

# ĐỀ GIỚI THIỆU KỶ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 8

Môn: Tiếng Anh

Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút

(Đề gồm có 05 trang)

## A. LISTENING:

I. Listen to FIVE short conversations and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to each question. (5.0 points)

Question 1. Where will the friends meet?

- A. At the coffee bar      B. Outside the cinema      C. At the bus stop      D. Outside the bar

Question 2. What has the girl forgotten to bring?

- A. The pen      B. The keys      C. The essay      D. The laptop

Question 3. Which programme is on at 9 o'clock tonight?

- A. Nature Programme      B. Chinese Kitchen      C. Ski jumping  
D. Wild animals

Question 4. How will the man book tickets for the show?

- A. On the Internet      B. By phone      C. Fill in the form      D. On newspaper

Question 5. What will the man do this winter?

- A. Do the gardening      B. Work in a supermarket      C. Build in the sun      D. Work in a factory

II. You will hear a radio programme about some historic places to visit. Complete the note below with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS / A NUMBERS. (5.0 points)

### HISTORIC PLACES TO VISIT

#### Black Rock Caves

- Over 2 million years old
- For half a million years, people and animals, especially (6) \_\_\_\_\_ live here
- Special evening tours during the month of August

#### Salter House

- Built in the year (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- Made famous by the television series called Aunt Dorothy
- All visitors want to see Dorothy's (8) \_\_\_\_\_

#### The Old Port

- Have a ride on an old tram to the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ village
- In the factory, find out how people used to make (10) \_\_\_\_\_

III. You will hear a radio interview with Jack William, who is talking about a town called Swanton. Listen and choose the correct answer for each question. (5 points)

Question 11. Where is the town of Swanton located?

- A. Near the sea      B. By the lake      C. On the hill      D. In the mountain

Question 12. What does Jack like most about living in Swanton?

- A. There are opportunities for climbing nearby.  
B. There is plenty of activity in the town.  
C. There is interesting wildlife near the town.  
D. There are many amusement centers in the town.

**Question 13. What does Jack say about entertainment in Swanton?**

- A. A music festival takes place in the town.
- B. Its football club has done well this year.
- C. An arts centre has recently opened.
- D. A new museum has just been built.

**Question 14. Jack is worried about the environment of Swanton because \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. the water in the river is dirty.
- B. there are few wild birds around today.
- C. pollution has destroyed the plants in one area.
- D. the air is seriously polluted.

**Question 15. Jack is positive about the future of Swanton because \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. there is a successful new shopping centre.
- B. there will soon be a new airport.
- C. a new university is opening.
- D. there will be a modern stadium.

**IV. You will hear a conversation between a man, Marco, and his wife, Sarah, about a film they have just seen at the cinema. Decide if each sentence is True (T) or False (F). You will hear the conversation TWICE. (5.0 points)**

**Question 16.** Sarah was expecting to enjoy the film.

**Question 17.** Marco and Sarah agree that the city in the film was London.

**Question 18.** Marco feels that the length of the film made it rather boring.

**Question 19.** Sarah was upset about how some of the audience behaved during the film.

**Question 20.** Marco thinks this film is the best the director has made.

**B. GRAMMAR – VOCABULARY – LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS**

**I. Choose the word, phrase or expression which best completes each sentence (15.0 points)**

**Question 21.** Analysts suggested the country \_\_\_\_\_ its infrastructure to get foreign investment.

- A. improve
- B. to improve
- C. improves
- D. improving

**Question 22.** \_\_\_\_\_ to the national park before, Sue was amazed to see the geyser.

- A. Being not
- B. Not having been
- C. Have not been
- D. Having not been

**Question 23.** \_\_\_\_\_ what he says, observe what he does.

- A. Although
- B. In contrast
- C. Contrary
- D. Never mind

**Question 24.** I couldn't believe that they were brothers. They were as different as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mars from Jupiter
- B. milk from honey
- C. chalk from cheese
- D. dogs and cats

**Question 25.** If I \_\_\_\_\_ hear from Nigel, I'll tell him you were asking after him.

- A. happened
- B. should to
- C. happen to
- D. will happen to

**Question 26.** I don't think that this fashion will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. catch on
- B. catch up
- C. catch out
- D. catch over

**Question 27.** When asked \_\_\_\_\_ she has interviewed with other companies, she denied having done so.

- A. when
- B. whenever
- C. while
- D. whether

**Question 28.** In most \_\_\_\_\_ developed countries, up to 50% of \_\_\_\_\_ population enters higher education at some time in their lives.

- A. Ø / Ø
- B. the / Ø
- C. Ø / the
- D. the / a

**Question 29.** Henry was really a silly boy when we were at high school. I still remember \_\_\_\_\_ very stupid questions.

- A. him asking                      B. him to ask                      C. asking him                      D. his being asked

**Read the following advertisement/ announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blank from 30 to 35.**

**Welcome to "Morning Mix" – your daily dose of news, music, and fun!**

Good morning, listeners! I'm Sarah, and today we have a fantastic show lined up for you. First, we'll dive into the latest headlines with our news update. Stay tuned (30) \_\_\_\_\_ out what's happening around the world and in your local community.

After that, we have a special treat – an exclusive interview with popular singer Alex James. He'll be sharing insights about his new (31) \_\_\_\_\_ and upcoming tour, so don't miss it!

And of course, we can't forget our music segment. We've got a great playlist featuring today's top hits and some classic favorites to get you (32) \_\_\_\_\_.

Later in the show, we'll be answering your questions and reading your shout-outs. So, keep those messages coming!

Thank you for joining us on "Morning Mix." Let's make today amazing together!

- Question 30.** A. finding                      B. to find                      C. find                      D. to finding  
**Question 31.** A. album                      B. movie                      C. game                      D. book  
**Question 32.** A. sleeping                      B. relaxed                      C. moving                      D. bored

**Discover the Magic of EcoTech Gadgets!**

Are you looking to upgrade your home with the latest technology? EcoTech offers innovative gadgets designed to make your life easier and more sustainable. Our (33) \_\_\_\_\_ smart home devices are energy-efficient and user-friendly, helping you save both money and the environment.

This month, enjoy a special (34) \_\_\_\_\_ on all EcoTech products. Whether you need a new smart thermostat or a high-tech security system, now is the perfect time to invest. Plus, every purchase comes with a 5-year warranty, ensuring peace of mind and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ performance.

Visit our website or your nearest EcoTech store to explore our full range of products. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to enhance your home with cutting-edge technology!

- Question 33.** A. outdated                      B. traditional                      C. advanced                      D. manual  
**Question 34.** A. discount                      B. increase                      C. delay                      D. fee  
**Question 35.** A. long-last                      B. long-lasting                      C. length-lasting                      D. long-lasting

**II. Give the correct form of the words in brackets (5.0 points)**

**Question 36.** Television has an important role to play in (POPULAR) \_\_\_\_\_ new scientific ideas.

**Question 37.** I am thankful to my teacher who always gives me lots of (COURAGE) \_\_\_\_\_ to better my knowledge.

**Question 38.** Even the most (SENSE) \_\_\_\_\_ person ought to appreciate the beauty of this music.

**Question 39.** I had my trousers (LONG) \_\_\_\_\_ because they were too short.

**Question 40.** Police asked \_\_\_\_\_ (PASS) if they had seen the accident happen.

**III. There are 05 errors in the following passage. Identify the errors, write the line number and correct them. Write your answers in the numbered space below. (5.0 points)**

Line	Passage
1	All men should study. We study to improve our knowledge and develop our

2	intelligent. Education plays an important role in our life. First of all, we have to learn how to observe accurately to think truthfully, to speak correctly and to write clearly. Education gives us lots of things around us and it preserves a national noble traditions and customs from generation to generation. Education makes a person perfectly. An educated man is both talented and virtuous. In every country, the government consider education like the most important policy. Some of us sometimes think that we “have finished” our education before we left school or graduate from a university. Actually, real education should never finish.
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- Question 41. \_\_\_\_\_ => \_\_\_\_\_  
 Question 42. \_\_\_\_\_ => \_\_\_\_\_  
 Question 43. \_\_\_\_\_ => \_\_\_\_\_  
 Question 44. \_\_\_\_\_ => \_\_\_\_\_  
 Question 45. \_\_\_\_\_ => \_\_\_\_\_

**C. READING:**

**I. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use (5.0 points)**

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| <p><b>A.</b> Making exercise a fun part of your day can lead to better adherence and long-term success.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Regular exercise also boosts energy levels and improves overall sleep quality.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Exercise helps to balance calories burned and calories consumed.</p> <p><b>D.</b> It’s a good idea to find activities that fit into your lifestyle and that you enjoy.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Incorporating even small amounts of physical activity into your day can be beneficial.</p> <p><b>F.</b> Achieving personal fitness milestones can be a great source of motivation and satisfaction.</p> <p><b>G.</b> Regular exercise can help lower cholesterol levels and improve overall circulation.</p> <p><b>H.</b> Creating a workout schedule and gradually increasing the intensity can lead to better results.</p> |
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**The Benefits of Daily Exercise**

Regular exercise is an essential part of maintaining good health. Not only does it help you stay physically fit, but it also contributes to mental well-being. Studies have shown that engaging in physical activities such as jogging, swimming, or cycling can significantly reduce stress levels and improve your mood. (46) \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the primary benefits of exercise is its ability to strengthen your cardiovascular system. By regularly participating in aerobic activities, you can enhance your heart and lung function. (47) \_\_\_\_\_. For example, people who exercise regularly are less likely to suffer from heart disease or high blood pressure.

Exercise also plays a crucial role in managing weight. When combined with a balanced diet, physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight or lose excess pounds. (48) \_\_\_\_\_. Additionally, strength training exercises, such as lifting weights, can build muscle mass and increase your metabolism.

Incorporating exercise into your daily routine doesn’t have to be difficult. (49) \_\_\_\_\_. Even simple activities like walking or taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference. The key is to find activities that you enjoy and can stick with consistently.

Finally, it's important to set realistic goals and track your progress. (50) \_\_\_\_\_. Whether you're aiming to run a certain distance or improve your strength, monitoring your achievements can keep you motivated and on track.

**II. Read the passage below and decide which option A, B, C or D best fits each space (10.0 points).**

The computer is undoubtedly one of the most (51) \_\_\_\_\_ and important inventions of the twentieth century. Boring or time-consuming jobs which, in the past, would have been (52) \_\_\_\_\_ by hundreds of workers can now be done by one small computer. However, the (53) \_\_\_\_\_ of the computer has not been entirely problem-free. Many people feel that we are already too (54) \_\_\_\_\_ on computers. They think that computers themselves are (55) \_\_\_\_\_ too powerful, and that people are no longer in control of them.

One of the problems with a computer is that, like any other machines, it can (56) \_\_\_\_\_. If a computer is (57) \_\_\_\_\_, the information it is storing can be lost. If a computer program has a(n) (58) \_\_\_\_\_ in it, the computer's calculation can be seriously (59) \_\_\_\_\_. A faulty program in a hospital or police computer could (60) \_\_\_\_\_ terrible mistakes.

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| Question 51. A. shocking  | B. amazing     | C. astonishing  | D. surprising  |
| Question 52. A. done out  | B. made out    | C. carried out  | D. figured out |
| Question 53. A. usage     | B. experiment  | C. introduction | D. operation   |
| Question 54. A. dependent | B. based       | C. influenced   | D. carried     |
| Question 55. A. becoming  | B. getting     | C. running      | D. turning     |
| Question 56. A. break up  | B. break down  | C. break into   | D. break out   |
| Question 57. A. changed   | B. modified    | C. contaminated | D. damaged     |
| Question 58. A. foul      | B. abnormality | C. wrong doing  | D. error       |
| Question 59. A. devalued  | B. affected    | C. fooled       | D. broken      |
| Question 60. A. do        | B. produce     | C. find         | D. cause       |

**III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question (10 points)**

In the West, cartoons are used chiefly to make people laugh. The important feature of all these cartoons is the joke and element of surprise which is contained. Even though it is very funny, a good cartoon is always based on close observation of a particular feature of life and usually has a serious purpose.

Cartoons in the West have been associated with political and social matters for many years. In wartime, for example, they proved to be an excellent way of spreading propaganda. Nowadays cartoons are often used to make short, sharp comments on politics and governments as well as on a variety of social matters. In this way, the modern cartoon has become a very powerful force in influencing people in Europe and the United States.

Unlike most American and European cartoons, however, many Chinese cartoon drawings in the past have also attempted to educate people, especially those who could not read and write. Such cartoons about the lives and sayings of great men in China have proved extremely useful in bringing education to illiterate and semi-literate people throughout China. Confucius, Mencius and Laozi have all appeared in very interesting stories presented in the form of cartoons. The cartoons themselves have thus served to illustrate the teachings of the Chinese sages in a very attractive way.

In this sense, many Chinese cartoons are different from Western cartoons in so far as they do not depend chiefly on telling jokes. Often, there is nothing to laugh at when you see Chinese cartoons. **This** is not their primary aim. In addition to commenting on serious political and social matters, Chinese cartoons have aimed at spreading the traditional Chinese thoughts and culture as widely as possible among the people.

Today, however, Chinese cartoons have an added part to play in spreading knowledge. They offer a very attractive and useful way of reaching people throughout the world,

regardless of the particular country in which they live. Thus, through cartoons, the thoughts and teachings of the old Chinese philosopher and sages can now reach people who live in such countries as Britain, France, America, Japan, Malaysia or Australia and who are unfamiliar with the Chinese culture. Until recently, the transfer of knowledge and culture has been overwhelmingly from the West to the East and not vice versa. By means of cartoons, however, publishing companies in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore are now having success in correcting this **imbalance** between the East and the West.

Cartoons can overcome language barriers in all foreign countries. The vast increase in the popularity of these cartoon serves to illustrate the truth of Confucius's famous saying "One picture is worth a thousand words."

**Question 61.** Which of the following clearly characterizes Western cartoons?

- A. Originality, freshness and astonishment.
- B. Humour, unexpectedness and criticism.
- C. Enjoyment, liveliness and carefulness.
- D. Seriousness, propaganda and attractiveness.

**Question 62.** Chinese cartoons have been useful as an important means of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. educating ordinary people
- B. spreading Western ideas.
- C. political propaganda in wartime
- D. amusing people all the time.

**Question 63.** The major differences between Chinese cartoons and Western cartoons come from their \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. purpose
- B. nationalities
- C. values
- D. styles

**Question 64.** The pronoun "This" in paragraph 4 mostly refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a propaganda campaign
- B. a piece of art
- C. an educational purpose
- D. a funny element

**Question 65.** The passage is intended to present \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a contrast between Western cartoons and Chinese cartoons.
- B. an opinion about how cartoons entertain people.
- C. a description of cartoons of all kinds the world over.
- D. an outline of Western cartoons and Chinese cartoons.

**Question 66.** Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

- A. A Very Powerful Force in Influencing People.
- B. Cartoons as a Way of Educating People
- C. Chinese Cartoons and Western Cartoons.
- D. An Excellent Way of Spreading Propaganda

**Question 67.** In general, Chinese cartoons are now aiming at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. illustrating the truth of Chinese great men's famous sayings.
- B. bringing education to illiterate and semi-literate people in the world.
- C. spreading the Chinese ideas and cultural values throughout the world.
- D. disseminating traditional practices in China and throughout the world.

**Question 68.** The word: "**imbalance**" in paragraph 6 refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the mismatch between the East cartoons and the West cartoons.
- B. the influence of the East cartoons over the West cartoons.
- C. the dominant cultural influence of the West over the East.
- D. the discrimination between the West culture and the East culture.

**Question 69.** Which of the following is most likely the traditional subject of Chinese cartoons?

- A. The stories and features of the lives of great men the world over.
- B. The illiterate and semi-literate people throughout Chinese.
- C. Jokes and other kinds of humour in political and social matters.
- D. The philosophies and sayings of ancient Chinese thinkers.

**Question 70.** According to the passage, which of the following is true?

- A. Western cartoons always have a serious purpose.

- B. Cartoons will replace other forms of writing.
- C. Cartoons can serve various purposes.
- D. Language barriers restricted cartoons.

**D. WRITING:**

**I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before (5.0 points)**

**Question 71.** The film was so boring that I fell asleep.

☞ Because .....

**Question 72.** Although the weather was bad, it did not delay the traffic.

-> In spite of .....

**Question 73.** They built a new bridge over the river.

-> A new bridge.....

**Question 74.** You feel unhealthy because you don't take any exercises.

-> If you .....

**Question 75.** We should ban the use of pesticides, but we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.

☞ In addition to.....

**II. Your pen-friend who lives in a foreign country is having some stress because studying.**

**Write an email (100-120 words) to him/ her to share and give him some advice (10.0 points)**

**\* In your email, you should:**

- Tell him/ her how sympathetic you are with his/ her problems.
- Ask for more details of the problems if necessary in order to give suitable advice.
- Give him/ her some advice.

**\* You are required to sign your name as Jenny.**

**III. In about 150 words, write an essay to show your opinion about "how the countryside has changed from the past". (15 points)**

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**HƯỚNG DẪN CHẤM**  
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**A. LISTENING:**

**I. (5.0 points): Each correct answer: 1.0 point**

1. A            2. A            3. B            4. B            5. A

**II. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

6. tiger(s)    7. 1765            8. kitchen(s)    9. (old) fishing    10. sweets

**III. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

1. A            2. A            3. C            4. B            5. A

**IV. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

16. F            17. T            18. F            19. T            20. F

**B. GRAMMAR – VOCABULARY – LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS**

**I. (15.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

21. A            22. B            23. D            24. C            25. C  
26. A            27. D            28. C            29. A            30. B  
31. A            32. C            33. C            34. A            35. D

**II. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

36. POPULARIZING            37. ENCOURAGEMENT            38. INSENSITIVE  
39. LENGTHENED            40. PASSERS-BY

**III. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

41. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 intelligent    => intelligence  
42. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 a            => the  
43. \_\_\_\_\_ 6 perfectly    => perfect  
44. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 like    => as  
45. \_\_\_\_\_ 8 before    => when

**C. READING:**

**I. (5 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**

46. **B.** Regular exercise also boosts energy levels and improves overall sleep quality.  
47. **G.** Regular exercise can help lower cholesterol levels and improve overall circulation.  
48. **C.** Exercise helps to balance calories burned and calories consumed.  
49. **E.** Incorporating even small amounts of physical activity into your day can be beneficial.  
50. **F.** Achieving personal fitness milestones can be a great source of motivation and satisfaction.

**II. (10 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:**



51. B      52. C      53. C      54. A      55. A  
56. B      57. D      58. D      59. B      60. D

III. (10 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:

61. B      62. A      63. A      64. D      65. A  
66. C      67. C      68. C      69. D      70. C

## D. WRITING:

### I. (5.0 points): 1.0 point for each correct answer:

71. Because The film was so/very/too boring, I fell asleep  
72. If you took (some) exercises, you would feel healthy/ healthier  
73. A new bridge was built over the river  
74. In spite of the bad weather, it did not delay the traffic  
75. In addition to banning the use of pesticides, we should also restrict the use of other chemicals.

### II. (10 points)

#### 1. Form:

- *Correct form of an email (1.0 point)*

#### 2. Task fulfillment:

- *Task completed with relevant information (2.0 points)*
- *Well-organized (2.0 points)*

#### 3. Language:

- *Accurate grammar (2.0 points)*
- *Appropriate vocabulary (2.0 points)*
- *Correct spelling and punctuation (1.0 point)*

### III. (15 points)

#### Score of 14-15: A paragraph at this level:

- *shows very effective writing skills*
- *is very well organized and well developed*
- *uses details clearly and properly to support a thesis or illustrate ideas*
- *displays consistent ability in the use of language*
- *demonstrates variety in sentence structure and proper word choice*

#### Score of 11 - 13: A paragraph at this level:

- *shows effective writing skills*
- *is well organized and well developed*
- *uses details clearly and properly to support a thesis or illustrate ideas*
- *displays consistent ability in the use of language*
- *demonstrates variety in sentence structure and proper word choice*

#### Score of 9 - 10: A paragraph at this level:

- *may address some parts of the task more effectively than others*
- *is generally well organized and developed*
- *uses details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea*
- *displays ability in the use of the language*
- *shows some variety in sentence structure and range of vocabulary*

#### Score of 7 - 8: A paragraph at this level:

- *addresses the writing topic adequately but does not meet all of the goals of the task*
- *is adequately organized and developed*
- *uses some details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea*

- *shows adequate but possibly inconsistent ability with sentence structure*
- *may contain some usage errors that make the meaning unclear*

**Score of 5 - 6: A paragraph at this level may reveal one or more of the following weaknesses:**

- *inadequate organization or development*
- *poor choice of details or does not provide enough details to support or illustrate generalizations*
- *a noticeably improper choice of words or word forms*
- *numerous errors in sentence structure and/or usage*

**Score of 3 - 4: A paragraph at this level is seriously flawed by one or more of the following weaknesses:**

- *serious disorganization or underdevelopment*
- *little or no detail, or irrelevant specifics*
- *serious and frequent errors in sentence structure or usage*
- *serious problems with focus*

**Score of 1- 2: A paragraph at this level:**

- *may be incoherent*
- *may be undeveloped*
- *may contain severe and persistent writing errors*

**Score of 0: A paragraph will be rated 0 if it:**

- *contains no response*
- *merely copies the topic*
- *is off-topic, written in a foreign language or consists only of keystroke characters*

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