

**THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI CẤP THÀNH PHỐ
DÀNH CHO HỌC SINH LỚP 8**

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Thời gian làm bài: 150 phút

I. LISTENING

Part 1: Listen to the recording twice. Do some tasks as directed. Complete the notes below. Write one word or a number for each answer (2pts)

REVISION MOTE

Example

- * Problem with: **the brochure sample**
- * Company name: (1) _____ Hotel Chains
- * Letters of (2) _____ should be bigger.
- * The (3) _____ should be removed.
- * Change the description under the top photo to (4) _____
- * Use the picture with (5) _____ of the hotel.
- * The (6) _____ should be in red print.
- * Translate into (7) _____
- * Deadline: by the end of (8) _____
- * Address: No. 9 Green Drive, (9) _____, NY21300
- * Telephone number: (10) _____

Part 2: Listen to the recording twice. Do some tasks as directed. Questions 1-5. Choose the correct letter, A, B or C (1pt).

Example

0. How long has Sally been waiting?

- A. five minutes B. twenty minutes **C. thirty minutes**

1. What does Peter want to drink?

- A. tea B. coffee C. a cold drink

2. What caused Peter problems at the bank?

- A. The exchange rate was down. B. He was late. C. The computers weren't working.

3. Who did Peter talk to at the bank?

- A. an old friend B. an American man C. a German man

4. Henry gave Peter a map of

- A. the city. B. the bus routes. C. the train system.

5. What do Peter and Sally decide to order?

- A. food and drinks B. just food C. just drinks

II: PHONETICS AND STRESS

Question 1: Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others (1 pt).

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| 1. A. <u>double</u> | B. <u>blouse</u> | C. <u>ground</u> | D. <u>ounce</u> |
| 2. A. <u>knew</u> | B. <u>grew</u> | C. <u>flew</u> | D. <u>threw</u> |
| 3. A. <u>rustle</u> | B. <u>whistle</u> | C. <u>subtle</u> | D. <u>castle</u> |
| 4. A. <u>stomach</u> | B. <u>architecture</u> | C. <u>chorus</u> | D. <u>chef</u> |
| 5. A. <u>cussed</u> | B. <u>ragged</u> | C. <u>crooked</u> | D. <u>docked</u> |

Question 2: Choose the word that has a different stress pattern from the others. (1pt)

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| 1. A. incense | B. ritual | C. preserve | D. fortune |
| 2. A. scenery | B. invader | C. childhood | D. archway |
| 3. A. historian | B. speciality | C. oriental | D. preparation |
| 4. A. belonging | B. fisherman | C. procession | D. performance |
| 5. A. commemorate | B. companion | C. reunion | D. ceremony |

III: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Question 1: Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence. (3,0pts)

- Four groups of ten is equal _____ two groups of twenty.
A. from B. with C. to D. in
- Although John was _____ after a day's work in the office, he tries to help his wife the household chores.
A. exhaustion B. exhausted C. exhaust D. exhausting
- There are many _____ desks in our classroom.
A. nice large round wooden B. large nice round wooden
C. wooden round large nice D. nice round large wooden
- The librarian told us not _____ reference books out of the library.
A. to take B. taking C. take D. took
- It's high time you _____ more attentive in class
A. are B. were C. must be D. have been
- Jim's parents wouldn't _____ him go to the demonstration
A. agree B. allow C. permit D. let
- If we built more hospitals, we could _____ better care of people
A. get B. do C. give D. take
- The harder she works, the _____ money she earns
A. better B. much C. more D. less
- The children _____ to the zoo.
A. were enjoyed taken B. enjoyed being taken C. were enjoyed taking D. enjoyed taking
- I was very _____ of all the advice you gave me.
A. famous B. good C. fond D. angry

11. I saw them _____ football there yesterday.
A. play B. playing C. played D. being played
12. - Mother: "Could you do me a favor?"
- Kate: "_____".
A. No, thanks. I'm fine B. Yes, that's kind of you
C. Yes, sure D. Yes, thank you
13. The fewer bags you take, _____ trouble you will have.
A. the fewer B. the least C. the little D. the less
14. She has changed so much that _____ anyone recognized her.
A. almost B. hardly C. never D. no
15. The captain as well as the passengers _____ frightened.
A. be B. was C. to be D. were

Question 2. Supply the correct form or tense of the verb in brackets. (2 pts)

1. The English seldom (talk) _____ on the underground. They prefer (read) _____ their papers.
2. I knew Sarah was very busy, so I (disturb) _____ her.
3. At present, the National Cherry Blossom Festival (occur) _____ in Washington, D.C. to celebrate spring's arrival.
4. Ms. Hong (work) _____ at our school for twenty years before she (retire) _____ last June
5. I (try) _____ to learn English for years, but I (not succeed) _____ yet.
6. Recently, many places in New Zealand (be) _____ called with two names – one English, and one Maori.
7. Do you know the girl in the red skirt (talk) _____ to our teacher.

Question 3: Fill each blank with correct form of the word given in capital letters (1 pt).

1. Viet Nam is a _____ country with different peoples, religions and traditions. (CULTURAL)
2. To become friendlier, you should _____ with your workmates. (SOCIALISATION)
3. I didn't know who it was- with a mask on, she was completely _____. (RECOGNIZE)
4. There is no _____ reason why Japan will not be able to make progress in robotics. (TECHNOLOGY)
5. She did not show any fear. She was _____ (FEAR)

IV: READING COMPREHENSION

Question 1. Choose the correct letter A, B, C or D that best fits the blank in the passage (2pts).

Speech is one of the most important (1)_____ of communicating .It consists of far more than just making noises . To talk and also to (2)_____ by other people, we have to speak a language ,that is, we have to use combinations of (3)_____ that everyone agrees to stand for a

particular object or idea. Communication would be impossible if everyone made up their own language. Learning a language properly is very(4)____. The basic(5)____of English is not very large, and only about 2,000 words are needed to speak it quite (6)____.But the more idea you can (7)____ the more precise you can be about their exact meaning. Words are the (8)____ thing we use in communicating what we want to say. The way we(9)____the words is also very important. Our tone of voice can express many emotions and (10)____ whether we are pleased or angry, for instance.

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| 1. A. reason | B. tests | C. ways | D. rules |
| 2. A. be spoken | B. be examined | C. be understood | D. be talked |
| 3. A. systems | B. sounds | C. languages | D. talks |
| 4. A. easy | B. important | C. simple | D. expensive |
| 5. A. grammar | B. word | C. vocabulary | D. structure |
| 6. A. fluent | B. good | C. well | D. perfect |
| 7. A. need | B. grow | C. express | D. pass |
| 8. A. main | B. certain | C. full | D. most |
| 9. A. talk | B. say | C. pass | D. send |
| 10. A. show | B. ask | C. understand | D. know |

Question 2. Fill in each blank with ONE appropriate word to make a meaningful passage. (2 pts)

During the teenage years, many young can at _____(1)_____ be difficult to talk to. They often seem to dislike _____(2)_____ questioned. They may seem unwilling to talk about their work at school. This is a normal development at this _____(3)_____. Though it can be very hard for parents to _____(4)_____, it is part of becoming independent of teenagers trying to be adult while they are _____(5)_____ growing up. Young people are usually unwilling to talk if they believe that questions are trying to check up on them.

Parents should do their _____(6)_____ to talk to their son and daughter _____(7)_____ school, work and future plans but should not push them to talk if they don't _____(8)_____ to. Parents should also watch for danger signs. Some young people in trying to be _____(9)_____ may experience with sex, drug, alcohol or smoking. Parents need to watch for any signs of unusual behavior which may be connected _____(10)_____ these and help if necessary.

Question 3. Read the following passages carefully, then choose the A, B, C or D which is the best answer to each question (1pt)

At the age of sixty-five, Laura Ingalls Wilder began writing a series of novels for young people based on her early experiences on the American frontier. Born in the state of Wisconsin in 1867, she and her family were rugged pioneers. Seeking better farm land, they went by covered wagon to Missouri in 1869, then on to Kansas the next year, returning to Wisconsin in 1871, and traveling on to Minnesota and Iowa before settling permanently in South Dakota in 1879. Because of this continuing moving, Wilder's early education took place sporadically in a

succession of one-room schools. From age thirteen to sixteen she attended school more regularly although she never graduated.

At the age of eighteen, she married Almanzo James Wilder. They bought a small farm in the Ozarks, where they remained for the rest of their lives. Their only daughter, Rose, who had become a nationally known journalist, encouraged her mother to write. Serving as agent and editor, Rose negotiated with Harper's to publish her mother's first book, *Little House on the Big Woods*. Seven more books followed, each chronicling her early life on the plains. Written from the perspective of a child, **they** have remained popular with young readers from many nations. Twenty years after her death in 1957, more than 20 million copies had been sold, and they had been translated into fourteen languages. In 1974, a weekly television series, "*Little House on the Prairie*", was produced based on the stories from the Wilder books.

1. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. American pioneer life
- B. Children's literature
- C. A weekly television series
- D. Wilder's career

2. Laura Ingalls Wilder began writing novels

- A. when she was a child on the frontier
- B. right after she moved to the Ozarks
- C. when she was a young mother
- D. after her sixty-fifth birthday

3. The author mentions all of the following events in the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder EXCEPT

- A. She went west by covered wagon
- B. She graduated from a one-room school
- C. She married Almanzo Wilder
- D. She had one daughter

4. Wilder's early education took place

- A. with great success
- B. for a long time
- C. at irregular intervals
- D. in a very efficient way

5. Written from the perspective of a child, they have remained popular... **THEY** refers to

- A. the plains
- B. many nations
- C. more books
- D. young readers

V. WRITING

Question 1. Rewrite each of the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the original one (2pts)

1. It takes Minh 2 hours to do his homework every day.

=> Minh spends

2. We were late for school because of the heavy rain.

=> Because it.....

3. My mother used to make us clean the house.

=> We used.....

4. "I'm working in a restaurant, and don't care much for it."she said

=> She said.....

5. It's two years since I last spoke to her.

=> I haven't

6. Going swimming in the river in the summer is interesting.

=> It

7. She dances beautifully and she sings sweetly, too.

=> Not only.....

8. We left quietly so that we would not disturb the children

=> So as.....

9. We stayed in this hotel last summer.

=> This is

10. Driving on the left feels strange to him.

=> He isn't.....

Question 2 : Write a short passage of giving opinions about students use the mobile phone to learn at school and at home(about 100- 120 words) (2pts)

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