

ĐỀ CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI
NĂM HỌC 2024 – 2025
MÔN THI: TIẾNG ANH – LỚP 9

Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút, không kể thời gian giao đề
 (Đề thi gồm có 06 trang)

A. LISTENING

I. Listen to FIVE short conversations and choose the correct answer to each question. (5.0 points)

1. How is the girl going to help her dad?

- A. cut the vegetables up B. finish her homework C. lay the table D. do the washing up

2. Which place would the boy most like to visit?

- A. rainforests B. islands C. deserts D. creepers

3. What's the girl learning to do?

- A. write computer programs B. fix bikes
 C. a new sport D. play badminton

4. What did the boy forget to buy?

- A. the salad B. ice cream
 C. two pizzas D. cheese and chicken

5. Where did the girl leave her glasses?

- A. on the laptop B. on the sofa C. on the desk D. on the table

II. You will hear a music teacher giving some information to students about Saturday music classes. Complete the note below with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER each blank. (5.0 points)

Saturday music classes	
<u>Classes available:</u>	+ drums + (6) _____ + guitar
<u>On arrival</u>	+ go to the (7) _____ to pick up your instrument
<u>Cost</u>	+ (8) £ _____ per class
<u>End-of-term concert</u>	+ on (9) _____ + play alone or with the orchestra + friends and family welcome
<u>For more information</u>	+ contact music teacher on (10) _____ @school.net

III. You will hear an interview with a young woman called Lin, who makes online videos about environmental issues. Listen and choose the correct answer to each question. (5.0 points)

11. How did Lin learn how to start putting videos online?

- A. She did a short course. B. She used information online.
 C. She asked someone she knew. D. She learnt from one of her old school friends.

12. Why did Lin choose to focus on the environment?

- A. A teacher recommended this topic. B. There were so few online videos about it.
 C. She's been interested in it for a long time. D. That's her major at university.

13. How did Lin feel when her online videos first became successful?

- A. surprised it happened so quickly B. anxious about being seen by so many people
 C. certain that she would get even more followers D. unaffected, as it was the same process

14. Lin says that to become successful, people should put videos online _____

- A. daily, to keep viewers engaged.
 B. every other day, to maintain interest.
 C. weekly, to balance engagement and content creation.
 D. monthly, to ensure high-quality content.

15. Lin's latest video is about _____

yet begun and so the problems caused by the incident are not quite as serious as they (32) _____ otherwise have been. It's expected that traffic will not be moving normally again until the afternoon.

30. A. lost B. scattered C. shed D. spilled
 31. A. circumvention B. obstruction C. barricade D. cessation
 32. A. must B. should C. might D. would

Hi Jack, we're back from our family camping trip! As you know, we'd spent weeks beforehand getting ready – Mum and Dad packed so much stuff! Anyway, (33) _____ we arrived at the coast, bad weather had already set in and we could see we weren't in for the sunshine we were hoping for. It could've (34) _____ the whole trip, but our tent was really dry, so we just (35) _____ it and decided not to let it spoil things. It was a beautiful place, overlooking the sea – you'd love it! Whether we'd be tempted to go again, though, I'm not entirely sure. Anyway, see you next week!

33. A. after B. while C. by the time D. as soon as
 34. A. enhanced B. wrecked C. improved D. organized
 35. A. gave up on B. got on with C. ran out of D. brought up

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 spaces below. (5.0 points)

Line	Passage
1	Hanoi is famous for its natural beauty, with lots of rivers and lakes. There are many history
2	places to visit in Hanoi. The Literature Temple (Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam) is the country's
3	first ever historical university. Teenagers often come here to pray over high results in their
4	upcoming examinations. As Viet Nam is a Buddhism-oriented nation, its capital has also
5	been the centre of Buddhism for centuries. In Hanoi alone, there are about 600 temples and
6	pagodas. It also has a big church in the city centre, a popular place for the few Christian
7	living here. With a population of nearly eight million, the city is quite crowded. However,
8	the public transportation is not adequate, so visitors find it hardly to safely cross the roads.
9	The city pack with universities and enterprises, making it the top destination for higher
10	education students and labour workers. Many people from rural areas reside in Hanoi so that
11	they can get well-paid jobs. This makes the city become more crowded than ever before.
12	

	Line	Error	Correction
36			
37			
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III. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (5.0 points)

41. She was much less _____ student than her sister. (**industry**)
 42. Jim is one of the most _____ members of the committee. (**speak**)
 43. A certain degree of stress seems to be _____ in modern life. (**avoid**)
 44. She won the first prize in the contest due to her _____. (**persuade**)
 45. We had the phone _____ because we are moving tomorrow. (**connect**)

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 two extra sentences which you do not need to use. (5.0 points)

- A. the quality of city dwellers has, in some ways, diminished
- B. All things considered, it is crucial that money should be invested in building and widening separate lanes for buses and taxis.
- C. Local authorities should offer a wider range of bus routes and run more frequent services.
- D. introduce more legislation regulating the use of private vehicles
- E. governments have taken no action to tackle the issue
- F. car drivers are also restricted to using one lane only
- G. In conclusion, an improved public transport system would certainly require considerable financial investment.

At the beginning of the 20th century, a car was a luxury that many could not afford, but since then, the number of vehicles on the streets of industrialized countries has soared. The simple fact is that most urban areas were never designed to cope with such high levels of traffic. It seems ironic that as car ownership has increased, (46) _____. Traffic congestion creates stress, pollution and many types of problems. It is an issue that governments must address.

One approach that policy-makers could take is to (47) _____ countries, conversely. In certain drivers are required to pay a toll once they cross the boundary of the city centre. In some cases, (48) _____, leaving the other lanes for buses or taxis. Unfortunately, there is evidence that neither of these measures has reduced traffic to any significant extent. An alternative approach would be to make public transport more attractive to potential passengers. According to a recent online poll, it is inconvenience rather than cost which deters people from using buses. (49)

_____ (50) _____. But in the long term, it might be a cheaper option than borrowing money to fund new road-building projects. This is the strategy that I would recommend governments adopt.

(Adapted from Ready for Advanced)

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

CRITICISM

It can (51) _____ a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however talented you are. One thing you have to be (52) _____ of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is full of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you have made up your (53) _____ to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, don't let the negative criticism of others prevent you from reaching your (54) _____ and let constructive criticism have a positive (55) _____ on your work. If someone says you are totally (56) _____ in talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If, however, someone advises you to revise your work and gives you good reasons for doing so, you should (57) _____ their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars who were once out of (58) _____. There are many famous novelists who made a complete (59) _____ of their first novel - or who didn't, but had to keep on approaching hundreds of publishers before they could get it published. Being successful does depend on luck, to a certain extent. But things are more likely to (60) _____ well if you persevere and stay positive.

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| 51. A. have | B. do | C. be | D. take |
| 52. A. kept in mind | B. aware | C. clever | D. intelligent |
| 53. A. idea | B. thought | C. decision | D. mind |
| 54. A. target | B. destination | C. objectives | D. purpose |
| 55. A. change | B. effect | C. affect | D. result |
| 56. A. incapable | B. interested | C. short | D. lacking |
| 57. A. cautious | B. remember | C. consider | D. reckon |
| 58. A. work | B. career | C. business | D. job |
| 59. A. success | B. effort | C. mess | D. money |

60. A. turn out B. get out C. bring out D. carry out

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question. (10.0 points)

The radical change in the land's surface that results when rural areas are transformed into cities is a significant cause of the rise in temperature in cities that is known as urban heat island.

First, the tall buildings and the concrete and asphalt of the city absorb and store greater quantities of solar radiation than do the vegetation and soil typical of rural areas.

In addition, because the concrete and asphalt are impermeable, the runoff of water following a rain is rapid, resulting in a severe reduction in the evaporation rate. So heat that once would have been used convert liquid water to a gas goes instead to increase the surface temperature further.

At night, although both city and countryside cool through radiation losses, the stone-like surface of the city gradually releases the additional heat accumulated during the day, keeping the urban air warmer than that of the outlying areas.

Part of the urban temperature rise must also be attributed to waste heat from such sources as home heating and air conditioning, power generation, industry, and transportation. Many studies have shown that the magnitude of human-made energy in metropolitan areas is equal to a significant percentage of the energy received from the Sun at the surface.

Investigations in Sheffield, England, and Berlin showed that the annual heat production in these cities was equal to approximately one-third of that received from solar radiation. Another study of the densely built-up **Manhattan** section of New York City revealed that during the winter, the quantity of heat produced from combustion alone was two and one-half times greater than the amount of solar energy reaching the ground. In summer, the figure dropped to one-sixth.

It is interesting to note that during the summer there is a mutual reinforcement between the higher nighttime temperatures of the city and the human-made heat that helped create them. That is, the higher temperatures result in the increased use of air-conditioners, which, in turn, use energy and further increase the amount of urban heat. During the winter the nighttime warmth of urban areas, produced in large part by heavy energy consumption, is beneficial because less energy needed to heat buildings.

61. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The loss of farmland to urban development B. The causes of increased heat in cities
C. Waste heat generated by home heating and air conditioning D. How seasonal change affects the temperature of cities

62. All of the following contribute to the urban heat island effect EXCEPT _____.

- A. absorption of heat from the Sun B. storage of heat from the Sun
C. an increased rate of evaporation after a rainfall D. the release of heat at night from city surfaces

63. The word "convert" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. reverse B. transform C. reduce D. compare

64. The word "that" in the passage refers to _____.

- A. city B. heat C. day D. air

65. In which of the following locations would the rate of evaporation probably be highest?

- A. A rural area B. A small town C. A medium-sized city D. A big city

66. The word "magnitude" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. calculation B. comprehension C. extent D. formation

67. The author mentions Manhattan in order to demonstrate that _____.

- A. heat in urban areas can be reduced
B. the conclusions of the investigation in Sheffield were wrong
C. its heat production is smaller than that of Berlin
D. human-made heat can exceed the solar energy that reaches the ground in winter

68. According to the passage, an important consequence of the use of air-conditioners at night is.

_____.

- A. greater energy costs
C. numerous problems with the energy supply
- B. higher levels of urban heat
D. less need for air conditioning in the morning

69. The word "**beneficial**" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. predictable B. powerful C. hazardous D. advantageous

70. Which of the following is true about cities at night in the winter?

- A. Solar energy has an increased impact on the urban heat island.
B. They tend to be colder than rural areas.
C. Less energy is required to heat buildings
D. Human-made energy created a larger area of total heat than solar energy.

D. WRITING

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

71. **Everyone was surprised to see him leave the party early.**

☞ To everyone's _____

72. **She gave up working as a reporter because of her bad health.**

☞ If her health _____

73. **When the Minister was asked about the strike, he declined to comment.**

☞ On _____

74. **Student must read history books to complete this course.**

☞ It is essential that _____

75. **Jack got really hungry while he was training in the gym.**

☞ Jack worked _____

II. This is part of a letter that Nam have received from Sam, his English-speaking friend. In about 100 - 120 words, write a letter to answer her questions. (10.0 points)

Thanks for inviting me to stay with you when I visit your country next month. I'm not sure how to get to your apartment from the airport. Could you write back giving me some basic instructions? What would be the best method of transport for me? I'd prefer one that isn't too expensive! Just one other thing - what will the weather be like when I get there? (Just so I'll know what clothes to pack!)

III. Write a paragraph of about 150 - 170 words about the effects of technology in the classroom. (15.0 points)

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