

ENGLISH PRACTICE 49

A. LEXICO-GRAMMAR

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the best answer in each of the following questions. (15 pts)

- 01: They had meals together in the school _____.
A. café B. restaurant C. canteen D. bar
- 02: You should _____ your pounds for dollars before going to New York.
A. change B. convert C. turn D. exchange
- 03: Who is the _____ of this company?
A. top B. head C. leader D. minister
- 04: His sister's marriage has been arranged by her family. She is marrying a man _____.
A. she hardly knows him B. whom she hardly know
C. she hardly knows D. that she hardly know
- 05: Instead of _____ about the good news, Peter seemed to be indifferent.
A. exciting B. being excited C. to excite D. to be excited
- 06: She nearly lost her own life _____ attempting to save the child from drowning.
A. at B. with C. in D. for
- 07: If I could speak German, I _____ next year studying in Berlin.
A. will spend B. had spent C. would spend D. would have spent
- 08: There are several means of mass communication. The newspaper is one. Television is _____.
A. another B. other C. the another D. the other
- 09: The police are _____ an incident which took place this afternoon.
A. inspecting B. searching C. looking out D. investigating
- 10: Someone wanted to _____ *Belle Vue* Hotel to us.
A. introduce B. direct C. recommend D. tell
- 11: Tony never comes to class on time and _____.
A. neither does Pedro B. so does Pedro C. so doesn't Pedro D. neither doesn't Pedro
- 12: **Tom:** "Thank you for your help." ~ **Mary:** "_____."
A. With all my heart B. It's my pleasure C. Never mind me D. No problem
- 13: We _____ won the game if we'd had a few more minutes.
A. have B. will C. had D. could have
- 14: Mr. Ba is intelligent but he _____ common sense.
A. fails B. lacks C. misses D. wants
- 15: We'll play tennis and _____ we'll have lunch.
A. after B. then C. so D. immediately

II: Use the word in capitals at the end of these sentences to form a word that fits in the blank space. (5 pts)

- How much does _____ of this club cost? (MEMBER)
- She is extremely _____ about the history of art. (KNOW)
- Traveling in big cities is becoming more and more _____ every day. (TROUBLE)
- He is completely _____! Not only is he lazy but he is dishonest too. (EMPLOY)
- His boss told him off because he had behaved _____. (RESPONSIBLE)

III: Complete each sentence with one of the idiomatic phrases given. Use each phrase once only. (6 pts)

made her blood boil	jumped out of her skin	had a lump in her throat
lost her head	gave me the cold shoulder	took her breath away

- Pauline completely ignored me this morning. She _____.
 - It really _____ to see her friend copy a poem she had written and then present it to her boyfriend as one that she had written for him.
 - Saying goodbye to her son was a very emotional occasion for her and she _____ as she watched him get on the train.
 - The view from the top of the mountain was absolutely fantastic. It really _____.
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IV: Put each verb given in brackets into an appropriate tense or form. (14 pts)

1. Mr. Pike, who is supposed _____ (witness) the accident, has left the town.
2. At this time next week they _____ (sit) in the train on their way to Paris.
3. He said that he watered the plants every day. He _____ (water) them. If he had, they wouldn't have died.
4. No sooner the announcement _____ (make) than everyone started complaining.
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6. We _____ (watch) the play for nearly thirty minutes when he came.
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B. READING

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II: Read the following text and then fill in each gap with ONE suitable word. (10 pts)

I was reading an article last week in (1) which the writer described how her children has changed as they grow up. When they were small she had to (2) put up with noisy games in the house, or join in interminable games of football in the garden which wore her out. If the house went quiet, she wondered what the monsters were getting up to, or what crisis she would have to (3) deal with next. She dreaded the fact that they might took after her husband, who admitted having (4) been an uncontrollable child who (5) spent most of the time showing off to his friends by breaking things or getting into fights. What was worse was that (6) everyone else thought he was a sweet child, and he got away with the most terrible things! However, she had experienced an even greater shocked with her children. They had (7) grown out of all their naughty behavior, and taken up serious hobbies (8) such as chess and playing the piano. They never did anything without (9) taking it over first, and coming to a serious decision. She had to face up to the fact that they made her feel rather childish as they got (10) older, and that in some ways she preferred them when they were young and noisy.

III. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the questions. (10 pts)

Today's cars are smaller, safer, cleaner, and more economical than their predecessors, but the car of the future will be far more pollution-free than those on the road today. Several new types of automobile engines have already been developed than run on alternative sources of power, such as electricity, compressed natural gas, methanol, steam, hydrogen, and propane. Electricity, however, is the only zero-emission option presently available.

Although electric vehicles will not be truly practical until a powerful, **compact** battery or other dependable source of current is available, transport experts **foresee** a new assortment of electric vehicles entering everyday life: shorter-range commuter electric cars, three-wheeled neighborhood cars, electric delivery vans, bikes and trolleys.

As automakers work to develop practical electrical vehicles, urban planners and utility engineers are focusing on infrastructure systems to support and make the best use of the new cars. Public **charging** facilities will need to be as common as today's gas stations. Public parking spots on the street or in commercial lots will need to be equipped with devices that allow drivers to charge their batteries while they stop, dine, or attend a concert. To encourage the use of electric vehicles, the most convenient parking in transportation centres might be reserved for electric cars.

Planners **foresee** electric shuttle buses, trains, buses and neighborhood vehicles all meeting at transit centres that would have facilities for charging and renting. **Commuters** will be able to rent a variety of electric cars to suit their needs: light trucks, one-person three-wheelers, small cars, or electric/gasoline **hybrid** cars for longer trips, which will no doubt take place on automated freeways capable of handling five times the number of vehicles that can be carried by freeway today.

- 01:** The author's purpose in the passage is to _____.
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| A. criticize conventional vehicles | C. narrate a story about alternative energy vehicles |
| B. support the invention of electric cars | D. describe the possibilities for transportation in the future |
- 02:** The following electrical vehicles are all mentioned in the passage EXCEPT _____.
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| A. planes | B. trolleys | C. vans | D. trains |
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- 03:** The passage would most likely be followed by details about _____.
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| A. the neighborhood of the fixture | C. electric shuttle buses |
| B. automated freeways | D. pollution restrictions in the future |
- 04:** The word '**compact**' in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
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| A. squared | B. long-range | C. inexpensive | D. concentrated |
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- 05: In the second paragraph, the author implies that _____.
- A. everyday life will stay much the same in our future.
 B. a single electric vehicle will eventually replace several modes of transportation
C. a dependable source of electric energy will eventually be developed.
 D. electric vehicles are not practical for the future
- 06: According to the passage, public parking lots of the future will be _____.
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I think the media pay too much attention to the private lives of famous people. Television, newspapers, magazines and web sites dig up all kinds of past bad actions. They say that these are true reflections of a person's character. This may be true if they occurred only a few years before, but some of these are things people did as teenagers. People in their forties are expected to explain something they did when they were fifteen. If they killed someone, obviously that's more than a youthful mistake. Usually, though, these incidents involve experiments with drugs or being reckless in a car. They're not something that the public needs to know.

The media love to say that the public has a right to know. That's not true. We don't need to know if a movie star or politician has had an extramarital affair. That is something of concern only to the people involved. We do need to know if someone we're electing to public office has been involved in shady business deals, but we don't need to know if he or she defaulted on a loan twenty years ago.

It seems the media dig up these facts without giving thoughtful consideration to what might happen. It has an effect on the celebrity's family, especially the children. A celebrity's good name and credibility may be ruined before he or she can prove that rumors are false. If a case goes to court, paying a lawyer can use up all their money. Even if it doesn't come to that, they may find their career ruined.

When are we, the public, going to make it clear to the media that we're tired of having to watch this kind of thing on the news? Wouldn't it be better if they would concentrate on more important issues?

