

ENGLISH PRACTICE 13

I. Phonology

A. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others

1. A. parachute B. champagne C. chivalry D. churchgoer
2. A. inflexible B. elegant C. experiment D. recollection
3. A. breakfast B. already C. feasible D. heather
4. A. resign B. resound C. resonant D. resouce
5. A. cleared B. hatred C. sacred D. wicked

B. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others in each group.

6. A. development B. competitive C. immediate D. sympathetic
7. A. vocational B. employer C. minority D. reasonable
8. A. analysis B. destination C. presidential D. apprehension
9. A. exploration B. facilities C. scientific D. educational
10. A. temperature B. acquaintance C. photography D. distinctive

II. Reading comprehension

Read the passages and choose the best answer

As Christmas evolved in the United States, new customs were adopted and many old ones were reworked. The legend of Santa Claus, for example, had origins in Europe and was brought by Dutch settlers to New York in the early 18th century. Traditionally, Santa Claus – from the Dutch Sinter Klaas – was depicted as a tall, dignified, religious figure riding a white horse through the air. Known as Saint Nicholas in Germany, he was usually accompanied by Black Peter, an elf who punished disobedient children. In North America he eventually developed into a fat, jolly old gentleman who had neither the religious *attributes* of Saint Nicholas nor the strict disciplinarian character of Black Peter.

Santa's transformation began in 1823, when a New York newspaper published the poem *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*, which Clement Clark Moore had written to amuse his daughter. The poem introduced many Americans to the story of a kindly saint who flew over housetops in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Portraits and drawings of Santa Claus by American illustrator Thomas Nast further strengthened the legend during the second half of the 19th century. Living at the North Pole and assisted by elves, the modern Santa produced and delivered toys to all good children. By the late 19th century he had become such a prominent figure of American folklore that in 1897, when Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the *New York Sun* newspaper asking if Santa was real, she received a direct answer: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus".

1. Who brought the legend of Santa Claus to the USA according to the passage?
A. Sinter Klaas B. Saint Nicholas C. A German D. Dutch settlers
2. Santa Claus was traditionally described as a
A. tall man who could walk through the air B. fat, jolly, old man
C. religious figure D. fat man riding a white horse
3. Santa Claus in North America was depicted as
A. a man with the strict disciplinarian character of Black Peter
B. a good old man with less religious character
C. one with religious attributes of Saint Nicholas
D. a jolly man on horseback
4. Who was Black Peter?
A. an elf accompanying Saint Nicholas B. an elf who rode a white horse
C. one of the disobedient children D. a popular traditional figure
5. What word is closest in meaning to *attributes*?
A. symbols of a person B. natural qualities C. effects D. outer appearance
6. Where did the legend of Santa Claus come from?
A. the North Pole B. Europe C. North America D. the City of New York
7. 1823 was mentioned as a year when
A. Clement Clark Moore wrote his first poem B. Clement Clark Moore's poem made him popular

5. A. managed B. have managed C. would manage D. had managed
6. A. wonder B. are wondering C. will wonder D. were wondering
7. A. make B. made C. have made D. had made
8. A. planned B. have planned C. had planned D. had been planning
9. A. forgot B. had forgotten C. have forgotten D. were forgetting
10. A. has rained B. has been raining C. was raining D. had rained
11. A. ended up B. had ended up C. have ended up D. would end up
12. A. rode B. were riding C. had ridden D. had been riding
13. A. skidded B. was skidded C. was skidding D. was being skidded
14. A. fell off B. was falling off C. was fallen off D. had fallen off
15. A. realize B. have realized C. realized D. had realized
16. A. broke B. have broken C. had broken D. had been breaking
17. A. caught B. have caught C. had caught D. would catch
18. A. didn't expect B. weren't expecting C. haven't expected D. hadn't expected
19. A. went B. had gone C. were going D. have gone
20. A. spent B. was spending C. have spent D. have been spending

Choose the correct preposition/ particle for each gap of the passage.

The Moscow metro system is over sixty years old. Sometimes called “the people’s underground palace”, it has stood (1) ___ well to the passing of time. It carries nine million passengers a day at an average speed of 42 kilometers per hour, and now, even though it has run (2) ___ of money, it still offers impressive examples of past splendor. Tourists from all over the world come to look at the stations lined with granite and marble and decorated with mosaics and chandeliers. Some of the names have changed: for example, Marx Prospekt has turned (3) ___ Hunter’s Row. Some Muscovites find it hard to take (4) ___ the changes, but they are justly proud of their underground and want to look (5) ___ it. Recently a strike was threatened, to force the government to invest in the system. The plan came (6) ___, and so a new line and new stations will be built. The Moscow metro stands (7) ___ among its international competitors for being almost completely free of advertising. Although that will change soon, transport managers have promised to see (8) ___ it that any advertising will be done tastefully. Wherever you go in the world, you won’t come (9) ___ a grander or more impressive underground system. Whether you’re a local, seeing your friends (10) ___ or traveling to work, or a tourist, visiting Moscow for the first time, spare a moment to appreciate the works of art all around you, before going on with your journey.

1. A. up B. out C. by D. in
2. A. away B. down C. up D. out
3. A. back B. into C. out D. against
4. A. up B. down C. in D. on
5. A. round B. into C. for D. after
6. A. off B. out C. up D. in
7. A. over B. out C. up D. for
8. A. through B. to C. off D. round
9. A. up B. out C. across D. to
10. A. forward B. off C. out D. away

Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter.

1. He suffered from constant SLEEP
2. The boy was very violent and his parents found him MANAGE
3. People in the village no longer use water in that well because of its..... . PURE
4. “Would you like some?” - Lan asked. You must be tired after that long walk. REFRESH
5. We have to take care of our own for nobody else will do this for us. POSSESS.
6. The city has over million INHABIT
7. Be careful ! That’s a poison. DEAD
8. Street noise is one of the of living in a big city. ADVANTAGE
9. If we could find out the for cancer, thousands of people would be saved every year. PREVENT

10. The talks were totally We didn't reach agreement on anything. PRODUCE

Error identification: The passage below contains 10 errors. Underline and correct them. (00) has been done as an example

<p>Leonardo DiCaprio is one of the <u>hotter</u> young film stars around at the moment. His face has been on the covers of all the top movies and young magazines over the last few months and he has been the subject of countless articles, rumours and showbiz gossip. Leonard doesn't like reading about him because "I read things about me that I've never said in my life and never did". Leonardo DiCaprio was born in Los Angeles on 11 November, 1974. He's a Scorpio. His full name is Leonardo Wilhelm DiCaprio. His mother is German and his father Italian-American. They called him Leonardo because when his mother was still pregnant, he started kicking while she was stood in front of a painting by Leonardo Da Vinci. His friends call him Leo. He has a scar from when he was stinging by a Portuguese man-of-war. His parents separated before he was born, so his mother moved to a poor neighbourhood of Hollywood there Leo grew up . At school he was very good at imitating people, especially Michael Jackson. This made him very popularly. His childhood hero was Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. After appearance in TV commercials and episodes of Roseanne, he played the cast of Roseanne, the TV sitcom starring Kirk Cameron. Leonard played the part of Luke, a homeless boy. Lately, he played the part of Jim Carroll in <i>The Basketball Diaries</i>. But he has really become famous since he acted in the film <i>Titanic</i></p>	<p>00. hottest</p>
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V. Fill in each numbered space with one appropriate word

Best known (1) his Theory of Relativity, Albert Einstein has been acknowledged (2) one of the greatest scientists in human society. Born in Germany in 1879, Einstein did (3) in all his school subjects, with the (4) of mathematics, which was his (5) subject.

While (6) as a clerk in Switzerland, Einstein produced the Special Theory of Relativity. This theory states that mass, length and time change depending on (7) a person looks at them. In 1915, Einstein published his General Theory of Relativity. This new theory created a controversy (8) many scientists did not agree with him. In the end, simple experiments (9) Einstein to be correct. Einstein was (10) the Nobel Prize for

VI. Sentence transformation

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. Use the word given and other words necessary.

- The Yeti has very rarely been seen at this attitude.
There have _____
- It is not certain that Jones will get the job.
It is open _____
- Everyone started complaining the moment the announcement was made.
No sooner _____
- As I get older, I want to travel less.
The older _____
- After six-year relationship, Martha and Billy have decided to get married. (KNOT)

- At this very moment my wife may be arriving back home. (PROBABLY)

- Noise is something that it is not possible for me to tolerate. (PUT)

8. He is becoming quite famous as an interviewer. (NAME)

9. He makes sure that he isn't associated with policies he disagrees with. (DISTANCES)

10. I really don't know what you're talking about. (FAINTEST)

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KEYS – PRACTICE 13

I. Phonology (5ms)

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

II. Reading comprehension (20ms)

Read the passages and choose the best answer

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

III. Guided cloze test

Choose the best word that fits each gap of the passage. (10ms)

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

WRITTEN TESTS

I. Verb tenses

KEY:

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

II. Prepositions and phrasal verbs (10ms)

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

III. Word forms (20 ms)

Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter. (10 points)

KEY: 1.sleeplessness 2. unmanageable 3. impurity 4. refreshments 5. possessions
 6.inhabitants 7.deadly 8. disadvantages 9. prevention 10. unproductive

IV. Error identification (10 ms)

KEY:

1. young --> youth 2. him --> himself 3. did--> done
 4.Germany--> German 5. stood → standing 6. stinging--> stung
 7. there --> where 8. popularly -->popular
 9. appearance --> appearing
 10. Lately --> Later

V.Open cloze tests

Fill in each numbered space with one appropriate word

his work in physics.

KEY:

1. for 2. as 3. poorly 4. exception 5. favourite/ favorite
 6. working 7. how 8. because 9. proved 10. awarded

VI. Sentence transformation (20 ms)

KEY:

1. There have been very few sightings of the Yeti having been seen at this attitude.
 2. It is open to doubt whether Jones will get the job.
 3. No sooner had the announcement been made than everyone started complaining.
 4. The older I get, the less I want to travel.
 5. After six-year relationship, Martha and Billy have decided to tie the **knot**.
 6. At this very moment my wife is **probably** arriving back home.
 7. I find it impossible to **put** up with noise.
 8. He is making quite a **name** for himself as an interviewer.
 9. He makes sure (that) he **distances** himself from policies he disagrees with.
 10. I don't have the **faintest** idea what you're talking about

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