

ENGLISH PRACTICE 16

PART I - PRONUNCIATION

Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the other three in the following questions

1. A. argument B. reject C. attract D. install
2. A. librarian B. religious C. commercial D. Japanese
3. A. technology B. activity C. experience D. presentation
4. A. informality B. entertainment C. situation D. appropriate
5. A. experience B. cosmetics C. economics D. fertility
6. A. preparation B. apology C. geography D. experience
7. A. surplus B. surface C. surgeon D. surprise
8. A. award B. control C. regard D. conquer
9. A. colleague B. neighbour C. career D. classmate
10. A. disappear B. precision C. mechanic D. discover

PART 2: LEXICO - GRAMMAR

Section 1: Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the following sentences.

1. Much of what he said had little _____ to the issue we were discussing.
A. accordance B. involvement C. concern D. relevance
2. The restless lion kept pacing _____ along the front of its cage.
A. back and forth B. up and down C. on and off D. back and out
3. You can have _____ for the meals during your package vacation.
A. vouchers B. tags C. checks D. records
4. A new motorcycle model has just been _____ on the Internet.
A. delivered B. designed C. launched D. exploited
5. Why don't you _____ a go? - It's not difficult!
A. do B. have C. set D. make
6. The Prime Minister has _____ from the dogmatic position he adopted a few days ago.
A. backed out B. backed down C. backed up D. backed on
7. At the South Pole _____, the coldest and most desolate region on Earth.
A. Antarctica lies where B. Antarctica lies and
C. where Antarctica lies D. lies Antarctica
8. _____ in the diet is especially important for vegetarians.
A. Enough protein is obtained B. Obtaining enough protein
C. They obtain enough protein D. By obtaining enough protein
9. _____ over long distances is a fact.
A. That electricity can be transmitted B. That electricity transmitting
C. That electricity D. That can be transmitted
10. Don't leave paraffin heaters in a draught or where they're _____.
A. dangerously knocked over B. in danger knocked over
C. in danger of being knocked over D. in danger of knocking over
11. My father took _____ of the fine weather to a day's work in his garden.
A. chance B. advantage C. interest D. charge
12. By 2050, medical technology _____ many diseases.
A. has conquered B. will conquer C. will have conquered D. is conquering
13. I realized _____ that he was a thief.
A. sooner or later B. all along C. at the beginning D. eventually

14. _____ his assistance in those days, I would not be so successful now.
 A. If it had not for B. Had it not been for
 C. If there were not D. Unless I had
15. They thought they could deceive me but they were wrong. I could _____.
 A. see them off B. see off them C. see through them D. see them through
16. Janet will see you if you use the computer without permission. She has eyes like a _____.
 A. hawk B. bird C. goose D. fox
17. My sister remained very calm. She _____.
 A. kept her temper B. kept her soul C. kept her head D. lost her head
18. A network of railroads to unite the continent and encourage Western settlement _____ before the Civil War by Asa Whitney.
 A. when proposed B. to propose C. was proposed D. a proposal
19. Farmers are at the _____ of the bad weather that can destroy their crop.
 A. change B. influence C. force D. mercy
20. He showed his _____ for the TV programme by switching it off.
 A. distaste B. discontent C. annoyance D. boredom

Section 2: Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space at the same line.

OBSESSED WITH YOUR INBOX?

It was not so long ago that we dealt with colleagues through face-to-face interaction and with counterparts and customers by phone or letter. But the world of communication has (1) _____ a dramatic transformation, not all for the good. Email, while (2) _____ a swift means of communication providing your server is fully (3) _____ and that the address you have contains no (4) _____ has had a (5) _____ effect on certain people's, both at home and in business. For these people, the use of email has become (6) _____ addictive to the extent that it is (7) _____ their mental and physical health. Addicts spend their day (8) _____ checking for email and have a (9) _____ to panic if their server goes down. It is estimated that one in six people spend four hours a day sending and receiving messages the equivalent to more than two working days a week. The negative effect on (10) _____ is something employers are well aware of.

1. GO
2. DOUBT
3. FUNCTION
4. ACCURATE
5. SIGNIFY
6. RESIST
7. THREAD
- 8.
- COMPULSION
9. TEND
10. PRODUCE

Section 3: There are 10 errors in the following passage. Identify and correct them

Children who tell pop music does not interfere with their homework receive support today, with the discovery that pay attention to visual stimuli and sounds requires completely different brain pathways which can operate at the same time with your appreciation of either being damaged. Researchers have founded that listening to car stereos does not create much interference when you are driving. Similarly, pop music should not interfere to children's homework. The affect of pop music on their performance at it is far outweigh by other factors, such as how happy they are to be doing it. These findings could be applied for the design of places which people have to take in large amounts of information very quickly. They could, for example, be relevantly to the layout of pilot cockpits on aircraft.

LIN E	MISTAKE	CORRECTION	LINE	MISTAKE	CORRECTION

Section 4: Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable preposition.

1. I have already told Tim that I won't go to Spain with him, but he still trying to talk me _____.
2. _____ receipt of your instructions, I immediately sent a telex message to Algeria.
3. Grandfather must be tired. He's nodding _____ in his chair.
4. The applause died _____ after 5 minutes.
5. He accepted my advice _____ reservation.
6. Our students are orientated _____ the science subjects.
7. Cheques should be made _____ to Wellington.
8. I'm in no hurry. I'll hang _____ here until you're ready.
9. She is Polish _____ birth, but she has French nationality.
10. Your plan doesn't allow _____ changes in the weather.

PART 3. READING

Section 1: Fill each of the following numbered blanks with ONE suitable word and write your answers in the corresponding boxes provided below the passage.

How to win friends and influence colleagues

The worst sins that office workers can commit in the eyes of colleagues are interrupting people on the phone, talking loudly in front of someone's desk and arriving late (1) _____ a meeting. It is almost (2) _____ bad to eat at your desk, make personal phone calls or leave coffee cups (3) _____ around, according to Bodytalk, a guide published by the Industrial Society, (4) _____ lists the 30 traits most likely to annoy colleagues.

High on the list are signing on at someone else's computer terminal (5) _____ signing off afterwards, messing up the photocopier by jamming the paper or leaving it set to produce multiple copies. Reading newspaper, doodling, chewing gum, keeping cuddly toys or ornaments on your desk, and putting up postcards or supposedly witty slogan (6) _____ invite disapproval. Also unpopular are (7) _____ who never fetch a colleague a drink from the machine, or who (8) _____ to hold the lift door open when others are approaching. (9) _____ conduct, according to the guide's author, Judi James, not only gives you an unprofessional image but is downright anti-social and could result (10) _____ dismissal.

Section 2: Fill the gaps in the passage by choosing the best phrases from A-M.

A few years ago one enlightened city decided to ease traffic congestion by (1) _____. People would just take a bike, ride it to where they were going and leave it (2) _____. The trouble was the citizens naturally found it (3) _____ to have their own free bicycle and (4) _____.

That slight detail of human nature apart, it was a good idea and (5) _____. The electric cars buzzing round the streets of La Rochelle in France are seen (6) _____ and, it is claimed, will make it easier (7) _____ within the city centre.

The idea is based on the belief that people like their own space, the freedom to drive a vehicle themselves (8) _____. It's also based on the fact that cars in towns usually carry just one person. In effect, it's (9) _____. At the moment, it's a slightly utopian view but the concept has grown (10) _____.

A. to end the use of private cars	H. supplying sufficient communal bicycles
B. rather than crowd on to a bus or train	I. taking the place of bicycles
C. to encourage their use	J. a sort of do-it-yourself taxi
D. stock swiftly dwindled	K. as a supplement to conventional cars
E. out of a practical study	L. instead of car
F. for someone else to use	M. it's now the basic of a new scheme
G. even more convenient	

Section 3: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

One of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Great Pyramid of Giza was a monument of wisdom and prophecy built as a tomb for Pharaoh Cheops in 2720 B.C. Despite its antiquity, certain aspects of its construction makes it one of the truly wonders of the world. The thirteen-acre structure near the Nile river is a solid mass of stone blocks covered with limestone. Inside are the number of hidden passageways and the burial chamber of the Pharaoh. It is the largest single structure in the world. The four sides of the pyramid are aligned almost exactly on true north, south, east and west-an incredible engineering **feat**. The ancient Egyptians were sun worshippers and great astronomers, so computations for the Great Pyramid were based on astronomical observations.

Explorations and detailed examinations of the base of the structure reveal many intersecting lines. Further scientific study indicates that these represent a type of timeline of events - past, present and future. Many of the events have been interpreted and found to coincide with known facts of the past. Others are **prophesied** for future generations and are currently under investigation. Many believe that pyramids have supernatural powers and this one is no exception. Some researchers even associate it with extraterrestrial beings of ancient past.

Was this superstructure made by ordinary beings, or one built by a race far superior to any known today?

1. What has research of the base revealed?

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| A. there are cracks in the foundation | B. Tomb robbers have stolen the Pharaoh's body |
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- C. The lines represent important events in
- D. A superior race of people built
2. Extraterrestrial beings are _____.
 A. very strong workers
 B. astronomers in the ancient times
 C. researchers in Egyptology
 D. living beings from other planets
3. What was the most probable reason for providing so many hidden passages?
 A. To allow the weight of the pyramid to settle evenly
 B. To permit the high priests to pray at night
 C. To enable the Pharaoh's family to bring food for his journey to the afterlife
 D. To keep grave robbers from finding the tomb and the treasure buried with the pharaoh
4. The word "**feat**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. accomplishment B. Appendage C. festivity D. structure
5. What do the intersecting lines in the base symbolize?
 A. Architects' plan for the hidden passages
 B. Pathways of the great solar bodies
 C. Astrological computations
 D. Dates of important events taking place throughout time
6. In the second passage, the word '**prophesied**' is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. affiliated B. precipitated C. terminated D. foretold
7. What is the best title for the passage?
 A. Symbolism of the Great Pyramid
 B. Problems with the Construction of the Great Pyramid
 C. Wonders of the Great Pyramid of Giza
 D. Exploration of the Burial Chamber of Cheops
8. On what did the ancient Egyptians base their calculations?
 A. Observation of the celestial bodies
 B. Advanced technology
 C. Advanced tools of measurement
 D. knowledge of the earth's surface
9. Why was the Great Pyramid constructed?
 A. As a solar observatory
 B. As a religious temple
 C. As a tomb for the Pharaoh
 D. as an engineering feat
10. Why is the Great Pyramid of Giza considered one of the seven wonders of the world?
 A. it is perfectly aligned with the four cardinal points of the compass and contains many prophecies
 B. It was selected of the tomb of Pharaoh Cheops
 C. It was built by a super race
 D. It is very old

Section 4: Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each numbered gap in the passage below. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

All plants rely on nutrients taken from the soil in order to survive. However, in areas where the soil does not contain enough (1) _____ nutrients, some plants have adapted to (2) _____ their diets from another source: living organisms. Though they are few in number, carnivorous plants are (3) _____ fascinating beings that "eat" anything from one-celled organisms to insects in order to survive. They

are commonly found in marshlands. Carnivorous plants feature one of several types of “traps” to ensnare prey, which they consume to make up for nutrients that may be missing from the soil. While there are over 400 species of carnivorous plants in the world today, some are more (4) _____ than others.

The most well-known of these plants are the snap traps, which include the Venus flytrap. Snap traps are easily identified by their leaves, which are separated into two lobes that have the ability to fold together. Inside the lobes, the surface is covered with tiny hairs that are (5) _____ to movement. When the plant’s prey brushes against the hairs, it triggers a closing mechanism that rapidly brings the two lobes together, trapping the prey (6) _____ inside. The response of the traps is phenomenal (7) _____ speed: the time between triggering the hairs and snapping shut is less than a second. As the prey struggles inside the trap, it only triggers more hairs, causing the leaves to tighten their (8) _____. The plant then secretes liquid chemicals from special glands into the trap to dissolve the prey and absorb all of its nutrients. Besides the Venus flytrap, only one other type of snap trap exists today, (9) _____ to as the waterwheel plant. The two share a common ancestor and differ only in a few ways. For instance, the waterwheel is an aquatic plant, while the flytrap is exclusively terrestrial. In addition, the flytrap feeds primarily on arthropods like spiders, while the waterwheel lives (10) _____ simple invertebrates, like certain types of plankton.

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| 1. A. critical | B. vital | C. crucial | D. indispensable |
| 2. A. modify | B. enlarge | C. augment | D. supplement |
| 3. A. nonetheless | B. though | C. contradictorily | D. yet |
| 4. A. prevalent | B. current | C. domineering | D. prevailing |

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| 5. A. vulnerable | B. liable | C. prone | D. sensitive |
| 6. A. closely | B. securely | C. irreplaceably | D. steadily |
| 7. A. in accordance with | B. in preference to | C. in regard to | D. on merits of |

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| 8. A. fist | B. hold | C. seizure | D. grip |
| 9. A. denoted | B. referred | C. indicated | D. implicated |
| 10. A. off | B. onto | C. though | D. with |

PART E. WRITING

Section 1: Write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way.

1. The new lecturer was unpopular with his students.

TAKE

_____.

2. John decided that an actor's life was not of him.

CUT

_____.

3. The number of people out of work has been going down little by little.

GRADUAL

_____.

4. I really want to see her again.

DYING

_____.

5. What did his silence mean?

SIGNIFICANCE

_____.

Section 2: Write an essay of around 250 words on the following topic.

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture.

To what extent do you agree or disagree this statement?

Give reasons for your answer.

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PART I - PRONUNCIATION

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| 1. A. argument | B. reject | C. attract | D. install |
| 2. A. librarian | B. religious | C. commercial | D. Japanese |
| 3. A. technology | B. activity | C. experience | D. presentation |
| 4. A. informality | B. entertainment | C. situation | D. appropriate |
| 5. A. experience | B. cosmetics | C. economics | D. fertility |
| 6. A. preparation | B. apology | C. geography | D. experience |
| 7. A. surplus | B. surface | C. surgeon | D. surprise |
| 8. A. award | B. control | C. regard | D. conquer |
| 9. A. colleague | B. neighbour | C. career | D. classmate |
| 10. A. disappear | B. precision | C. mechanic | D. discover |

PART 2: LEXICO-GRAMMAR - 25 pts

Section 1: Choose the best option (A, B, C, or D) to complete the sentences (10 pts; 1pt/item)

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

Section 2: Word formation (5 pt; 0,5pt/item)

1. undergone	2. undoubtedly	3. functional	4. inaccuracies	5. significant
6. irresistibly	7. threatening	8. compulsively	9. tendency	10. production

Section 3: Identify the 10 mistakes in the following sentences and correct them (5 pt; 0.5pt/item)

LIN E	MISTAKE	CORRECTION	LINE	MISTAKE	CORRECTION
1	tell	say	5	affect	effect
2	pay	paying	6	outweigh	outweighed
3	with	without	7	for	to
4	founded	found	7	which	where
5	to	with	8	relevantly	relevant

(Lưu ý: Tìm đúng từ nhưng sửa sai được 0,25pt)

Section 4: Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable preposition - 5 pts, 0,5pt/item

1. round	2. on	3. off	4. away	5. without
6. towards/ to	7. out	8. around	9. by	10. for

PART 3: READING - 30 pts

Section 1: (10 pt; 1pt/item)

1. for	2. as	3. lying	4. which	5. without
6. all	7. those/people	8. fail/forget	9. Such	10. in

Section 2: (5 pt; 0,5pt/item)

1. H	2. F	3. G	4. D	5. M
6. K	7. A	8. B	9. J	10. E

Section 3: (5 pt; 0,5pt/item)

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

Section 4: (10 pt; 1pt/item)

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

PART 4: WRITING - 25 pts

Section 1: (5 pt; 1/item)

1. The students didn't take to their new lecturer.
2. John (decided that he) was not cut out to be an actor.
3. There has been a gradual decline (reduction/ fall/ decrease) in the number of people out of work.
4. I am (I'm) dying to see her again.
5. What's (What was) the significance of his silence?

Section 2: Essay writing (20 pts)

Total score: 2 points; assessed against the language level appropriate to that of a secondary student with four years of learning English in a gifted school in Vietnam.

✚ Task achievement (5pts)

✚ Grammar range and Accuracy (5 pts)

✚ Coherence and cohesion (5 pts)

✚ Lexical resource (0.5 pts)