the new restaurant does not appear to attract much business.

**Question 72:** Kate immediately phoned her boyfriend and told him the unexpected news. She was surprised at it.

- A. Kate immediately phoned her boyfriend and told him the unexpected news, which she was surprised.
- B. Surprised as she was to hear the news, Kate phoned her boyfriend and told him immediately.
- C. Surprised to hear the unexpected news, Kate phoned her boyfriend and told him immediately.
- D. Kate immediately phoned her boyfriend and told him, surprising by the unexpected news.

**Part 2. For questions 73-80, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

**Question 73:** We're still hesitating about which school our son ought to go to.

- A. We won't send our son to any school unless we are certain that it is the one we want.
- B. We are not sure whether we should let our son choose a school for himself.
- C. We had great difficulty deciding upon which school our son should attend.
- D. We haven't yet decided where we should send our son to school.

**Question 74:** I know I can convince Dave that I'm right about that matter.

- A. I know I can bring Dave round to my way of thinking on this matter.
- B. I know I can bring Dave up to my way of thinking on this matter
- C. I know I can bring Dave around my way of thinking on this matter.
- D. I know I can get Dave round my way of thinking on that matter.

**Question 75:** There is no doubt that Martin is the best candidate for the job.

- A. Without question, Martin is the best candidate for the job.
- B. In all likelihood, Martin is the best candidate for the job.
- C. Quite by chance, Martin is the best candidate for the job.
- D. Martin is by all means the best candidate for the job.

**Question 76:** "What a novel idea for the farewell party" said Nam to the monitor.

- A. Nam said that it was a novel idea of the monitor for the farewell party.
- B. Nam exclaimed with admiration at the novel idea for the farewell party of the monitor.
- C. Nam thought over the novel idea of the farewell party.
- D. Nam admired the novel idea for the farewell party.

**Question 77:** "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

- A. Our heart needs absence to grow.
- B. Being apart from someone you love makes you love them less.
- C. Absence makes us grow older.
- D. Being apart from someone you love makes you love them more.

**Question 78:** Even if the job market is not stable, those who persist will be able to land jobs eventually.

- A. Only persistent job seekers can find jobs.
- B. In land jobs are only available to persistent jobs applicants.

- C. When it's hard to find a job, jobs on land are even harder.
- D. Patient people will secure jobs even in an unstable job market.

**Question 79:** He was such a wet blanket at the party tonight!

- A. He bought a wet blanket to the party.
- B. He spoiled other people's pleasure at the party.
- C. He was wet through when going home from the party.
- D. He made people at the party wet through.

**Question 80:** After what he did, he deserves to be put away for life.

- A. He should be pensioned forever because of his good life.
- B. He should be imprisoned for what he has done.
- C. He deserves to be praised for his whole life.
- D. His wrong doings deserve to be forgiven.

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