

A. LISTENING (20pts)**I. You will hear FIVE short conversations. Listen and choose the correct answer. (5 pts)****Question 1. Where will the friends meet?**

- A. At the coffee bar B. Outside the cinema C. At the bus stop

Question 2. What has the girl forgotten to bring?

- A. pen B. Keys C. Some papers

Question 3. Which TV programme is on at 9 o'clock tonight?

- A. Ski jumping B. Nature Programme C. Tim Wong's Chinese Kitchen

Question 4. How will the man book tickets for the show?

- A. By filling in a form B. By phone C. On the Internet

Question 5. What will the man do this winter?

- A. Do gardening B. Work in the supermarket C. A building job

Audioscript**1 Where will the friends meet?**

Girl: Hi, it's Maria. Got your message. Yeah, I'd like to go to the movies. There's a film called *Lightworld Two*, or a comedy – I don't mind which ... Shall we meet outside the cinema?

Boy: Or, I know, at the coffee bar on the corner, we could have a snack before we go in. We could meet at the bus stop.

Girl: Mum's driving me into town this afternoon, to buy some trainers, so I won't have to get the bus. But something to eat first is a good idea. Shall we say six o'clock?

Boy: OK.

2 What has the girl forgotten to bring?

Boy: Drink up your coffee – we'll be late for class. What are you looking for now? Don't tell me you've left your essay at home. You said you were working on it till midnight.

Girl: Don't worry, it was the first thing I put in my bag – look, here it is. I won't be a second ... just checking everything. Pen ... now where did I ...? Oh dear, you'll be able to lend me one, won't you? Keys? – oh, here they are, in my pocket as usual ...

3 Which TV programme is on at 9 o'clock tonight?

Woman: Because of the ski jumping finals we're late finishing, so there are some changes to this evening's programmes. We won't now show the *Nature Programme*, about the dolphins found near the Florida coast, at nine o'clock. Instead, Tim Wong's *Chinese Kitchen* will be at this time, an hour later than advertised. You can see the *Nature Programme* at its usual time next week.

4 How will the man book tickets for the show?

Woman: Shall we go to the Boat Show? It's on for three weeks – but you need to book if you want to go on the first night because there's a party.

Man: Really? Let's go. How do you book?

Woman: On the Internet or by phone ... or there's a form to fill in, in this week's TV magazine with a discount on each ticket.

Man: I like saving money, but the post's always so slow. I prefer to talk to someone when I'm making a booking – just leave it to me.

5 What will the man do this winter?

Woman: Will you go on working as a gardener when winter comes, Jim? You'll get very cold and wet working outside.

Man: Well, last winter I took a job in a supermarket. They're advertising for staff again at the moment, but I prefer being in the fresh air – even when the weather's bad. I'd really like to get a job abroad in the sun, but all the ones I've seen need building skills, which I haven't got. So I'll just stay in my present job for the time being.

II. You will hear a news reporter called Angela Bond, talking on the radio about her job.

For each question, choose the correct answer. (5pts)

Question 6. Where is Angela working at the moment?

- A. Britain C. the USA B. Asia D. Australia

Question 7. Angela likes her job because she _____

- A. loves being in dangerous situations. B. never knows where she'll go next.
C. enjoys watching important events happen. D. can meet new people

Question 8. What did Angela bring home from Hong Kong?

- A. pictures C. furniture B. carpets D. a pet

Question 9. What time does Angela's working day begin?

- A. 8.30 a.m C. 10.00. B. 6.30 a.m D. 7.30 a.m

Question 10. Where did Angela meet her boyfriend?

- A. at her sister's house B. at university
C. in Hong Kong D. in her office

Audioscript

Interviewer: And today in the studio we have a familiar face on television, Angela Bond, the news reporter. Angela, your job has taken you all over the world, hasn't it?

Angela: Yes. I've reported from a number of countries in Asia and I've just returned from the United States. I must say, it's good to be able to unpack my suitcase now that the job has brought me to Britain for at least six months.

Interviewer: Is the travelling what you enjoy about the job?

Angela: It's certainly interesting, but it can be annoying never knowing where I'm going to be next week! For me, the really exciting thing is being somewhere when a big news story is taking place and seeing it develop. Sometimes that can be quite dangerous, but all jobs have their disadvantages! And travelling gives me the chance to collect souvenirs.

Interviewer: What kind of things?

Angela: Mostly things for my flat. I'm mad about anything Chinese and so when I was in Hong Kong, I got a really nice table and some chairs – and in Turkey I spend a lot of money on carpets. Then I've got pictures and other bits of art from Thailand and India. The flat's getting a bit crowded!

Interviewer: It sounds colourful! Do you have a regular working day?

Angela: Not really. At the moment I'm one of the team that reads the evening news, so sometimes I'm on at six thirty, and sometimes at ten o'clock. But that's at the end of the day. It all starts in the morning at eight thirty when I phone the office to see what has happened and what they want me to go and report on.

Interviewer: So you don't have much time for a social life?

Angela: It's better now I'm in London and can see my boyfriend more often. My sister introduced us. He came round for dinner when I was staying with her a year ago. We have a lot in common. He's a lawyer and I studied law at university. Also we've found that we lived in Hong Kong at the same time, although we never met.

Interviewer: What do you like to do in your free time?

Angela: Well, cooking is something new I'm trying because I can't do it when I'm travelling. But I'm not very good at it yet so I find it a bit stressful. One of the best things I've bought recently was a boat and when I want to feel calm and peaceful I go for a sail on the river. It never fails!

Interviewer: Angela – thanks.

III. You will hear a radio programme about some historic places to visit. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. (5 pts)

HISTORIC PLACES TO VISIT

Black Rock Caves

- Over 2 million year old
- For half a million years, people and animals, especially (11) **TIGER(S)**, lived here
- Special evening tours during the month of (12) **AUGUST (EVENINGS)**

Salter House

- Built in the year (13) **1765**
- Made famous by the television series called *Aunt Dorothy*
- All visitors want to see Dorothy's (14) **KITCHEN(S)**

The Old Port

- Have a ride on an old tram to the (15) **SWEET(S)/ CANDIES** village

Audioscript

Man: Are you interested in history? Well, I'd like to tell you about some of the historic places open to visitors in this part of the country.

Let's start with the oldest first. *Black Rock Caves* have been here for over two million years. And, for half a million years, they were home to people and various animals, particularly tigers. You can explore these ancient homes and imagine what life was like for the people who lived there. The caves are open daily from April to October. A special attraction on evenings in August is a walk by candlelight. Don't take this tour if you are afraid of the dark!

Next I recommend a visit to *Salter House*. This was built by Sir Joshua Salter and dates back to seventeen sixty-five. The Salter family are still living there today. The house became famous in nineteen eighty-two when the television series *Aunt Dorothy* was filmed there. The furniture and paintings are well worth seeing, but the attraction nobody wants to miss is the kitchen. This is where Aunt Dorothy cooked her enormous meals and gave advice to anyone who passed through this part of the house.

And don't forget to visit *The Old Port*. You will need several hours to see everything there, especially if you take a trip along the riverside in an old tram as far as the fishing village. The guides there all wear traditional costume and you too get the chance to try on clothes from a hundred years ago. You can buy gifts in the old village stores and eat delicious snacks in the Tea Shop. If you visit the village factory, you can see how sweets were made a hundred years ago, and taste them, too.

So, you see there's plenty of ...

IV. Look at the five sentences for this part. You will hear a conversation between a boy, Marcus, and a girl, Catherine, about their homework

Decide if each sentence is True or False. If it is correct, write T. If it is not correct, write F. (5 pts)

Question 16. Catherine finds it hard to understand why Marcus has so much homework. **F**

Question 17. Marcus agrees that he could change his weekend activities. **F**

Question 18. Catherine thinks visiting the museum was a good experience for Marcus. **T**

Question 19. Catherine offers to show Marcus the maths homework she has already done. **F**

Question 20. Marcus worries that his teacher might be angry if Catherine helps him. **T**

Audioscript

Marcus: I feel awful. I've got two lots of homework to do today, and all I want to do after school is relax. It's not fair.

Catherine: Of course you've got a lot. You didn't do any yesterday, did you?

Marcus: No, I didn't. I had football practice, and after that I was just too tired for anything else.

Catherine: Well, maybe you could do more homework at the weekends, so you have time for football and other things during the week.

Marcus: But at the weekend I often go out with my family. On Sunday we went to the Science Museum. It was great. I wouldn't want to miss doing things like that just because I've got homework!

Catherine: Actually, you're quite lucky. I never do anything like that. Homework isn't everything ... I'm sure you learnt just as much there.

Marcus: Yes, but I don't suppose the teachers will be interested in that ... I've got today's maths to do, and I expect it'll take me hours.

Catherine: I tell you what ... you can come round to my house this afternoon and we'll work on it together.

Marcus: I don't know ... You're really good at maths. You'll just finish it quickly and I can't do that.

Catherine: It's not a competition, is it? It's more important that we both finish it, and working together'll be much more fun.

Marcus: But if I don't do it by myself, I could be in trouble with the teacher.

Catherine: Well, we'll tell her you're finding it difficult and so I'm going to try and help you understand it. I'm sure she won't mind that.

Marcus: Alright then, thank you. Perhaps I'll feel better about maths if you help me. At the moment, I still don't know where to begin.

Catherine: Don't worry, we'll get there.

B. GRAMMAR-VOCABULARY (25 pts)

I. Choose the word or phrase A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in each sentence. (9 pts)

Question 21. Known for their compelling insights into human psychology, _____.

- A. the works of Sigmund Freud remain influential to this day
- B. it is Sigmund Freud's works that remain influential to this day
- C. Sigmund Freud's works remain influential to this day
- D. Sigmund Freud remains influential to this day through his works

Question 22. _____ the medicine than she began to feel much better.

- A. Not until she swallowed
- B. Hardly did she swallow
- C. No sooner had she swallowed
- D. Having swallowed

Question 23. An earthquake hit the area last year, the consequences _____ catastrophic.

- A. of whose were
- B. of which have been
- C. being far more
- D. in which having been

Question 24. We all inquired that _____.

- A. their quarrel should put an end to
- B. there be an end to their quarrel
- C. they ended their quarrel then
- D. their quarrel be coming to an end

Question 25. "There is nothing I would like more than _____ to this highly prestigious school", said Nam's mother.

- A. for you to be admitted to
- B. that you are admitted
- C. if you are admitted
- D. only you being admitted

Question 26. She already knew the result of the fight, but _____ she wanted to hear him admit his defeat.

- A. instead
- B. even
- C. still
- D. so

Question 27. When our football team won the gold medal, we were _____.

- A. up in the air
- B. over the moon
- C. on nine cloud
- D. in the seventh heaven

Question 28. The weather is going to change soon – I can feel it in my _____.

- A. legs
- B. teeth
- C. skins
- D. bones

Question 29. The _____ of Cat Tien National Park includes 105 listed mammal species, 351 species of birds, over 120 reptile and amphibian species and over 130 species of freshwater fish.

- A. species
- B. creatures
- C. flora
- D. fauna

II. Read and choose the correct option to complete the announcement. (3 pts)

Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, **30.** _____ at 1:38 PM on July 19, 2024, at the 108 Military Central Hospital. In an announcement **31.** _____ by the Expert Council for the Health Protection of Central-level Officials, the Party chief had been under the **32.** _____ care of leading medical experts and doctors and was with his family. He passed away due to age-related illness at the Military Hospital 108 in Hanoi, at the age of 80.

Question 30. A. passed away B. died down C. passed down D. died out

Question 31. A. issuing B. issued C. to issue D. to be issued

Question 32. A. extensive B. rigorous C. intensive D. extreme

III. Read and choose the correct option to complete the advertisement. (3 pts)

Announcement of Sports Event

The School Youth Union would like to announce:
 Our school is organizing an annual sports day on June 27th at 8a.m in school ground. The students who **(33)** _____ in participating can give their names. Various sport events will be held like badminton, basketball, races... The students who perform the most excellently will be chosen to **(34)** _____ in the interschool sports event in our town.
(35) _____ you have any question, please contact me via email: sportsevent@gmail.com

Question 33. A. interested B. are interested C. have interested D. interesting

Question 34. A. compete B. contest C. test D. take

Question 35. A. Should B. Had C. Were D. Do

IV. Find 05 errors in the following passage. Write the errors and write the correction in your paper. (5 pts)

Line	
1	An endangered species is a population of an organism who is at risk of becoming extinct because
2	it is either few in numbers or threatened by changed environmental or predation parameters. An
3	endangered species is usually a taxonomic species, but may be other evolutionary significant
4	unit, The World Conservation Union (IPCN) has calculated the percent of endangered species
5	as 40 percent of all organisms based on the samples of species that have been evaluating through
6	2006. Many nations have laws offering protection to this species: for example, forbidding
7	hunting, restricting land development or creating reserves.
8	

	Line	Error	Correction
	36	1	Who
	37	2	Changed

38	3	Other	another
39	4	Percent	Percentage
40	6	evaluating	evaluated

V. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (5 pts) (5 points)

Question 41. It is reported that humans are the main reason for most species' declines and habitat **DESTRUCTION** (destroy).

Question 42. Teachers must keep a record of students **ATTENDANCE** (attend)

Question 43. Many people expressed **DISAGREEMENT** with the whole idea because it seems unethical. (agree)

Question 44. Nowadays there are lots of **ENDANGERED** species of animals in the world, for example, the panda. (danger)

Question 45. In cold weather, for example, blood vessels in the nose get smaller to stop heat escaping. **UNFORTUNATELY**, this also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more easily. (fortune)

C. READING (25 pts)

I. The text below has five spaces. Put a given sentence A, B, C, D, E, F or G into its correct space. There are two sentences that you do not need to use. (5 pts)

- A. There are websites where people can arrange to meet up.
- B. If your car is this old it may need replacing.
- C. Make sure you carry out basic maintenance like checking the tyre pressure regularly.
- D. Try making more use of public transport.
- E. These problems mainly affect the city centres.
- F. All that extra weight will put more pressure on the engine.
- G. But sometimes it's difficult for us to do the right thing.

How to Save Petrol and the Environment

We all know how important it is to protect the environment. (46) _____. For example, if you're a motorist jumping in the car to go somewhere is balanced against the knowledge of how harmful each journey can be. But did you know that making a few simple changes to your driving habits will not only do less damage to our world but will also save you money and could even be good for your health?

Do you really need to take the car? (47) _____. If the service is reliable you'll soon get used to using buses and trains. In fact, for shorter journeys why not take the opportunity to get into shape and go on foot. Why not share the journey! How often do you see cars with just one occupant with the driver making the same journey as others living nearby? Why not car share and half the cost of the journey? (48) _____.

Try changing your habits. When you must use the car plan your journey so you can go to all the places you need to visit rather taking the car out again and again. If you get caught in a traffic jam switch off the engine when you're stationary for a long time. Try not to brake too sharply or accelerate too quickly as this will lead to you using up more fuel. On cold mornings don't warm up the engine before you start your journey and when you next put fuel in your car think about whether you really need to fill up the tank. (49) _____.

Taking care of your car is very important. (50) _____. And keep your car regularly serviced so that it runs as efficiently as possible.

Steps like this will save you money and help you do your bit to protect the environment.

Question 46. G **Question 47. D** **Question 48. A**

Question 49. F **Question 50. C**

II. Read the passage and decide which option A, B, C or D best fits each space. (10 pts)

QUEST – THE NEXT BIG THING?

How often do you go along to a gig and see (51) _____ new? Well, Quest's Friday night gig at the City Hall certainly caught my (52) _____. Having heard one or two tracks online, I was (53)

_____ a group of about six musicians. Imagine my surprise when just three young men walked on stage.

It was clear that the band already had a small but (54) _____ following. A group of fans in front of the small stage were singing (55) _____ to at least half of the songs. And it was easy to see why. Quest have a clever combination of catchy (56) _____, an irresistible beat, and very much their own sound. All three of the band members play with great energy and expertise (57) _____ their age. The only downside was when it came to the encores. They (58) _____ up repeating some of their material and giving us cover (59) _____ of early rock classics. A bit disappointing but give them time and I'm sure they'll be writing a lot more. I'm sure we'll be hearing a lot more from Quest. Check them out every Friday at the City Hall until the end of the month. It's well (60) _____ it.

- Question 51. **A. something** B. anything C. nothing D. things
Question 52. **A. attend** B. attention C. attentive D. attentively
Question 53. **A. expected** B. expects C. expecting D. to be expected
Question 54. **A. loyal** B. temporary C. contemporary D. royal
Question 55. **A. above** B. within C. along D. around
Question 56. **A. lyrics** B. melodies C. rhythms D. songs
Question 57. **A. because of** B. thanks to C. despite D. regardings
Question 58. **A. began** B. ended C. rose D. arose
Question 59. **A. versions** B. models C. examples D. samples
Question 60. **A. valuable** B. worth C. deserved D. priceless

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer from A, B, C or D. (10 pts)

The environment ministry has proposed to exempt businesses from carrying out regular environmental surveys as a Covid relief measure, but an expert said the move would be **tantamount** to management negligence. The proposal, contained in a draft decree prepared by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for implementing the Law on Environmental Protection, was submitted to the Ministry of Justice Thursday. The ministry said that the exemption was aimed at supporting "businesses affected by Covid-19."

The ministry has also suggested that the time for businesses to install automatic environment survey systems be extended until the end of 2024, and that those who've already installed systems stop regular surveys until the same time. As per the proposal, starting 2025, facilities which already have automatic environmental survey systems to measure signature pollution metrics are also exempted from regular pollutant surveys. Facilities that produce dust and emissions between 50,000-100,000 cubic meters an hour would also be exempted from regular surveys if **they** have already installed the automatic survey systems, it added.

The environment ministry also said the new policy would only apply to water pollutants, not air emissions. "Projects that have protected the environment well for three years **in a row**, with pollutant metrics within allowed standards and without any violations on emission levels, would be exempt from regular surveys within the specific time period as dictated by their environmental licenses," the ministry proposed. However, experts say the ministry's proposal is likely to become counterproductive. Hoang Duong Tung, president of the Vietnam Clean Air Partnership (VCAP), said exempting regular environmental surveys because of the existence of automatic survey systems is a sign of negligent management and would inflict businesses with losses, especially small and medium ones.

(Source: <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/environment-ministry-proposes-to-suspend-regular-pollution-surveys-4361511.html>)

Question 61. The passage is about the environment ministry's proposal to

- A. take regular pollution surveys** **B. suspend regular pollution surveys**
C. submit management negligence **D. inflict businesses**

Question 62. The word “tantamount” is closest in meaning to.

- A. important B. different C. opposite D. equivalent

Question 63. Who wrote a draft decree?

- A. The president of the Vietnam Clean Air Partnership B. The Ministry of Justice
C. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment D. Businesses

Question 64. The proposal pursues the goal of.

- A. supporting businesses affected by Covid-19.
B. implementing the Law on Environmental Protection.
C. preventing dust and emissions.
D. stopping water pollution.

Question 65. The time for those who have already installed systems stop regular surveys is.

- A. until the same time B. until the beginning of 2025
C. until the end of 2024 D. until the end of 2025

Question 66. The word “they” refers to.

- A. facilities B. regular surveys C. cubic meters D. emissions

Question 67. The new policy would be invalid for.

- A. water pollutants B. air emissions C. pollutant metrics D. projects

Question 68. The phrase “in a row” is closest in meaning to.

- A. in a queue B. successively C. in chain D. a wide range of

Question 69. Projects would be exempt from regular surveys within the specific time period.

- A. that have protected the environment well for three years in a row
B. with pollutant metrics within allowed standards.
C. without any violations on emission levels.
D. A, B, and C are correct.

Question 70. Experts' attitude towards the proposal is.

- A. positive B. neutral C. skeptical D. enthusiastic

D. WRITING (30 pts)

I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (5 pts)

Question 71. The only thing that kept us out of prison was the way he spoke the local dialect.

→ But for his command of local dialect, we would have been in prison.

Question 72. In the unlikely event of a fire, please do not use the lift.

→ Should there be a fire, please do not use the lift.

Question 73. “If you wanted to use my car, you should have asked me first, Tom.” Said Mary

→ Mary criticized Tom for not having asked her before using her car.

Question 74. I wasn't brave enough to enter the burning building again.

→ I didn't have enough bravery to enter the burning building.

Question 75. A couple's happiness depends on their frequency of communication.

→ The more frequently they communicate, the happier the couple is.

II. This is part of a letter you have received from your friend, Lan. In about 100 -120 words, write a letter to answer her question. (10 pts)

I've won some prize money in a competition and I'm not sure what to do. My family think I should save money, but I want to spend it all on an exciting holiday. What should I do?

Imagine you are Lan and now write a letter to Nancy (about 100 words) answering your friend's questions.

Note: You are NOT allowed to include any personal information such as your name, your school's name, your address, in your writing

Dear Nancy,

.....

.....

Love,

Lan

(10 points):

1. Form:

- *Correct form of an letter (1 point)*

2. Task fulfillment:

- *Task completed with relevant information (2 points)*

- *Well- organized (2 points)*

3. Language:

- *Accurate grammar (2 points)*

- *Appropriate vocabulary (2 points)*

- *Correct spelling and punctuation (1 points)*

III.) In about 150-170 words, write a paragraph to express your opinion on the topic (15 points)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Fast food is becoming a part of our daily life. Some people argue that fast food has negative effects on our lifestyle and diet".

----- **THE END** -----

(15 points):

Score of 14 - 15: A paragraph at this level:

- *shows very effective writing skills*
- *is very well organized and well developed*
- *uses details clearly and properly to support a thesis or illustrate ideas*
- *displays consistent ability in the use of language*
- *demonstrates variety in sentence structure and proper word choice*

Score of 11 - 13: A paragraph at this level:

- *shows effective writing skills*
- *is well organized and well developed*
- *uses details clearly and properly to support a thesis or illustrate ideas*
- *displays consistent ability in the use of language*
- *demonstrates variety in sentence structure and proper word choice*

Score of 9 - 10: A paragraph at this level:

- *may address some parts of the task more effectively than others*
- *is generally well organized and developed*
- *uses details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea*
- *displays ability in the use of the language*
- *shows some variety in sentence structure and range of vocabulary*

Score of 7 - 8: A paragraph at this level:

- *addresses the writing topic adequately but does not meet all of the goals of the task*
- *is adequately organized and developed*
- *uses some details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea*
- *shows adequate but possibly inconsistent ability with sentence structure*
- *may contain some usage errors that make the meaning unclear*

Score of 5 - 6: A paragraph at this level may reveal one or more of the following weaknesses:

- *inadequate organization or development*
- *poor choice of details or does not provide enough details to support or illustrate generalizations*
- *a noticeably improper choice of words or word forms*
- *numerous errors in sentence structure and/or usage*

Score of 3 - 4: A paragraph at this level is seriously flawed by one or more of the following weaknesses:

- *serious disorganization or underdevelopment*
- *little or no detail, or irrelevant specifics*
- *serious and frequent errors in sentence structure or usage*
- *serious problems with focus*

Score of 1 - 2: A paragraph at this level:

- *may be incoherent*
- *may be undeveloped*
- *may contain severe and persistent writing errors*

Score of 0: A paragraph will be rated 0 if it:

- *contains no response*
- *merely copies the topic*
- *is off-topic, written in a foreign language or consists only of keystroke characters*