

ENGLISH PRACTICE 9

PART A. PRONUNCIATION

I. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the rest

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| 1. A. literature | B. concentrate | C. comfortable | D. rhinoceros |
| 2. A. produce | B. protect | C. project | D. purchase |
| 3. A. policeman | B. candidate | C. fantastic | D. position |
| 4. A. counterpart | B. outstanding | C. applicant | D. wilderness |
| 5. A. mosquito | B. document | C. literature | D. business |
| 6. A. magazine | B. preference | C. cigarette | D. engineer |
| 7. A. regardless | B. coincide | C. specific | D. inventive |
| 8. A. promise | B. tonight | C. furnish | D. reason |
| 9. A. electronic | B. proficiency | C. petroleum | D. equivalent |
| 10. A. substantial | B. dramatic | C. terrorist | D. demolish |

PART B. LEXICO - GRAMMAR

I. Complete each of the following sentences with the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

1. You need a passport to cross the _____ between Mexico and the United States.
A. edge B. line C. border D. rim
 2. When you _____ your destination, your tour guide will meet you at the airport.
A. arrive B. get C. reach D. achieve
 3. Rachel is mad _____ the Eurovision.
A. about B. for C. from D. against
 4. We are pleased to announce that Keith Danish _____ replace Susan Williams as Operations Manager from 24th September.
A. does B. is about to C. is to D. is due
 5. Make sure you mix the ingredients well, _____ you might get lumps in your cake.
A. unless B. otherwise C. provided D. supposing.
 6. If you hadn't taken the money, you _____ in prison now.
A. wouldn't be B. wouldn't have been C. haven't been D. hadn't been.
 7. The bank is reported in the local newspaper _____ in broad daylight yesterday.
A. to be robbed B. robbed C. to have been robbed D. having been robbed
 8. Fiona can't _____ about the meeting. I reminded her this morning!
A. forget B. have forgotten C. be forgetting D. have been forgetting
 9. The doctor _____ the cut on my knee and said it had completely healed up.
A. examined B. investigated C. researched D. looked into
 10. Dr Parker gave my mum a lovely _____ for spaghetti carbonara.
A. receipt B. recipe C. prescription D. paper
 11. I was shocked when I crashed the car but at least I wasn't _____.
A. injured B. broken C. damaged D. spoilt
 12. I glanced at the newspaper and saw that the _____ said "President Resigns"
A. headline B. heading C. subtitle D. chapter
 13. I think my favorite _____ is probably table tennis.
A. athletics B. exercise C. sport D. gym
 14. I think the discussion has gone on _____ and we should make a decision.
A. long enough B. such long C. so long D. enough long
 15. A: "Could you do something for me?" B: _____
A. Certain! B. Certainly C. Right! D. Never mind!
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16. Lucy was late for school this morning because the alarm didn't _____ as usual.

- A. ring off B. get off C. go off
D. take off

17. She applied for paid leave but her boss rejected her application _____.

- A. in hand B. on hand C. at hand D. out of hand

18. I'm older than you are, _____?

- A. am I B. isn't it C. aren't I
D. aren't you

19. _____ parrots are native to tropical regions is untrue.

- A. That all B. All C. Why all
D. Since all

20. Jane: "Would you rather go to the beach or to the mountains?" Kim:
" _____ "

- A. That's very nice of you C. I'd love to go
B. Thanks for the mountains D. The beach definitely

II. There are 10 mistakes in the following passage. Find and then correct them. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

It is very difficult to succeed in the music business; nine out of ten bands that release a first record fail to produce the second. Surviving in the music industry requires luck and patience, but most of all it requires and intricate knowledge of how a record company is functioned. The process begins when a presenter of a company's Artist and Repertoire (A&R) department visits bars and night clubs, scouting for young, talented bands, After the representative identifies a promised band, he or she will work to negotiate a contract with that band. The signature of this recording contract is a slow process. A company will spend a long time to investigate the band itself as well as current trends for popular music. During this period, it is important that a band reciprocates with an investigation of its own, learning as much as possible about the record company and making personnel connections within the different departments that will handle their recordings.

III. Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

Culture clashes

One (1)_____(**CHARACTER**) of the modern world is that people increasingly find themselves living side by side with people from other cultures. While in the past people with different cultures were able to live quite (2)_____(**SEPARATE**), high mobility and freedom of movement mean that we are more likely today to be confronted with people whose way the life is (3)_____(**FAMILIAR**) to us. In such circumstances, (4)_____(**RACE**) is a read danger.

People feel a tremendous (5)_____(**LOYAL**) to their own culture, and are often unwilling to develop an (6)_____(**APPRECIATE**) of the positive aspects of other cultures. They may feel that another culture presents a threat to their own (7)_____(**INHERIT**), one that could even lead to the (8)_____(**APPEAR**) of certain aspects of their way of life. Often, however, this threat is more a matter of (9)_____(**PERCEIVE**) than reality and different groups live in (10) _____(**RELATE**) harmony in many parts of the world

PART C. READING

I. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

This symptoms of hay fever include watery and itchy eyes and a runny, congested nose. People suffering from hay fever may experience occasional wheezing and repeated bouts of sneezing and may even lose their sense of smell. Some victims of hay fever may also have stopped-up ears. About 30 percent of those who suffer from hay fever may develop the symptoms associated with periodic asthma or a sinus infection. The allergen-antibody theory does not fully explain allergic reactions because the membranes and glands in eyes and ears are controlled by the independent nervous system, which keeps these organs in balance. But the independent nervous system itself is part of the emotional-response center and may cause the feelings of anger, fear, **resentment**, and lack of self-confidence in reaction to allergy-causing substances.

The most common cause of hay fever is the pollen of ragweed, which blossoms during the summer and autumn. When airborne pollen particles, as well mold, come into contact with the victim's membranes, they can cause allergic reactions that release histamine and result in virtual **blockage** of air passages. To prevent hay fever or to decrease the severity of its symptoms, contact with the ragweed pollen should be reduced. Although some communities have attempted to eliminate the plants that cause the reactions, elimination programs have not been successful because airborne pollen can travel considerable distances. Antihistamine can help with short but severe attacks. Over extended periods of time, however, patients are prescribed a series of injections of the substance to which they are sensitive in order to increase immunity and thus be relieved of the seasonal allergy.

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1.It can be inferred from the passage that the phrase "**hay fever**" refers to

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| 1. A. line
queue | B. file | C. track | D. |
| 2. A. channel | B. lagoon | C. canal | D. valley |
| 3. A. pond | B. waterfall | C. current | D. bath |
| 4. A. scenery | B. sights | C. settings | D. scenes |
| 5. A. dense | B. tight | C. intense | D. close |
| 6. A. crews | B. bunches | C. flocks | D. crowds |
| 7. A. wood | B. hedge | C. bush | D. forest |
| 8. A. deserts | B. fields | C. shores | D. jungles |
| 9. A. team
herd | B. gang | C. pack | D. |
| 10. A. dunes | B. beaches | C. plains | D. fences |

II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

Travel Insurance

When going on holiday, it is always a good idea to take out travel insurance. This is just in case something goes (1) _____ along the way. You could lose your luggage, you could be robbed, or even become ill and need expensive medical treatment. For millions of holiday makers, travel insurance is just a precaution (2) _____ will help them have an enjoyable and worry-free holiday. But for (3) _____, travel insurance is a way of earning money (4) _____ making false claims against insurance companies. For (5) _____ some people pretend that they have had expensive equipment stolen which in (6) _____ never even existed, and then claim large sums in compensation. Such claims cost insurance company a total (7) _____ £ 50 million per year. But the cheats' luck is about to run (8) _____. (9) _____ to a new computer system, companies will be able to tell at a glance (10) _____ someone has made a claim within the last three years. Honest travelers will no longer have to pay through the nose for other people's dishonesty.

PART D. WRITING

I. Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

- Is there any chance of his coming to the party? **(likely)**
Is he _____?
- I'm sure it wasn't Jim who did it. **(have)**
It _____
- He promised me he would be back before midnight. **(word)**
He _____
- He prefers cycling to walking. **(prefer)**
He would _____.
- That dress is a third of the cost of the blue one. **(much)**
The blue dress is _____

II. Essay writing

You should write about 250 words.

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

II. There are 10 mistakes in the following passage. Find and then correct them. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (1pt; 0.1/item)

1. the second → a second	6. signature → signing
2. and (intricate) → an (intricate)	7. to investigate → investigating
3. is functioned → functions	8. for → in
4. presenter → representative	9. reciprocates → reciprocate
5. promised → promising	10. personnel → personal

III. Supply the correct form of the word in capital letter. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (1pt; 0.1/item)

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| 1. characteristic | 2. separately | 3. unfamiliar | 4. racism | 5. loyalty |
| 6. appreciation | 7. heritage | 8. disappearance | 9. perception | 10. relative |

PART C. READING

I. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet. (1pt; 0.1/item)

1. B	2. C	3. B	4. B	5. C	6. A	7. A	8. B	9. D	10. B
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II. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct option (A, B, C or D) to fill in blanks. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (1pt; 0.1/item)

1. B	2. D	3. B	4. A	5. A	6. C	7. C	8. B	9. D	10. A
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III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (1pt; 0.1/item)

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| 1. wrong | 2. which | 3. others/ some | 4. by | 5. example/ instance |
| 6. fact | 7. of | 8. out | 9. Thanks | 10. whether/ if |

PART D. WRITING (2pt)

I. Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (0.5 pt; 0.1/item)





1. *Is he likely to come to the party?*
2. *It can't have been Jim who did it.*
3. *He gave me his word that he would be back before midnight*
4. *He would prefer to cycle rather than walk.*
5. *The blue dress is three times as much as that one.*

II. Essay writing (1.5pt)

" Nowadays, the increasing number of schools in Vietnam are facing with the alarming issue, school violence. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest?"

You should write about 250 words

Total score: 1.5 points;

-  **Task achievement (25 % of total mark)**
 -  **Grammar range and Accuracy (25 % of total mark)**
 -  **Coherence and cohesion (25 % of total mark)**
 -  **Lexical resource (25 % of total mark)**
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