

# TUYỂN CHỌN ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 8

## ĐỀ SỐ 19

**Đề kiểm tra chất lượng HSG lớp 8 - TP Sầm Sơn, tỉnh Thanh Hóa**

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút

### **PART A: LISTENING (15 points)**

**Part 1. You will hear an interview, with a teenager called Amy Manero, who is talking about her interest in music, particularly jazz piano. Choose the correct answer from A, B or C for each question. You will hear the recording twice.**

1. When did Amy have lessons with a piano teacher?
  - A. at the age of four.
  - B. before she started secondary school.
  - C. after getting advice from her school music teacher.
2. How did Amy feel at her first big public event?
  - A. excited because she was wearing a wonderful costume.
  - B. nervous because it was her first time on stage.
  - C. surprised because the audience was very big.
3. What does Amy say about playing jazz with the school band?
  - A. She put lots of effort into learning about it.
  - B. She was better at it than the rest of the players.
  - C. She enjoyed it as soon as she started.
4. Amy gives piano lessons so that she can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. help people who couldn't normally afford them .
  - B. encourage lots of young people to play the piano.
  - C. improve her own playing technique.
5. Why does Amy write a blog on the internet?
  - A. to get some experience for becoming a journalist.
  - B. to tell people about her daily life as a musician.
  - C. to recommend events for people to go to.

**Part 2. You will hear a boy, called Adam telling his class, about a hot air balloon flight he went on. Fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS. You will hear the recording twice.**

### **ADAM'S HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT**

6. The flight in the balloon lasted for \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. Adam could see as far as the \_\_\_\_\_ from the balloon.
8. Adam didn't recognize a \_\_\_\_\_ from the air.
9. Adam was surprised that it was \_\_\_\_\_ in the balloon basket.
10. Adam didn't like having to \_\_\_\_\_ in the basket.

**Part 3. Listen to Adam and Emma talking about holidays and decide whether each of the following statements is True (T) or False (F). You will hear the recording twice.**

11. Adam has already booked his holiday. **T/F**
12. Emma doesn't like sitting on beaches all day. **T/F**
13. Emma might not go on holiday this year. **T/F**
14. Adam usually goes to Scotland in the summer. **T/F**
15. Emma thinks that hotels in Scotland are expensive. **T/F**

## **PART B: PHONETICS (5 points)**

**Question I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest in the same line. (3 points)**

16. A. island                      B. establish                      C. aspect                      D. escape
17. A. ood                      B. ool                      C. oot                      D. ooth
18. A. exchanged                      B. coughed                      C. controlled                      D. covered

**Question II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question. (2 points)**

19. A. realize                      B. improve                      C. possible                      D. comfortable
20. A. important                      B. especially                      C. prefer                      D. influence

## **PART C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 points)**

**Question I. Circle the best option from A, B, C or D to complete the following sentences. (15pts)**

21. It's not easy to study a foreign language by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. oneself                      B. himself                      C. itself                      D. herself
22. Shall I put the books on the floor? - No, I want to keep the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. tidy room                      B. room tidily                      C. room is tidy                      D. room tidy
23. When she looked in her purse, she found she had been \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. broken                      B. thieved                      C. stolen                      D. robbed
24. A lot needs \_\_\_\_\_ to the house before anyone can move in.
- A. be done                      B. to do                      C. doing                      D. done
25. When shall we meet: at 7.30 or 8.00? - I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_.

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A. Either time                      B. Neither of them                      C. Both time                      D.

Neither time

26. The programme on TV attracted millions of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. audience                      B. spectators                      C. viewers                      D. witnesses

27. Florida, \_\_\_\_\_ the Sunshine State, attracts many tourists every year.

A. is                      B. known as                      C. is known as                      D. that is known as

28. Never before \_\_\_\_\_ such a wonderful sight.

A. I have seen                      B. I had seen                      C. I saw                      D. have I seen

29. He was \_\_\_\_\_ speaker.

A. so good a                      B. what a good                      C. so a good                      D. how good a

30. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ against talking to strangers.

A- recommended B- suggested                      C- advised                      D- said

31. My grandfather was a lovely person who \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure from helping others.

A. derived                      B. gathered                      C. deduced                      D. collected

32. Hoa: "Would you mind my smoking?" Mai: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

A. OK                      B. Sorry, I can't  
C. No. Please go ahead.                      D. I'd rather you didn't

33. \_\_\_\_\_ his advice, I would have never got the job.

A. Except                      B. Apart from                      C. But for                      D. As for

34. I met \_\_\_\_\_ one-eyed man at the gate.

A. the                      B. an                      C. a                      D. (no article)

35. \_\_\_\_\_ at his lessons, he couldn't catch up with his classmates.

A. Hardly as he worked                      B. Hard as he worked  
C. Hard as he does                      D. Hard as he was

**Question II. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Write the answers on your answer sheet (5 pts).**

36. He prefers driving to (drive) \_\_\_\_\_.

37. It's essential that he (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ before seven.

38. I'd rather you (not wear) \_\_\_\_\_ jeans to the office.

39. My little sister (read) \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping Beauty several times.

40. I (improve) \_\_\_\_\_ my English speaking skill, I would easily get that \_\_\_\_\_ job.

**Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in capital. Write the**

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*answers on your answer sheet (5 pts).*

41. The cities are full of \_\_\_\_\_ looking for work. **MIGRATE**

42. His boss told him off because he had behaved \_\_\_\_\_.  
**RESPONSIBLE**

43. She got very angry but later she apologised for her \_\_\_\_\_.  
**PATIENT**

44. Have you got any \_\_\_\_\_? **SUGGEST**

45. It is usually forbidden to destroy \_\_\_\_\_ building. **HISTORY**

**Question IV. There is one mistake in each sentence, find out and correct it (5 pts)**

46. I'm trying to persuade my sister to drive, but I can't get her do it.

\_\_\_\_\_

47. Can you tell me where were you born? — Stockholm.

\_\_\_\_\_

48. Each of the students in the class has to do their own assignment this semester.

\_\_\_\_\_

49. John was upset last night because he had to do too many homework.

\_\_\_\_\_

50. Fifteen hundred dollars a year were the per capita income in the United States in 1950.

\_\_\_\_\_

## **PART D: READING (30 points)**

**I. Choose a suitable word that best fits each blank in the following passage.**

Most students, in their own countries have had little opportunity to practise using English. When foreign learners first have the (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to an English-speaking person they may have a shock: they often (52) \_\_\_\_\_ gr

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eat difficulty in understanding. I'll just mention three of the possible reasons for this.

First, it seems to students that English people speak very quickly. (53) \_\_\_\_\_, they speak with a variety of accents. Third, different styles of speech are used. For all of these reasons (54) \_\_\_\_\_ will have difficulty, mainly because they lack everyday practice in listening to English people speaking English.

(55) \_\_\_\_\_ can a student do then to overcome these difficulties? Obviously, attend English classes and if a language laboratory is available, use it as (56) \_\_\_\_\_ as possible. He should listen to programs in English on the radio and TV. Perhaps, most important of (57) \_\_\_\_\_, he should take every opportunity to meet and speak with native English-speaking people.

In addition, the student probably has difficulty in speaking English fluently. The advice here will seem (58) \_\_\_\_\_ to follow but it's necessary. Firstly, he must simplify what he wants to say so that he can express himself reasonably and clearly. Secondly, he must try to think in English, (59) \_\_\_\_\_ translate from his mother tongue. This will only begin to take place when his use of English become automatic; using a language laboratory (60) \_\_\_\_\_ listening to as much English as possible will help.

## **II. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits each blank in the following passage.**

From the seeds themselves to the machinery, fertilizers and pesticides - The Green Revolution regimen depend heavily on technology. One (61) \_\_\_\_\_, however, depends much (62) \_\_\_\_\_ on technology - organic farming. Many organic farmers use machinery, but (63) \_\_\_\_\_ chemical fertilizers or pesticides. (64) \_\_\_\_\_ chemical soil enrichers, they use animal manure and plant parts not used as food -,natural,organic fertilizers that are clearly a renewable (65) \_\_\_\_\_. Organic farmers also use alternatives (66) \_\_\_\_\_ pesticides; for example they may rely on natural predators of certain insect pests. (67) \_\_\_\_\_ the need arises, they can buy the eggs and larvae of these natural predators and introduce them into their crop fields. They use (68) \_\_\_\_\_ techniques to control pests as well, like planting certain crops together because one crop repels the other's pests. Organic farmers do not need a lot of land; (69) \_\_\_\_\_ organic farming is perfectly (70) \_\_\_\_\_ to small farms and

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is relatively inexpensive. Finally, many organic farmers' average yields compare favorably with other farmers' yields.

61. A. alteration      B. alternate      C. alternative      D. alternation  
62. A. more      B. less      C. better      D. worse  
63. A. also      B. for      C. not      D. all  
64. A. In spite of      B. On account of      C. In favour of      D. Instead of  
65. A. resource      B. source      C. matter      D. substance  
66. A. of      B. to      C. for      D. from  
67. A. Then      B. If      C. Because      D. Though  
68. A. others      B. another      C. the others      D. other  
69. A. instead      B. in one way      C. on one hand      D. in fact  
70. A. suitable      B. open      C. likely      D. suited

**III. Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question below.**

Although they are an inexpensive supplier of vitamins, minerals, and high-quality protein, eggs also contain a high level of blood cholesterol, one of the major causes of heart diseases. One egg yolk, in fact, contains a little more than two-thirds of the suggested daily cholesterol limit. This knowledge has caused egg sales to plummet in recent years, which in turn has brought about the development of several alternatives to eating regular eggs. One alternative is to eat substitute eggs. These egg substitutes are not really eggs, but they look **somewhat** like eggs when they are cooked. They have the advantage of having low cholesterol rates, and they can be scrambled or used in baking. One disadvantage, however, is that they are not good for frying, poaching, or boiling. A second alternative to regular eggs is a new type of egg, sometimes called 'designer' eggs. These eggs are produced by hens that are fed low-fat diets consisting of ingredients such as canola oil, flax, and rice bran. In spite of their diets, however, these hens produce eggs that contain the same amount of cholesterol as regular eggs. Yet, the producers of these eggs claim that eating their eggs will not raise the blood cholesterol in humans.

Egg producers claim that their product has been portrayed unfairly. They cite scientific studies to **back up** their claim. And, in fact, studies on the relationship between eggs and human cholesterol levels have brought **mixed results**. It may be that it is not the type of egg that is the main determinant of

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cholesterol but the person who is eating the eggs. Some people may be more sensitive to cholesterol derived from food than other people. In fact, there is evidence that certain dietary fats stimulate the body's production of blood cholesterol. Consequently, while it still makes sense to limit one's intake of eggs, even designer eggs, it seems that doing this without regulating dietary fat will probably not help reduce the blood cholesterol level.

**71.** What is the main purpose of the passage?

- A. To introduce the idea that dietary fat increases the blood cholesterol level.
- B. To inform people about the relationship between eggs and cholesterol.
- C. To persuade people that eggs are unhealthy and should not be eaten
- D. To convince people to eat 'designer' eggs and egg substitutes.

**72.** According to the passage, which of the following is a cause of heart diseases?

- A. minerals
- B. cholesterol
- C. canola oil
- D. vitamins

**73.** Which of the following could best replace the word 'somewhat'?

- A. in fact
- B. a little
- C. indefinitely
- D. a lot

**74.** What has been the cause for changes in the sale of eggs?

- A. increasing price
- B. decreased production
- C. dietary changes in hens
- D. concerns about cholesterol

**75.** According to the passage, one yolk contains approximately what fraction of the suggested daily limit for human consumption of cholesterol?

- A. 3/4
- B. 2/3
- C. 1/2
- D. 1/3

**76.** The word 'portrayed' could best be replaced by which of the following?

- A. studied
- B. destroyed
- C. tested
- D. described

**77.** What is the meaning of 'back up'?

- A. reverse
- B. advance
- C. block
- D. support

**78.** What is meant by the phrase 'mixed results'?

- A. The results are blended.
- B. The results are a composite of things.
- C. The results are inconclusive.
- D. The results are mingled together.

**79.** According to the passage, egg substitutes cannot be used to make any of following types of eggs EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. boiled
- B. poached
- C. scrambled
- D. fried

**80.** According to the author, which of the following may reduce blood cholesterol?

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- A. reducing egg intake but not fat intake
- B. increasing egg intake and fat intake
- C. decreasing egg intake and fat intake
- D. increasing egg intake but not fat intake

## **PART E: WRITING (20 points)**

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

**81.** "I will go to Da Nang tomorrow" he said.

→ He said

**82.** Learning English is not difficult.

→ I do

**83.** I last saw Peter when we attended the school meeting.

→ I have not

**84.** Though Mr. Matt works very hard, he is seldom successful in his life.

→ However

**85.** She says I caused the accident.

→ She blames

**Question II. Finish each of the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the sentences printed before it, using the word given. DON'T CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. (5 points)**

**86.** The boy was so tired that he can't keep on walking. **BOY**

→ He was too

**87.** It took us five hours to get to Hai Phong. **SPENT**

→ We

**88.** "You broke my camera!" Minh said to Hoa. **ACCUSED**

→ Minh

**89.** House prices have risen sharply this year. **RISE**

→ There has

**90.** Could you watch my bag while I'm away, please? **EYE**

→ Could you

**Question III: Paragraph writing (10 points).**

**Many people think that living in the countryside is wonderful. Do you agree with them?**

**Write a paragraph of about 150 words to express your opinion**













