

ENGLISH PRACTICE 17

I - PRONUNCIATION

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| 1. A. complain | B. gather | C. product | D. transcript |
| 2. A. mosquito | B. elephant | C. dinosaur | D. buffalo |
| 3. A. protect | B. settle | C. relate | D. compose |
| 4. A. government | B. understand | C. interview | D. reference |
| 5. A. scholarship | B. develop | C. equipment | D. discourage |
| 6. A. integral | B. terrific | C. cathedral | D. museum |
| 7. A. appreciative | B. archeologist | C. architectural | D. cosmopolitan |
| 8. A. photograph | B. separate | C. recommend | D. hurricane |
| 9. A. tonight | B. control | C. purpose | D. involve |
| 10. A. enough | B. aware | C. support | D. swallow |

II. LEXICO-GRAMMAR

Exercise 1: Choose the best answer for each question.

- My sister never allows ____ a party at home.
A. to have B. me having C. having had D. having
 - She forgot ____ her toilet bag for her trip and she is now a little annoyed about it.
A. to be packing B. having packed C. packing D. to pack
 - When I _____ how to ski for the first time, I felt so happy.
A. succeeded B. began C. studied D. learned
 - Thailand defeated Laos ____2____3.
A. with/by B. by/of C. by/to D. with/of
 - A number of political prisoners..... since Independent Day
A. have been released B. have released C. was released D. has been released
 - The street is very noisy,.....makes sleeping difficult
A. which B. what C. that D. it
 - There's someone at the door. it
A. I am going to answer B. I'm answering C. I'll answer D. I answered
 - There are a lot of.... buildings in the centre of Sydney.
A. many-floored B. multi-storey C. multi-storied D. many-story
 - It's surprising how few people can... between margarine and butter.
A. distinguish B. separate C. disgnose D. estimate
 - Rapid _____ would cause frequent floods and leave little water during dry seasons.
A. run-off B. run-in C. run-out D. run-over
 - You are _____ to clean the bathroom.
A. declared B. imagined C. supposed D. spoken
 - They are passing new laws to _____ wildlife in the area.
A. conserve B. protest C. shield D. shelter
 - They _____ a serious threat to security.
A. put B. place C. set D. pose
 - _____ did he pay for his transistor radio?
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- A. How high B. How many C. How much D. How often

15. More than half the staff _____ temporary.
A. is B. are C. was D. were
16. He reduced _____ and turned sharp left.
A. speed B. rapidity C. fast D. rate
17. What's taking an entrance exam _____?
A. like B. alike C. likely D. look like
18. The kids found it hard to stay _____.
A. unmoved B. unmoving C. still D. stuck
19. _____ he became famous did he realize the price of fame.
A. Only until B. Not until C. Since D. Until
20. He is _____ now so he can't afford to buy a car.
A. out of job B. out of order C. out of work D. out of employment

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.

Exercise 2: Provide the correct article A/AN/THE/X (zero article) in the following gaps.

(21)_____ first few days after getting home from (22)_____ college were okay but then I began to feel rather bored and lonely. My parents were busy working and (23)_____ most of my friends were either away on holiday or else had (24)_____ holiday jobs. I tried to get a job myself but without success. I was beginning to wish I had not come home when I saw (25)_____ advertisement for holiday courses in (26)_____ local newspaper. For (27)_____ small fee you could try lots of different activities organized by (28)_____ town's youth club. Each activity lasted half (29)_____ day and they were all exciting. I also met new people as many of (30)_____ tourists staying in the town joined in.

21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

Exercise 3: Provide the correct form of the word in bold capitals.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is **(31) WORRY** that 1.1 billion teenagers and people in their twenties and early thirties are damaging their **(32) HEAR** by listening to loud music. It says **(33) NEAR** half the young people in middle and high-income countries risk hearing loss because of the "**(34) SAFETY** use" of personal music **(35) PLAY**, including smartphones. Loud music in nightclubs, bars and at sporting events also increases the risk. The WHO recommends a safe **(36) LIMITED** of listening to music for just one hour a day. The WHO director for **(37) INJURE** prevention, Dr Etienne Krug, told the BBC that: "What we're trying to do is raise **(38) AWARE** of an issue that is not **(39) TALK** about enough." He said hearing loss is easily **(40) PREVENT**.

21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

Exercise 4: Choose the incorrect parts and correct them.

31. Despite (A) fats and oil are nutritionally (B) important as (C) energy sources, medical research indicates that saturated fats may contribute to hardening (D) of the arteries.

32. The radio telescope, invented (A) in 1932, has capabilities (B) beyond far (C) those of optical telescopes in tracking (D) signals from galaxies.
33. The boat rose and fell slow (A) as (B) the huge sea swells (C) moved (D) towards shore.
34. She was determined (A) to pursue (B) a tertiary education however (C) happened to her (D).
35. Today there is (A) an unusually (B) large amount (C) of students in the class (D).

III. READING

Exercise 1: Questions 1 - 10

Clinic for internet addicts opens in US

If you have to take a quick break from reading this article to send a text message or check your Blackberry, then the good news is that help is at hand.

A new centre for cyberspace addicts has opened in the US city of Seattle. It claims to be America's first residential centre for people addicted to the internet and video games. For \$14,000, six people at a time can spend 45 days fighting against their constant need to connect to the internet. Residents are given counselling and psychotherapy, as well as group activities such as household chores, walks in the grounds and exercising.

The centre, in the countryside about 50km outside Seattle, is the idea of therapist Hilarie Cash. She recorded her first case of cyberspace addiction in 1994, with a patient so glued to video games that he lost his marriage and two jobs. But until this summer she had only met patients on a day-by-day basis. Cash points out that although countries such as China, South Korea and Taiwan have places where internet addicts can find help, America has been slow to recognise the problem.

Ben Alexander, 19, was one of the centre's first residents. He became addicted to the video game World of Warcraft, which took up most of his time awake. He started playing the game when he was a new student at Iowa University. "At first it was a couple of hours a day. By midway through the first semester, I was playing 16 or 17 hours a day," he said.

By comparison to the whizz-bang on the screen in front of him, the social life at university seemed very boring. He came to see the game as an "easy way to socialise and meet people." Alexander eventually left the university and found help with his gaming problem. "I don't think I'll go back to World of Warcraft any time soon," he said.

Questions 1 - 6: Read the text and choose the correct answers to these questions.

- The centre is for people who spend too much time _____.
A. at the office B. on the phone C. online
- The residents at the centre do activities _____.
A. in pairs B. in small groups C. in big groups
- Cash's first patient was addicted to _____.
A. video games B. exercising C. household chores
- People have been slow to recognise the addiction in _____.
A. China B. South Korea C. the US
- Ben began to have problems when he started _____.
A. at college B. at the centre C. at work
- Ben found the game a good way to _____.
A. study B. make friends C. help his problem

Questions 7 - 12: Read the text and write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer to these questions.

7. Where is the new centre?
8. How much does the course cost?
9. How long is the course?
10. When did Cash have her first addicted patient?
11. What internet game did Ben play?
12. How many hours a day did Ben play the game?

1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.

Exercise 2: Questions 13 - 20

Read the text and fill in each blank with a most suitable word.

School students do not shower after sports class

A report has found that more than half of high (13)_____ boys and two-thirds of girls never shower after a physical (14)_____ class. Researchers suggest that students don't want to sweat and take a (15)_____, so they are less active in sports classes. The researchers questioned almost 4,000 children in schools in Essex, England. Lead researcher Dr Gavin Sandercock said he was surprised (16)_____ how rarely students showered. He said: "We know (17)_____ children aren't getting (18)_____ physical activity because we have seen their fitness declining; (19)_____ the unwillingness to shower is a barrier to working up a sweat (20)_____ playing sport, it's something we need to tackle to promote activity at schools."

13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.

Exercise 3: Questions 21 - 30

Read the text and choose the most suitable option to complete the text.

The Internet bus

In the desert areas that surround Tucson city, USA, students spend hundreds of hours on yellow buses each year getting to and from their schools. But when mobile internet equipment was (21)_____ on a yellow school bus, the bored, often noisy, teens were transformed into quiet, studious individuals.

District officials got the idea during (22)_____ drives on school business to Phoenix, two hours each way, when they (23)_____ that, when they went in pairs, one person could drive and the other could work using a laptop and a wireless card. They (24)_____ if internet access on a school bus could (25)_____ students' academic productivity, too.

But the idea for what students call 'the internet bus' really took shape when the district's chief information officer (26)_____ across an article about having internet access in cars. He thought, "What if you could put that in a bus?"

The officials have been delighted to see the (27)_____ of homework getting done, morning and evening, as the internet bus (28)_____ up and drops off students along the 70-minute drive. (29)_____ some students spend their time playing games or visiting social networking sites, most students do make (30)_____ their travel time to study.

21. A. installed B. set C. included D. structured
22. A. extraordinary B. occasional C. exceptional D. few
23. A. believed B. acknowledged C. estimated D. realised

24. A. thought B. imagined C. suspected D. wondered
25. A. increase B. enlarge C. rise D. heighten
26. A. got B. looked C. came D. put
27. A. total B. amount C. number D. measure
28. A. brings B. picks C. rides D. catches
29. A. Since B. Despite C. Although D. However
30. A. progress B. work C. use D. part

31.	32.	33.	34.	35.
36.	37.	38.	39.	40.

IV. WRITING

Exercise 1: Complete the following sentences so that their meanings are close to the originals.

- I can't say I enjoy it when people tear my writing to pieces in front of me.
⇒ I can't say I enjoy having
- We'll have to make up our minds by the end of the week, won't we?
⇒ A decision will have to
- The job received over a hundred applications.
⇒ Over a hundred people
- This story of yours isn't true!
⇒ You have made
- The best solution was thought of by Sally.
⇒ Sally came

Exercise 2: Write a PARAGRAPH of at least 120 words on the following topic:

If you could study a subject that you have never had the opportunity to study, what would you choose? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details.

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II. LEXICO-GRAMMAR: Total: 3 pts

Exercise 1: (Total: 1 pts: 0.05pt/each correct answer)

1. D	2. D	3. D	4. C	5. A
6. A	7. C	8. B	9. A	10. A
11. C	12. A	13. D	14. C	15. B
16. A	17. A	18. C	19. B	20. C

Exercise 2: (Total: 0.5 pts: 0.05pt/each correct answer)

21. The	22. x	23. x	24. x	25. an
26. the	27. a	28. the	29. a	30. the

Exercise 3: (Total: 1 pts: 0.1pt/each correct answer)

31. worried	32. hearing	33. nearly	34. unsafe	35. players
36. limit	37. injury	38. awarene ss	39. talked	40. prevent able

Exercise 4: (Total: 0.5 pts: 0.05pt/each correct finding + 0.05pt/each correction)

41. A => Although/ Though
42. C => far beyond
43. A => slowly
44. C => whatever
45. C => number

III. READING: Total: 3 pts (0.1pt/each correct answer)

Exercise 1:

1. C	2. B	3. A	4. C
5. A	6. B	7. Seattle	8. \$14,000
9. 45 days	10. 1994	11. World of Warcraft	12. 16 or 17

Exercise 2:

13. school	14. education	15. shower	16. at
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17. that	18. enough	19. if	20. or
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Exercise 3:

21. A	22. B	23. D	24. D	25. A
26. C	27. B	28. B	29. C	30. C

IV. WRITING: Total: 2 pts

Exercise 1: Total: 0.5 pts (0.1pt/each correct answer)

1. I can't say I enjoy having my writing torn to pieces in front of me.
2. A decision will have to be made by the end of the week, won't we?
3. Over a hundred people applied for the job.
4. You have made up this story!
5. Sally came up with the best solution.

Exercise 2: 1.5 pts

I. Hướng dẫn

- Chấm bài theo hướng dẫn chấm.
- Chi tiết hoá điểm số các ý (nếu có) phải đảm bảo không sai lệch với tổng điểm mỗi ý và được thống nhất trong hội đồng chấm thi.
- Không làm tròn điểm

III. Hướng dẫn cụ thể

Tiêu chí	Mô tả chi tiết	Điểm
Nội dung	Viết đúng chủ đề (chỉ cần viết đúng câu chủ đề)	0,3
	Viết logic, hợp lí	0,4
Ngôn ngữ	Đúng cấu trúc ngữ pháp	0,3
	Sử dụng từ vựng phù hợp phong phú	0,3
Trình bày	Viết đủ số từ theo qui định	0,1
	Mạch lạc, rõ ràng, có ý sáng tạo	0,1
Tổng		1.5

Cách tính lỗi:	- 01 lỗi ngữ pháp (cấu trúc, từ vựng...) trừ	0,05
	- 01 lỗi chính tả	trừ 0,01
	- Viết ít hơn số từ qui định	trừ 0,2
	- Viết nhiều hơn số từ qui định không trừ điểm	