

ENGLISH PRACTICE 1

A. pronunciation (10 points).

I. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others in each group. (5 points)

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| 1. A. clerk | B. terse | C. term | D. jerk |
| 2. A. mouth <u>s</u> | B. path <u>s</u> | C. month <u>s</u> | D. wreath <u>s</u> |
| 3. A. veh <u>i</u> cle | B. rhy <u>th</u> m | C. ex <u>h</u> ume | D. beh <u>o</u> ld |
| 4. A. do <u>r</u> mitory | B. in <u>f</u> ormation | C. o <u>r</u> ganization | D. fo <u>r</u> ward |
| 5. A. fo <u>o</u> d | B. sho <u>o</u> t | C. sho <u>o</u> k | D. sp <u>o</u> ol |

II. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose main stress pattern is not the same as that of the others. (5 points)

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| 1. A. philosopher | B. patriot | C. atmosphere | D. habit |
| 2. A. pollute | B. severe | C. tragic | D. humane |
| 3. A. economical | B. personality | C. preparatory | D. entertainment |
| 4. A. interrupt | B. interview | C. intervene | D. interstellar |
| 5. A. mechanic | B. terrific | C. Arabic | D. Pacific |

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (40 points).

I. Choose the best answers to completes each sentence. (10 points)

- I am afraid that these regulations have to be _____ with.
A. complied B. provided C. faced D. met
- His business is growing so fast that he must take _____ more workers.
A. up B. on C. in D. over
- The police must now _____ the escaped convict in the surrounding countries.
A. search B. be in search C. look after D. look for
- You are late again, please try to be _____ in the future.
A. accurate B. punctual C. efficient D. reliable
- Edward has found a bigger flat and is _____ move into it.
A. near to B. ready for C. on the way D. about to
- All the applicants for the post are thoroughly _____ for their suitability.
A. searched B. investigated C. vetted D. scrutinized
- _____ every part of the world has experienced an earthquake in recent years.
A. Most B. Almost C. Each D. Nearby
- He didn't know anyone at the wedding _____ than the bride and groom.
A. other B. expect C. rather D. apart
- When Bill saw my new car, he was _____ with envy.
A. blue B. green C. yellow D. white
- He was holding a tiny bird in the _____ of his hand.
A. thumb B. hole C. shin D. palm

II. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (10 points)

- The man at the corner table (glance) _____ my way to see if I (listen) _____.
- When I (look) _____ at my suitcase, I could see that somebody (try) _____ to open it.
- I don't know what's the matter with him. He (act) _____ funny since you (be) _____ away.
- Scarcely they (move) _____ into the new house when their friends (come) _____ in.
- Just as I (wonder) what to do next, the phone (ring) _____.

III. Give the correct form of the verbs to complete the passage. (10 points)

- In some areas water has to be boiled to _____ it. (pure)
- He examined the parcel _____, as he had no idea what it could be. (suspect)
- How do you _____ the real painting from the fake one? (different)
- Don't worry about the volcano. It's been _____ for years. (act)
- Leisure habits won't change much in the _____ future. (see)

6. The conditions in the man's prison were _____. (**human**)
7. I object strongly to the _____ of sport. (**commerce**)
8. A list of _____ events for the autumn is being prepared. (**come**)
9. Most people who work feel that they are _____. (**pay**)
10. They frequently _____ the traffic as they march through the streets. (**mobile**)

IV. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition. (10 points)

1. If she takes _____ the job of director, she will have to work harder.
2. The government put _____ the rebellion with great severity.
3. There was a man giving _____ leaflets outside the church.
4. I can't make _____ the postmark on the letter, it looks like Basing stoke.
5. If he refuses to fall _____ my phans I can probably find someone more co-operative.
6. Diana showed a complete disregard _____ her own safety.
7. We walked on tiptoe _____ fear of being discovered.
8. Mary broke down _____ tears when we told her about the accident.
9. The car pulled _____ beside me and the driver asked me the way to the post office.
10. I had to send _____ an electrician to mend the switch.

C. READING (30 points).

I. Read the passage below and choose the best answer for each question. (5 points)

Man is a land animal, but he is also closely tied to the sea. Throughout history the sea has served the need of man. The sea has provided man with food and a convenient way to travel to many parts of the world. Today, nearly two thirds of the world's population live within 80 kms of the sea coast.

In the modern technological world, the sea offers many resources to help mankind survive. Resources on land are beginning to be used up. The sea, however, still can be hoped to supply many of man's needs. The list of riches of the sea yet to be developed by man's technology is impressive. Oil and gas explorations have been carried out for nearly 30 years. A lot of valuable minerals exist on the ocean floor ready to be mined.

Fish farming promises to be a good way to produce large quantities of food. The culture of fish and shellfish is an ancient skill practised in the past mainly by **Oriental people**.

Besides oil and gas, the sea may offer new sources of energy. Experts believe that the warm temperature of the ocean can be used in a way similar to the steam in a steamship. Ocean currents and waves offer possible use as a source of energy.

Technology is enabling man to explore ever more deeply under the sea. The development of strong, new materials has made this possible.

The technology to harvest the sea continues to improve. Experts believe that by the year 2050s the problems that prevent us from fully exploiting the food, minerals, and energy sources of the sea will be largely solved.

1. The best title for this passage is _____.
A. Sea Harvest. B. Technology and the Exploiting of the Sea.
C. Sea Food. D. Man and Sea.
2. The major things that the sea offers man are _____.
A. food, energy sources and minerals. B. fish and oil.
C. minerals and oil. D. ocean currents and waves.
3. The sea serves the needs of man because _____.
A. it provides man with sea food. B. it offers oil to man.
C. it supplies man with minerals. D. all of the above.
4. The word **Oriental people** in the fourth paragraph probably means _____.
A. European people. B. African people.
C. Asian people. D. American people.
5. We can conclude from the passage that _____.
A. the sea resources have largely been used up.
B. the sea, in a broad sense, hasn't yet been developed.

- C. the problems that prevent us from fully exploiting the sea have already been solved.
 D. by the year 2050, the technology will be good enough to exploit all the sea resources.

II. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. (15 points)

street papers

The problem of homelessness is an international one. In the capital cities of the world, the (1) _____ of people begging on the streets is becoming increasingly (2) _____. But all over the world, homeless people are taking the future into their own (3) _____. By selling "street papers" they no longer need to beg for a (4) _____.

The concept of the street paper is (5) _____. It is sold by homeless and ex-homeless people who buy it at a (6) _____ price of 30 p and sell it to the public for 70 p, keeping 40 p for themselves. If they have no money, then they can get the first ten copies on (7) _____ and pay for them later. Every paper seller receives training and is given a special (8) _____ badge.

The paper itself (9) _____ articles of general and social interest, film and book (10) _____, cartoons and the (11) _____ celebrity interview. Advertising and sales (12) _____ most of the income, and all profits go (13) _____ into helping homeless people.

The Big Issue is the street paper of the British homeless. It was set up in 1991 and (14) _____ then it has helped hundreds of people to get (15) _____ the streets and back into society.

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| 1. A. sight | B. vision | C. look | D. view |
| 2. A. usual | B. common | C. rare | D. routine |
| 3. A. heads | B. shoulders | C. hands | D. mouths |
| 4. A. life | B. living | C. being | D. pay |
| 5. A. easy | B. straight | C. plain | D. simple |
| 6. A. stuck | B. steady | C. held | D. fixed |
| 7. A. credit | B. cheque | C. cash | D. card |
| 8. A. character | B. personality | C. manner | D. identity |
| 9. A. consists | B. contains | C. keeps | D. gets |
| 10. A. stories | B. reviews | C. opinions | D. views |
| 11. A. sometimes | B. often | C. occasional | D. seldom |
| 12. A. give | B. provide | C. show | D. offer |
| 13. A. back | B. out | C. through | D. forward |
| 14. A. from | B. of | C. for | D. since |
| 15. A. out | B. away | C. off | D. up |

III. Fill in each blank with one suitable word to complete this passage. (10 points)

ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT TO START WORK

In these days of high unemployment, it is often difficult (1) _____ young people to find a job. If they are lucky (2) _____ to be asked to go for an interview, they may find (3) _____ there are at least 20 other applicants for the (4) _____. If a company is thinking of offering (5) _____ a job, they will ask you for at least one reference from either your previous employer (6) _____ someone who knows you well. (7) _____ taking up your job, you may have to sign a contract. You will probably have to do some training, (8) _____ help you to do the job more successfully. Once you have decided that this is your chosen career, you will then have to work (9) _____ to try and get promotion, which usually brings more responsibility and more money! If you are unlucky, you may be made redundant, and not be able to find (10) _____ job. It is also a good idea to pay some money into a pension scheme, which will help you to look after yourself and your family when you are retired. Finally, good luck!

D. WRITING (20 points).

I. Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold, in such a way that it means the same as the one given. Do not alter these words in any way. (10 points)

1. They're telling me that I must make a decision soon. (**pressure**)

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2. His smooth manner didn't deceive us. **(taken)**
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3. I really must answer all these letters. **(get down)**
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4. Don't run away with the idea that this work is easy. **(conclusion)**
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5. I'm trying to concentrate, but all that noise you're making is distracting me. **(putting)**
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6. Nobody expected her to lose, but she did. **(against)**
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7. You must concentrate on your work more. **(apply)**
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8. She will probably be elected. **(stands)**
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9. The boss was annoyed because his secretary came to work late. **(objected)**
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10. The demand for tickets was so great that people queued day and night. **(such)**
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II. Use the prompts provided to write full sentences to make a complete letter. (10 points)

Dear John,

1. last letter / you / kindly offer / put / me / your flat / I be / Berlin.
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2. I / be / afraid / I / unable / take / offer / time being.
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3. My father / sick / I / to stay / home / care / him.
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4. He / very sick / I cannot / him / alone.
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5. My brother / also / help / look / Dad / but / he now / away / business trip / Paris.
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6. I / hope / be able / come / Berlin / later / end / year, / perhaps / January.
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7. If / room / free / I / glad / stay / you.
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8. I / let / know / plan / soon / possible / order / not interfere / own plan.
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9. Thank / much / again / offer.
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10. I / not / wait / see / you / Berlin / but / then / goodbye.
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With love,
Maria.

III. Write a paragraph about the value of family
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KEYS – PRACTICE 1

A. pronunciation (10 points).

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| I. 1. A | 2. C | 3. C | 4. B | 5. A |
| II. 1. A | 2. C | 3. C | 4. B | 5. C |

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (35 points).

I. Choose the best answers to completes each sentence (10 points) - 1/ each.

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

II. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets (10 points) - 1/ each.

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| 1. glanced – was listening. | 4. had they moved – came. |
| 2. looked – had tried. | 5. was wondering – rang. |
| 3. has been acting – have been. | |

III. Give the correct form of the verbs to complete the passage (10 points) - 1/ each.

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| 1. purify | 6. inhuman |
| 2. suspiciously | 7. commercialization |
| 3. differentiate | 8. forthcoming |
| 4. inactive | 9. underpaid |
| 5. foreseeable | 10. immobilise/ immobilize |

IV. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition (5 points) - 1/ each.

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| 1. on/ over | 2. down | 3. out | 4. out | 5. in with |
| 6. for | 7. for | 8. in | 9. up | 10. for |

C. READING (30 points).

I. Read the passage and choose the best answer to each question (5 points) - 1/ each.

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. D | 4. C | 5. D |
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II. Read the text and decide which answer best fits each space (15 points) - 1/ each.

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

II. Fill in each blank with one suitable word to complete this passage (10 points) - 1/ each.

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| 1. for | 2. enough | 3. that | 4. job | 5. you |
| 6. or | 7. Before | 8. which | 9. hard | 10. another |

IV. WRITING (20 points).

I. Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold, in such a way that it means the same as the one given.

- They are putting **pressure** on me to make a decision soon.
- We were not **taken** in by his smooth manner.
- I really must **get down** to answering all these letters.
- Don't come to/ draw the **conclusion** that this work is easy.
- I'm trying to concentrate, but all that noise you're making is **putting** me off.
- Against** everybody's expectation, she lost
- You must **apply** yourself to your work more.
- She **stands** a good chance of being elected.
- The boss **objected** to his secretary('s) coming to work late.
The boss **objected** to the fact that his secretary came to work late.
- It was **such** a great demand for tickets that people queued day and night.

II. Use the prompts provided to write full sentences to make a complete ... (10 points) - 1/ each.

- In your last letter, you kindly offered to put me in your flat *while/ when* I am in Berlin.

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2. I am afraid (that) I am unable to take your offer for the time being.
3. My father is sick that I have to stay (at) home to take care of him.
4. He is very sick, so I cannot leave him / alone.
5. My brother also helped (to) look after Dad, but he is now away on *his/ a* business trip in Paris.
6. I hope *to be/ I will be* able to come to Berlin later *by/ at* the end of this year, or perhaps in January.
7. If *the/ your* room is free, I *am/ would* glad to stay with you.
8. I will let you know my plan as soon as possible in order not to interfere with your own plan.
9. Thank you very much again for *your/ the* offer.
10. I cannot wait to see you in Berlin, but then I have to say goodbye.

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