

(Thí sinh làm bài ra tờ giấy thi)

Họ và tên thí sinh: ..... Số báo danh: .....

**PART A: LISTENING (20.0 POINTS)**

**I. You will hear the man phoning to find out about some children's engineering workshops. Complete the table below. Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer. (10.0 points)**

Children's Engineering Workshops	
<b>Tiny Engineers (ages 4-5)</b>	
Activities	
• Create a (1) _____ for an egg so they can drop it from a height without breaking it.	
• Take part in a competition to build the tallest (2) _____.	
• Make a car powered by a (3) _____.	
<b>Junior Engineers (ages 6-8)</b>	
Activities	
• Build model cars, trucks and (4) _____ and learn how to program them so they can move.	
• Take part in a competition to build the longest (5) _____ using card and wood.	
• Create a short movie or film with special animation (6) _____.	
• Build, (7) _____ and program a humanoid robot.	
Cost for a five-week block: £50	
Held on (8) _____ from 10 am to 11 am.	
<b>Location</b>	
Building 10A, (9) _____ Industrial Estate, Grasford	
Plenty of (10) _____ is available.	

**II. You will hear a discussion in which two marine biologists, Gina Kelso and Thomas Ludman, talk about an award-winning television film they made about wildlife in Antarctica. Listen carefully and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each of the following questions. (5.0 points)**

- What aroused Gina's interest in marine biology?  
A. her earliest recollections of life in Africa  
B. one memorable experience in childhood  
C. the years she spent studying in England  
D. a postgraduate research project she led
- Where was their first live wildlife broadcast made?  
A. in a swimming pool  
B. in a TV studio  
C. on a specially adapted boat  
D. in a remote research laboratory
- How did Thomas feel when he was asked to produce the programs about Antarctica?  
A. disappointed not to be presenting the series  
B. surprised that people thought he was suitable  
C. uncertain how well he would get on with the team  
D. worried about having to spend the winter there

4. What would they have appreciated when they were in Antarctica?
- a less demanding work schedule
  - more time to study certain animals
  - a close friend to share their feelings with
  - a chance to share their work with colleagues
5. What was most impressive about the whales they filmed?
- The unusual sounds the whales made.
  - The number of whales feeding in a small bay.
  - How long the whales stayed feeding in one area.
  - how well the whales co-operated with each other.

**III. You will hear a conversation between a boy, Tom, and his sister, Clare, about school, and then decide whether each of the following statements is True (T) or False (F). (5.0 points)**

- Clare thinks their father will be delighted to hear Tom's news.
- Tom believes he can manage both swimming and school work.
- Tom's teacher thinks Tom is clever.
- Clare thinks it is a good idea to take a friend's advice.
- Tom finally realises he will need his father's agreement to his plans.

#### **PART B: PHONETICS (5.0 POINTS)**

**I. Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions. (2.0 points)**

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|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. <u>i</u> inerary | B. <u>i</u> diomatic   | C. <u>i</u> lluminated | D. <u>i</u> ntellectual |
| A. <u>th</u> ermal  | B. <u>th</u> enceforth | C. <u>th</u> esis      | D. <u>th</u> eory       |

**II. Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions. (3.0 points)**

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| A. preface    | B. promise     | C. presume    | D. argue       |
| A. confidence | B. battery     | C. passenger  | D. linguistics |
| A. negligible | B. magnificent | C. repetitive | D. meticulous  |

#### **PART C. LEXICO- GRAMMAR (25.0 POINTS)**

**I. Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D to complete the sentence in each of the following questions. (10.0 points)**

- Martin and Robert are talking about technology.

**Martin:** "Applications of technology are very useful for education."

**Robert:** "\_\_\_\_\_. They make learning much more effective."

- I beg to differ
  - I can agree with you more
  - It's hard to say
  - You can say that again
2. The insurance policy does not cover damage caused by normal \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - wear and tear
  - part and parcel
  - odds and ends
  - ins and outs
3. In the northern and central parts of Idaho \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - finding majestic mountains and churning rivers
  - found majestic mountains and churning rivers
  - are majestic mountains and churning rivers found
  - are found majestic mountains and churning rivers
4. My friend has just bought \_\_\_\_\_ from a shop on Tran Phu street.  
  - a digital useful alarm clock
  - an alarm useful digital clock
  - a useful alarm digital clock
  - a useful digital alarm clock
5. \_\_\_\_\_ with about fifteen times its weight in air does gasoline allow the carburetor to run smoothly.  
  - Only when mixed
  - By mixing it
  - If it is mixed
  - Only when mixing
6. Jane and Tom are talking about the school play.

**Jane:** "I heard you have a part in the school play tonight."



Tom: " \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. Yes, and I'm on pins and needles  
B. Yes, and I'm in deep water  
C. Yes, and I'm black and blue  
D. Yes, and I'm at my wits' end
7. The first amusement park in our city was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for its owners. Everybody would go there to have a good time.  
A. cracking  
B. ringing  
C. sparking  
D. roaring
8. The hotel was terrible, but the wonderful beach \_\_\_\_\_ our disappointment.  
A. faced up to  
B. came down with  
C. got through to  
D. made up for
9. \_\_\_\_\_ of the two blog entries the actress has posted holds any appeal to teenagers, her targeted followers.  
A. All  
B. Neither  
C. None  
D. Both
10. It sounds like you let people take advantage of you. \_\_\_\_\_, you need to learn to be more assertive.  
A. Otherwise  
B. If only  
C. What if  
D. If so
11. The availability of essential drugs is likely to be influenced more by customer demand and availability of funds to \_\_\_\_\_ stocks.  
A. fulfill  
B. replace  
C. make full  
D. replenish
12. Doctors are hopeful that the new drugs will be effective, but the treatment is still at an \_\_\_\_\_ stage.  
A. educational  
B. inclusive  
C. inventive  
D. experimental
13. Working back-to-back shifts at the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ her energy, leaving her no time for rest.  
A. trickled  
B. drained  
C. exuded  
D. sucked
14. Harvard University found that women who walked regularly at a \_\_\_\_\_ pace had an almost 40 per cent lower risk of stroke.  
A. brisk  
B. hard  
C. crisp  
D. brief
15. Friends of the Earth are \_\_\_\_\_ a campaign to monitor the illegal logging of trees.  
A. aiming  
B. calling  
C. posing  
D. mounting
16. It is \_\_\_\_\_ impossible for the neighbours to tell ~~these~~ twins apart.  
A. extremely  
B. naturally  
C. virtually  
D. basically
17. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of security, personnel must wear identity badge at all time.  
A. requirement  
B. essence  
C. demands  
D. interests
18. The characters and situations \_\_\_\_\_ are complex and ambiguous, providing much food for thought and no easy answers.  
A. symbolised  
B. illustrated  
C. depicted  
D. represented
19. Necessary \_\_\_\_\_ must now be taken to avoid the infection of the disease.  
A. precautions  
B. actions  
C. warnings  
D. protections
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Mike's determination, the whole team refused to join the science project competition.  
A. Were it not  
B. Regardless of  
C. Not regarding  
D. Should it not be

**II. Give the correct tense/form of the verb in brackets to complete the sentence in each of the following questions. (5.0 points)**

1. Though (write) \_\_\_\_\_ for children, "Alice in the Wonderland" appeals to many adult readers, too
2. His roommate (always enter) \_\_\_\_\_ the room without knocking first, which annoys him a lot.
3. The woman insisted that the lost child (take) \_\_\_\_\_ to the store's information desk so his parents could be paged.
4. I can't help (choose) \_\_\_\_\_ as a school representative; it was the head teacher's decision, so you needn't be jealous.
5. 'Didn't you know that Olivia works as a curator?' 'To be perfectly honest, she (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ me, but I probably forgot.
6. If we hadn't rehearsed day and night for the past six weeks, we (not/celebrate) \_\_\_\_\_ our success right now!
7. (Not/save) \_\_\_\_\_ up enough money, Jane decided to turn down her friends' suggestion to go on holiday.
8. At the end of next month, Sarah (work) \_\_\_\_\_ in government for exactly 40 years.
9. The topic (discuss) \_\_\_\_\_ at yesterday's meeting was of great importance.
10. Olivia is still the only student (award) \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize four times for the best design.



**III. Give the correct form of the given word to complete each of the following sentences. (5.0 points)**

1. We should make young people realize that drug-taking is \_\_\_\_\_ (**DESTROY**).
2. Lots of smart people are interested in the problems of unhealthy and \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRODUCE**) workplaces and what to do about them.
3. Vienna \_\_\_\_\_ (**MEMORY**) the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth with a series of exhibitions and concerts.
4. The stories \_\_\_\_\_ (**VARY**) focus on domestic problems they may have experienced themselves.
5. The principal said some \_\_\_\_\_ (**COURAGE**) words to the pupils before the exam.
6. The Manufacturing Technology Show in Chicago attracted nearly 90,000 \_\_\_\_\_ (**ATTEND**) and 1,200 exhibitors.
7. The purpose of the United Nations is the \_\_\_\_\_ (**MAINTAIN**) of international peace and security.
8. Melanin producing cells in our bodies are \_\_\_\_\_ (**ACTIVE**) by ultraviolet light from the sun and can have a protective effect.
9. The heavy rain made the cave \_\_\_\_\_ (**ACCESS**). The water level was so high that it would be dangerous to enter the cave.
10. I'm full of \_\_\_\_\_ (**ADMIRE**) for Terry - she's really achieved a lot in her life.

**IV. Each of the following sentences contains ONE mistake. Identify the mistakes and give the corrections on your answer sheet. (5.0 points)**

1. He paid me \$5 for cleaning twenty windows, most of them hadn't been cleaned for at least a year.
2. Melons which most probably originated in Persia introduced to the North American continent during the sixteenth century.
3. Many people object to use physical punishment in dealing with discipline problems at school.
4. Never in the history of humanity has there been more people living on this relatively small planet.
5. I've always wanted to do martial arts – maybe I saw too many Jackie Chan movies at an impressive age.

**PART D. READING (25.0 POINTS)**

**I. Read the passage and fill each blank with ONE suitable word. (5.0 points)**

Ecotourism is a booming business that many tour operators cite as (1) \_\_\_\_\_ helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people descend on protected and pristine natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report casts (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it suggests that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to nature. Details are in a report published in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists are disrupting animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of tourists who flocked to watch the turtles' nesting habits.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals bolder and that this could endanger the animals. A regular human presence might make animals tamer and less cautious about (4) \_\_\_\_\_ animals around them, and this could put them at risk of being attacked by their natural threats. "Then they will suffer higher mortality when they encounter real predators," the report says. The report said it was essential, "to develop a more comprehensive understanding of how different species in different situations (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to human visitation and under what precise conditions human exposure might put them at risk."

(Adapted from: <https://breakingnewsenglish.com>)

**II. Read the text and choose the word that best fits each of the blanks in the following passage. (5.0 points)**

The artist was renowned for her ability to capture the essence of nature in her paintings, often depicting landscapes that seemed to come alive on canvas. Her mastery of light and shadow, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with a keen eye for detail, made her work stand out in the crowded field of contemporary art. However, her latest exhibition did not receive the same level of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that her previous works had garnered. Critics pointed out that her use of color was too subdued, making the scenes appear less vibrant and dynamic than they could have been. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, some argued that she had taken too many creative liberties, altering the natural forms to such an extent that they became unrecognizable, losing their original charm. As a result, what was once considered her strength has now become a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of contention. However, her fans remain



devoted, believing that her work still (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a chord when it comes to capturing the emotional depth of the natural world.

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| 1. A. coupled   | B. coupling | C. having coupled | D. couples   |
| 2. A. exclaim   | B. acclaim  | C. declaim        | D. proclaim  |
| 3. A. Generally | B. However  | C. Additionally   | D. Therefore |
| 4. A. view      | B. term     | C. credit         | D. point     |
| 5. A. makes     | B. strikes  | C. does           | D. hits      |

**III. Read the following passage and do the tasks that follow. (8.0 points)**

**Non-motorized Vehicles in Asia**

A. Non-motorized vehicles (NMVs), which include bicycles, cycle-rickshaws, and carts, continue to play a vital role in urban transport in much of Asia. NMVs account for 25 to 80 percent of vehicle trips in many Asian cities, more than anywhere else in the world. The ownership of all vehicles, including NMVs, is growing rapidly throughout Asia as incomes increase.

B. However, the future of NMVs in many Asian cities is threatened by growing motorization, loss of street space for safe NMV use, and changes in urban form prompted by motorization. Transport planning and investment in most of Asia has focused principally on the motorized transport sector and has often ignored the needs of non-motorized transport. Without changes in policy, NMV use may decline precipitously in the coming decade, with major negative effects on air pollution, traffic congestion, global warming, energy use, urban sprawl, and the employment and mobility of low-income people.

C. As cities in Japan, the Netherlands, Germany, and several other European nations demonstrate, the modernization of urban transport does not require total motorization, but rather the appropriate integration of walking, NMV modes, and motorized transport. As in European and Japanese cities, where a majority of trips are made by walking and cycling, NMVs have an important role to play in urban transport systems throughout Asia in coming decades.

D. Transport investment and policy are the primary factors that influence NMV use and can have an effect on the pace and level of motorization. For example, Japan has witnessed major growth of bicycle use despite increased motorization, through policies providing extensive bicycle paths, bicycle parking at rail stations, and high fees for motor vehicle use. Denmark and the Netherlands have reversed the decline in bicycle use through similar policies.

E. China has for several decades offered commuter subsidies for those cycling to work, cultivated a domestic bicycle manufacturing industry, and allocated extensive urban street space to NMV traffic. This strategy reduced the growth of public transport subsidies while meeting most mobility needs. Bicycles have largely replaced buses as the principal means of urban vehicular transport in Tianjin. Buses are generally slower for the same trips made by bicycle. Today, 50 to 80 percent of urban vehicle trips in China are by bicycle and average journey times in China's cities appear to be comparable to those of many other more motorized Asian cities, with much more favorable consequences on the environment, petroleum dependency, transport system costs, and traffic safety.

F. Bicycles should be encouraged as the most efficient transport mode for short trips in cities of all types and income levels, particularly for trips too long for walking and too short for express public transport service or where travel demand or economics do not permit high frequency public transport services. Bicycles are most important for personal transport, but also accommodate light goods hauling, being capable of carrying loads of 100 to 180 kg.

G. Cycle-rickshaws are not as efficient as bicycles for personal transport, but should be encouraged as a complementary mode to motorized goods transport and as a passenger transit mode, particularly in countries where low wages and surplus labor are sustainable features of the economy. Where they are in use, they should be accepted as a useful part of the transportation system rather than as a nuisance or a barrier to transport system modernization. Even in high-income, motorised-vehicle dependent cities, there are opportunities for appropriate use of cycle rickshaws for short-distance movement of persons and goods.



as the basis for small businesses providing goods and services at dispersed locations. They find greatest utility in cities where slow modes of transport are allocated road space separate from motorized traffic, in neighborhoods where the majority of people go from one place to another on foot or in central areas with slow traffic speed, in large factories and shopping districts, and areas where private automobiles are restricted.

**Questions 1-6:**

Choose the most suitable headings for paragraphs A - F from the list of headings below. There are more headings than paragraphs, so you will not use all of them. You may use any heading more than once.

**List of headings**

- i. Benefits of bicycle use: one country's experience
- ii. Situations that best fit bicycle use
- iii. Factors working against NMV use
- iv. ~~Disadvantages~~ of cycle use
- v. Continuing importance of NMVs in Asia
- vi. ~~Subsidizing~~ public transport use in China
- vii. Appropriate use of cycle rickshaws
- viii. Use of NMVs to reduce ~~motorization~~ in Europe
- ix. Role of policies in promoting bicycle use
- x. Integrated approach to ~~urban~~ transport

<i>Example: Paragraph G</i>	<i>vii</i>
1. Paragraph A	
2. Paragraph B	iii
3. Paragraph C	
4. Paragraph D	
5. Paragraph E	
6. Paragraph F	

**Questions 7-8:**

Complete the summary with words taken from the passage. Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer in the numbered boxes.

The employment of NMVs is overlooked in many Asian countries where (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and money allocation mostly center on the motorized. Japan, Denmark and the Netherlands serve as striking illustrations for the fact that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the provision of paths, parking and fee charging of motorized transport can bring about the increase in the use of bikes.

**IV. Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (7.0 points)**

In the past decade, the entertainment industry has undergone a significant transformation with the rise of streaming services. These platforms, such as Netflix, Hulu, and Disney+, have revolutionized the way people consume media, offering on-demand access to a vast library of movies, TV shows, and original content. The convenience and variety provided by streaming services have made them increasingly popular, leading to a decline in traditional cable and satellite TV subscriptions.

One of the key factors behind the success of streaming services is their ability to cater to individual preferences. Unlike traditional TV, which requires viewers to adhere to a fixed schedule, streaming platforms allow users to watch content whenever they want. This flexibility has been a major draw for consumers, particularly younger audiences who value convenience and instant gratification.

Moreover, streaming services have invested heavily in original content, producing high-quality movies and series that are exclusive to their platforms. This strategy not only attracts subscribers but also differentiates them from competitors. For example, Netflix's "Stranger Things" and Disney+'s "The



"Mandalorian" have garnered significant viewership and critical acclaim, showcasing the impact of exclusive content on a platform's success.

In addition to convenience and original content, the affordability of streaming services has contributed to their widespread adoption. Many streaming platforms offer subscription plans that are cheaper than traditional cable packages, making them an attractive option for cost-conscious consumers. Furthermore, the absence of commercials enhances the viewing experience, as audiences can enjoy uninterrupted content.

Despite their advantages, streaming services face several challenges. One major issue is the saturation of the market, with numerous platforms competing for subscribers. This intense competition has led to a fragmentation of content, where popular shows and movies are spread across multiple services. As a result, consumers may need to subscribe to multiple platforms to access all their desired content, which can be costly and inconvenient.

Another challenge is the issue of content piracy. With the rise of streaming, illegal downloading and streaming of copyrighted material have become more prevalent. This not only affects the revenue of streaming services but also undermines the value of original content.

In conclusion, streaming services have significantly changed the entertainment landscape by offering convenience, variety, and affordability. While they have become an integral part of modern media consumption, they must navigate challenges such as market saturation and content piracy to maintain their growth and success.

1. What is the main focus of the passage?
  - A. The decline of traditional TV subscriptions
  - B. The challenges faced by streaming services
  - C. The evolution and impact of streaming services
  - D. The rise of original content on streaming platforms
2. What does **This flexibility** in paragraph 2 refer to?
  - A. The ability to cater to individual preferences
  - B. The adherence to a fixed schedule
  - C. The instant gratification of streaming platforms
  - D. The affordability of streaming services
3. What does **original** in paragraph 3 most likely mean?
  - A. traditionally valuable
  - B. completely new and interesting
  - C. relatively conservative
  - D. various and easily accessible
4. The word **undermines** in paragraph 6 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. alleviates
  - B. prolongs
  - C. mitigates
  - D. enhances
5. What can be inferred about the impact of original content on streaming services?
  - A. It has a minimal impact on a platform's success.
  - B. It only attracts older audiences to the platforms.
  - C. It is more costly than traditional content.
  - D. It helps differentiate platforms from competitors.
6. How do streaming services cater to individual preferences?
  - A. By offering fixed schedules to audiences
  - B. By providing on-demand access to content
  - C. By having fewer options than traditional TV
  - D. By including more commercial break
7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an advantage of streaming services?
  - A. Convenience and flexibility
  - B. Original content
  - C. Affordability
  - D. Live sports broadcasting

## PART E. WRITING (25.0 POINTS)

I. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it has the similar meaning to the sentence printed before. (5.0 points)

1. The fund-raisers haven't officially decided where to send the proceeds of the concert.

➤ No official \_\_\_\_\_

2. This picture reminds me of the time I went to Ho Chi Minh City to watch the military parade.  
 ✎ This picture takes me \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The minister proposed regular meetings for the committee.  
 ✎ The minister suggested \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I would prefer him not to have said all those embarrassing thing about me  
 ✎ I'd sooner \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I almost gave up jogging because of my health problem.  
 ✎ I came very \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in bold given in brackets. DO NOT change the word given. (5.0 points)**

1. I don't think it's likely that you'll win the competition. (CHANCE)  
 ✎ I think there is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was not given details of the company's new plans. (DARK)  
 ✎ He was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His excuse for such bad behavior has little effect on her. (CUTS)  
 ✎ His excuse \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The adverts look exactly the same as the articles in this magazine. (DIFFERENCE)  
 ✎ It's impossible \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They remain close friends despite having had many arguments. (FALL)  
 ✎ Frequently as \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. Essay writing (15.0 points)**

**"Many people believe that ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools make people think less."**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Write an essay of about 250 words to express your opinion, using specific reasons and your own experiences to support your answer.

**===== THE END =====**