

## ENGLISH PRACTICE 35

### PART B – LEXICO AND GRAMMAR

**II. Choose the best answer from the four options (marked A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence below. Identify your answers by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet.**

1. My little brother enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ museums and art galleries.  
A. visiting                      B. seeking                      C. traveling                      D. collecting
2. Thousands of people came to see the Queen \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.  
A. according                      B. owing to                      C. in spite of                      D. although
3. Though she was very tired, she went on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. work                      B. to work                      C. working                      D. to working
4. That part of the park \_\_\_\_\_ several times this year.  
A. is repaired                      B. has been repaired                      C. was repaired                      D. repaired
5. After a lot of difficulties, he \_\_\_\_\_ to open the door.  
A. succeeded                      B. obtained                      C. realized                      D. managed
6. Peter works hard at everything he does. His brother, \_\_\_\_\_, seldom puts out much effort.  
A. on the other hand                      B. even though  
C. otherwise                      D. consequently
7. Mr. Jones, \_\_\_\_\_ I was working, was very generous about overtime payments.  
A. he                      B. for whom                      C. for him                      D. whom
8. Candidates should note that the \_\_\_\_\_ for entries for the examination is 2<sup>nd</sup> December.  
A. deadline                      B. term                      C. period                      D. closure
9. Mary said that she would go to Manila \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tomorrow                      B. the previous day                      C. yesterday                      D. the following day
10. They were very \_\_\_\_\_ when they choose the members of the team.  
A. selected                      B. selective                      C. selectively                      D. selection
11. \_\_\_\_\_ flowers made of paper or plastic can be bought from the market.  
A. Genuine                      B. Artificial                      C. Natural                      D. Counterfeit
12. Everybody was surprised because he went to the party without \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. inviting                      B. invited                      C. being invited                      D. to invite
13. Just when I thought I \_\_\_\_\_ to set the alarm clock, it went off.  
A. had forgotten                      B. was forgetting                      C. would forget                      D. will forget
14. My new car is more \_\_\_\_\_ than the one I had before.  
A. economic                      B. economy                      C. economical                      D. economist
15. In order to keep our school clean, littering is strictly \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. restricted                      B. promoted                      C. prohibited                      D. encouraged

**III. Give the correct form of the given words in brackets to complete the following sentences. Write your answers on the answer sheet.**

1. Advertising \_\_\_\_\_ (**courage**) us to buy things that we don't really need.
2. It is a good book because it is very \_\_\_\_\_ (**inform**).
3. She goes on a \_\_\_\_\_ (**vegetable**) diet to lose weight.
4. The country is very \_\_\_\_\_ (**mountain**) so traveling by road is difficult.
5. Many people like him because of his \_\_\_\_\_ (**generous**).
6. The media help increase the \_\_\_\_\_ (**popular**) of sports and games.

7. In my city, there is always a serious \_\_\_\_\_ (**short**) of water in summer.
8. I'll ask my parents for \_\_\_\_\_ (**permit**) to go there with you.
9. After the earthquake, thousands of people in this area became \_\_\_\_\_ (**home**).
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ (**destroy**) of forests has brought about floods recently.

#### IV. PREPOSITIONS AND PHRASAL VERBS.

Supply each space with a suitable preposition to complete each sentence.

1. It's very difficult to find work \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.
2. This service is free \_\_\_\_\_ charge.
3. In many ways you take \_\_\_\_\_ your mother.
4. This computer is still \_\_\_\_\_ guarantee.
5. Money is not essential \_\_\_\_\_ happiness.
6. She is \_\_\_\_\_ far the best teacher I have ever had.
7. Parents are naturally anxious \_\_\_\_\_ their children.
8. I'm sure you will succeed \_\_\_\_\_ this entrance test.
9. We try to prevent people \_\_\_\_\_ littering.
10. I'm going to complain to the principal \_\_\_\_\_ this.

#### V. ERROR CORRECTION

There are ten errors in the following passage. Identify the errors, then underline and correct them.

Write your answers in the numbered spaces.

There are have about 3,000 living languages in the world today, but only six of them ones are major languages of the world. Two upper thirds of the world's population speak those languages. More over than 400 million people speak English as their first or native language. Another than 400 million speak it as a second language. Nobody can knows exactly how many do people speak it as a foreign language. Chinese is the only language with more speakers than the English. This is that because of the huge population of Chinese. It is true that English is the best most widespread language on the Earth. It must is the language of business, technology, sport and aviation.

0. \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

#### PART C - READING

IV. Complete the following passage by filling in each blank with the correct answer. Identify your choice by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

##### SMILE POWER

The expression on your face can actually dramatically alter your feelings and perceptions, and it has been proved that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ smiling or frowning can create corresponding emotional responses. The idea was first put forward by a French physiologist, Israel Waynbaum, in 1906. He believed that different facial (2) \_\_\_\_\_ affected the flow of blood to the brain, and that this could create positive or negative feelings. A happy smile or irrepressible (3) \_\_\_\_\_ increased the blood flow and contributed to joyful feelings. However, sad, angry expressions decreased the flow of oxygen-carrying blood, and created a vicious circle of gloom and depression by effectively starving the brain of essential fuel.

Psychologist Robert Zajonc rediscovered this early research, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that the temperature of the brain could affect the production and synthesis of neurotransmitters — which definitely influence our moods and energy levels. He argues that an impaired blood flow could not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ deprive the brain of oxygen, but create further chemical imbalance (6) \_\_\_\_\_ inhibiting these vital hormonal messages. Zajonc goes on to propose that our brains remember that smiling is associated with being happy, and that by deliberately smiling through your tears you can (7) \_\_\_\_\_ your brain to release uplifting neurotransmitters — replacing a depressed condition (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a happier one. People suffering from psychosomatic (9) \_\_\_\_\_, depression and anxiety states could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from simply exercising their zygomatic muscles which pull the corners of the mouth up and back to form a smile — several times an hour.

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. A. desperately | B. determinedly | C. deliberately | D. decidedly   |
| 2. A. aspects     | B. looks        | C. expressions  | D. appearances |
| 3. A. laughter    | B. sadness      | C. humour       | D. depression  |
| 4. A. advises     | B. wants        | C. demands      | D. suggests    |
| 5. A. even        | B. only         | C. ever         | D. always      |
| 6. A. by          | B. without      | C. when         | D. from        |
| 7. A. make        | B. persuade     | C. let          | D. decide      |
| 8. A. through     | B. by           | C. after        | D. with        |
| 9. A. disease     | B. illness      | C. infection    | D. ailment     |
| 10. A. recover    | B. improve      | C. benefit      | D. progress    |

**V. Fill in each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.**

**Write the answers on your answer sheet.**

Many of the things we do depend on receiving information from other people. Catching a train, making a phone call and going to the cinema all involve information (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is stored, processed and communicated. In the past, this information used to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ kept on paper in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ form of, for example, books, newspapers and timetables. Now more and more information is put on computers.

Computers play an important (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in our everyday lives, sometimes without us even realizing it. Consider the use (5) \_\_\_\_\_ computers in both shops and offices. Big shops especially chain stores with branches (6) \_\_\_\_\_ over the country, have to deal with very large amounts of information. They have to make (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that there are enough goods on the shelves for customers to buy; they need to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to re-order before stocks (9) \_\_\_\_\_ out, to decide which things are selling well and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on. All these processes (11) \_\_\_\_\_ performed quickly and efficiently by computers.

A (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of office work in the past involved information on paper. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ it had been dealt with by people, the paper was put (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for future reference. This way of working was (15) \_\_\_\_\_ particularly easy or fast. A computerized system is much more efficient.

**VI. Read the passage below and choose the best answer from the four options marked A, B, C or D.**

**Identify your answers by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on the answer sheet.**

The Hollywood sign in the hills that line the northern border of Los Angeles is a famous landmark recognized **the world over**. The white – painted, 50 – foot – high, sheet metal letters can be seen from great distances across the Los Angeles basin.

The sign was not constructed, as one might suppose, by the movie business as a means of celebrating the importance of Hollywood to this industry; instead, **it** was first constructed in 1923 as means of advertising homes for sale in a 500 – acre-housing subdivision in a part of Los Angeles called “Hollywood land”. The sign that was constructed at time, of course, said “Hollywood land”. Over the years, people began referring to the area by the shorten version “Hollywood” and after the sign and its site were donated to the city in 1945, the last four letters were removed.

The sign suffered for years of disrepair, and in 1973, it needed to be completely **replaced**, at a cost of \$ 27,700 per letter. Various celebrities were instrumental in helping to raise needed funds. Rock star Alice Cooper, for example, bought an O in memory of Groucho Marx, and Hugh Hefner of *Playboy* fame held a benefit party to raise the money for the Y. The construction of the new sign was finally completed in 1978.

- What is the topic of this passage?
 

A. A famous sign	B. a famous city
C. World landmarks	D. Hollywood versus Hollywood land
- The expression “**The world over**” in line 2 could best be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. in the northern parts of the world	B. on top of the world
C. in the entire world	D. in the skies
- It can be inferred from the passage that most people think that the Hollywood sign was first constructed by \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. an advertising company	B. the movie industry
C. a construction company	D. the city of Los Angeles
- The pronoun “**it**” in line 5 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the sign  
C. the importance of Hollywood
- B. the movie business  
D. this industry
5. According to the passage, the Hollywood sign was first built in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 1923                      B. 1949                      C. 1973                      D. 1978
6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Hollywood land?  
A. It used to be the name of an area of Los Angeles.  
B. It was formerly the name of the sign in the hills.  
C. There were houses for sale there.  
D. It was the most expensive area of Los Angeles.
7. The passage indicates that the sign suffered for years of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. being damaged                      B. not being fixed  
C. the bad weather                      D. being poorly constructed
8. How old was the Hollywood sign when it was necessary to replace it completely?  
A. Ten years old                      B. Twenty – six years old  
C. Fifty years old                      D. Fifty – five years old
9. The word “**replaced**” is closest in meaning to which of the following?  
A. Moved to a new location                      B. Destroyed  
C. Found again                      D. Exchanged for a newer one
10. According to the passage, how did celebrities help with new sign?  
A. They played instruments                      B. They raised the sign.  
C. They helped get the money.                      D. They took part in work parties to build the sign.

**Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer: True (T), False (F), No information (NI)**

Bill Gates is a very important person in the computer industry. He has been chief executive officer of Microsoft Corporation for several years. He is also the richest person in the United States. How did he do it?

He learned a lot from his parents. While Bill was going to school, his father went to college, got a degree, and became a successful lawyer. From this, Bill learned that you have to work hard if you want something. His mother was a very busy teacher, but she also enjoyed going to parties. From this, he learned something else : If you want to work hard and play hard, you have to make a schedule.

When Bill was young, he spent a lot oi time alone. While most of his friends were playing, Bill read all of the World Book Encyclopedia and finished it when he was 8 years old.

Bill’s childhood was not air work, however. He used to play a lot of sports - swimming, water-skiing, tennis. He was very serious about sports. He loved winning and he hated losing. When Bill got older, he spent more and more time working - and playing - on a computer.

Before he was 20, Bill developed the world’s first computer language for the personal computer. Once when he was thinking about the future, he realized something important. He thought that every home was going to have a computer, ^md every computer would need software - his software. He said, ‘I’m going to 'make my first million dollars on software by the time I’m 25.’ And he did!

1. Bill Gates learned that you have to play hard for what you want!
2. He used to read a lot when he was young.
3. He was happy to lose a game of tennis.
4. He enjoyed playing games on the computer.
5. He wasn’t making much money when he was 25 years old.

#### **PART D - WRITING**

**VII. Rewrite each of the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the original one.**

1. During the teacher’s absence, the class was very noisy.  
While \_\_\_\_\_
2. The builder is going to mend my roof tomorrow.  
I \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am sorry I sent you that letter. It was very rude of me.  
I regret \_\_\_\_\_
4. She wrote me a letter to tell me she never wanted to see me again.

The letter \_\_\_\_\_

5. He is so dull that people fall asleep while he is talking.

He is such \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. Within 150 – 200 words, write about the following topic:**

Holidays honor people or events. If you could create a new holiday, what person or event would it honor and how would you want people to celebrate it? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

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## KEYS – PRACTICE 35

### PART B – LEXICO AND GRAMMAR: 2.5 POINTS

#### II. 1.5 POINT: 0.1 point/correct answer

1. A	2. C	3. C	4. B
5. D	6. A	7. B	8. A
9. D	10. B	11. B	12. C
13. A	14. C	15. C	

#### III. 1.0 POINTS: 0.1 point/correct answer

1	encourages
2	informative
3	vegetarian
4	mountainous
5	generosity
6	popularity
7	shortage
8.	permission
9.	homeless
10.	destruction

#### IV. PREPOSITIONS AND PHRASAL VERBS.

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7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

#### PART C – READING: 3.5 POINTS

##### IV. 1 POINT: 0.1 point/correct answer

1. C	2. C	3. A	4. D	5. B
6. A	7. B	8. D	9. B	10. C

##### V. 1.5 POINT: 0.1 point/correct answer

1. that/which	2. be	3. the
4. part/ role	5. of	6. all
7. sure/ certain	8. able	9. run/ sell
10. so	11. are/ get	12. lot
13. Once/When/After	14. aside/ away	15. not/ never

##### VI. 1.0 POINTS: 0.1 point/correct answer

1. A	2. C	3. B	4. A	5. A
6. D	7. B	8. C	9. D	10. C

#### III. READING COMPREHENSION. (1 pts)

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1. Bill Gates learned that you have to play hard for what you want! **101. F**
2. He used to read a lot when he was young. **102. T**
3. He was happy to lose a game of tennis. **103. F**
4. He enjoyed playing games on the computer. **104. F**
5. He wasn't making much money when he was 25 years old. **105. F**

**PART D: WRITING - 2 POINTS**

**VII. 0.5 point: 0.1 point/correct answer**

1. While the teacher was absent, the class was very noisy.
2. I am going to have my roof mended tomorrow.
3. I regret sending/ having sent you that letter. It was very rude of me.
4. The letter (that/which) she wrote to me said that she never wanted to see me again.
5. He is such a dull man/person that people fall asleep while he is talking.

**VIII. 1.5 point**

***The candidate's essay should include the following points:***

- The writing passage should be well organized: 0.25 point
  - \* Introduction, body and ending of the passage
  - \* Linking words
- The content of the writing passage should be clear, logical and creative with explanations: 1 point
  - The writing passage is supposed to be free of grammatical and spelling errors: 0.25 point.



