

**ĐỀ GIỚI THIỆU HỌC SINH GIỎI HUYỆN  
MÔN TIẾNG ANH LỚP 8**

**Năm học 2024 – 2025**

**A. LISTENING (20PTS)**

**I: You will hear people talking in 5 different situations. For questions 1-5, choose the best answer, A, B, C or D. Write your answer on YOUR ANSWER part.(5 pts)**

1. Which part(s) of England will have the heaviest rainfall?
  - A. Mainland Britain
  - B. Western and Central
  - C. Northern
  - D. London and south-east
2. What should you do in case of losing money?
  - A. to contact the police to make a statement
  - B. go to the lost property office
  - C. call the lost property office
  - D. to contact your bank immediately
3. Why can't she be at the meeting?
  - A. She is feeling unwell.
  - B. Her car has broken down.
  - C. Her flight was delayed.
  - D. Her train was delayed.
4. What was stolen in the burglary?
  - A. antiques
  - B. a famous jewel
  - C. a statue
  - D. a painting
5. What are the instructions about?
  - A. what to do if your car breaks down.
  - B. how to change your car's hazard lights.
  - C. how to change a flat tire.
  - D. how to change a light bulb.

**II. You will hear a recorded message about an arts festival. Choose the correct answer from A, B,C or D for each of the following questions from 6 to 10 . You will hear the recording TWICE. (5 pts)**

6. The festival takes place from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 12 to 20 May
  - B. 12 to 28 May
  - C. 12 to 18 May
  - D. 2 to 18 May
7. What is on at the Theatre Royal on 19 May?
  - A. classical music
  - B. jazz
  - C. opera
  - D. pop music
8. During lunchtime jazz concerts at the Corn Exchange they sell \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. soft drinks and sandwiches
  - B. soft drinks and light meals
  - C. wine and sandwiches
  - D. soft drinks and bread
9. What is on at the cathedral?
  - A. films
  - B. poetry
  - C. music
  - D. comedy
10. What does the festival program offer at Ickworth?
  - A. a walk and a book reading
  - B. a walk and a concert
  - C. a concert and a meal
  - D. a walk and a meal

**III: You will hear a radio announcer talking about Plymouth Sea Life Centre. For each question from 11 to 15 fill in the missing information in the numbered space. (5 pts)**

**Plymouth Sea Life Centre**

Adults ( 11) £....., children £ 2.00.  
 Special prices for over sixties and school groups.  
 Every day except 25 and 26 December.  
 FOR CHILDREN  
 Special quiz.  
 Animals are fed every (12).....from 9.30 am.  
 Slide and (13).....shows from 10.00 am.  
 Guided tours available – ask at the (14).....  
 Walk through the big(15).....made of glass.  
 Family area sells snacks, cold drinks, ice creams  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01743564219

**IV: Listen and check your understanding by choosing TRUE or FALSE for each statement from 16 to 20 .You will hear the recording twice.(5 pts)**

The statements	T/F
16. There are two customers eating together.	
17. The two customers order the same starter.	
18. Both customers order the Thai chicken for their main course.	
19. The customers order soft drinks.	
20. Both customers order a dessert.	

**B- LEXICO – GRAMMAR (25 PTS)**

**I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (9 points)**

21. My teacher reminded me \_\_\_\_\_ my essay carefully before handing it in.  
 A. checking                      B. to check                      C. to have checked                      D. checked
22. Hanh can't go to the movies with us tonight. She will have to \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister.  
 A. turn on                      B. go on                      C. turn off                      D. look after
23. The oil price has \_\_\_\_\_ by 20%.  
 A. raised                      B. risen                      C. raising                      D. arisen
24. Let your name \_\_\_\_\_ on this sheet of paper.  
 A. written                      B. be written                      C. to be written                      D. wrote
25. Fifty dollars for this coat \_\_\_\_\_ a reasonable price  
 A. seems                      B. seem                      C. had                      D. have
26. Passing the classroom earlier this morning, I heard some students \_\_\_\_\_ at each other.  
 A. shouted                      B. to shout                      C. shouting                      D. have shouted
27. That style of dress \_\_\_\_\_ have been designed by Coco Chanel, because it wasn't worn till her death.  
 A. wouldn't                      B. can't                      C. mustn't                      D. shouldn't
28. Study harder \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. if you will pass the exam                      B. and you will pass the exam  
 C. unless you pass the exam                      D. or you will pass the exam
29. Wearing uniforms help poor students feel equal \_\_\_\_\_ others.  
 A. up                      B. on                      C. with                      D. to

**II. Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 30 to 32. (3pts)**

Business operation will resume as normal (30)\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd of May

Many thanks for your kind (31)\_\_\_\_\_ and being appreciative with this situation. On this occasion, we would like to thank you for your support and cooperation in the year 2023 and look forward to receiving your continuing assistance in 2024.

Should you have (32)\_\_\_\_\_ questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wish you and your family a healthy, happy and successful holiday.

Best regards,

- 30: A. on                                      B. in                                      C. at                                      D. about  
 31: A. attentive                              B. attend                              C. attention                              D. attentively  
 32: A. few                                      B. any                                      C. many                                      D. a lot

**Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 33 to 35. (3pts )**

**BENEFIT**

Qualified staff can sign official contracts without the probationary period mentioned above.

Friendly, dynamic (33)\_\_\_\_\_ environment, fast promotion.

Salary range: from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 VND.

(34)\_\_\_\_\_ salary by working (35)\_\_\_\_\_ and full commitment to the regime for employees according to the current law (health insurance, social insurance, unemployment insurance ...).

Stay on Saturday, CN and public holidays according to state regulations.

- 33: A. work                                      B. worked                                      C. worker                                      D. working  
 34: A. Having increased                      B. Increasing                              C. Increased                              D. Had increased  
 35: A. effectiveness                              B. efficiency                                      C. attention                                      D. advancement

**III. Read the passage below, which contains 5 mistakes. Identify the mistakes and write the corrections in the corresponding numbered boxes provided.(5 pts)**

**(0) has been done as an example.**

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Traditionally, mental(0) <u>test</u> have been divided into two types. Achievement tests are	1
designed to measure acquiring skills and knowledge, particularly those that have been	2
explicitly taught. The proficient exams required by a few states for high school	3
graduation are achievement tests. Aptitude tests are designed and measure a person's	4
ability to acquire new skills and knowledge. For example, vocational aptitude tests can	5
help you decide whether you would do better like a mechanic or a musician. However, all	6
mental tests are in the form of achievement tests because they assume the past learning or	7
experience with certain objects, words, or situations. The difference between	8
achievement and aptitude tests is the degree and intention use.	9
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36	37	38	39	40
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**IV. Give the correct form of the given words to finish the following sentences. Write your answer in the numbered space given below. From question 41 to 45 . (5pts)**

41. It is a popular \_\_\_\_\_ that all Scotsmen are mean. Many of them are very generous.      **CONCEIVE**  
 42. Eating fish and lots of vegetables greatly increases your life \_\_\_\_\_.      **EXPECT**  
 43. Every child needs \_\_\_\_\_ close attention, good care and great love.      **PARENT**

44. He still suffers considerable \_\_\_\_\_ from his injury.  
45. The music in the festival was so loud. It was \_\_\_\_\_!

COMFORTABLY  
DEAF

### C. READING : (25PTS)

**I. Read the text carefully. Six sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (46 – 50 ). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning of this text (00). Write your answer on YOUR ANSWER part. ( 5pts)**

#### SUMMER TIME

This week we speak to three people who have had very different summer holiday experiences. You don't need to have money to try any of these activities and 00. \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_!

#### **We started our very own English club!**

Carla and Ricardo started their own English club. But isn't that a bit like school? 'No, not at all,' Carla laughs. 'We had a lot of friends who went to London and New York for summer school. That's a great idea, but a lot of us didn't have much money and so we decided to start our own summer school right here at home. 46. \_\_\_\_\_! Every day one of us brought in some English food. On rainy days we watched films in English and listened to English music and on sunny days we went to the beach, hung out together and chatted in English. It was really good fun and it was cheap too.' The best thing about the English club? '47. \_\_\_\_\_!'

#### **I've always wanted to make films!**

Sophie had always been mad about film making but she got fed up with working alone all the time. She wrote an advert which said that she was looking for people to make films with. She got a lot of answers and soon had her own small film crew of five teenagers. They wrote a short film script and really enjoyed going to different parts of the city to film scenes. 'I'm so glad I wrote that advert!' Sophie says now. '48. \_\_\_\_\_ and we made a short film. It's a horror movie which we filmed in an old house at night time! The people I met through the advert were such fun and when we weren't filming we just really enjoyed chilling out and watching films together.'

#### **I organised a hiking group!**

Florence loves walking and was looking forward to going for long walks in the beautiful countryside near her home. There was only one problem – 49. \_\_\_\_\_ She decided to get together with some friends and start a hiking group. 'It was amazing!' Florence says. ' 50. \_\_\_\_\_. We had picnics by waterfalls and sunbathed on rocks. Every day someone brought a cake from home and we always found a nice place to sit and eat. I had the best summer ever!'

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| <p><b>A</b> Every day we had a different destination</p> <p><b>B</b> I have a whole group of new creative friends</p> <p><b>C</b> A healthful lifestyle is active</p> <p><b>D</b> There were four of us and it was great – more fun than school</p> <p><b>E</b> There weren't any tests</p> <p><b>F</b> Her mum and dad didn't like her going off by herself</p> <p><b>G</b> they all sound like lots of fun</p> |
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**II. For question 51-60, read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space. Write your answer on YOUR ANSWER part. . ( 10pts)**

#### **A letter to the editor**

*Dear Sir,*

We are writing to suggest that all cars should be (51)\_\_\_\_\_ from the center of the city as soon as possible. The amount of pollution from car exhaust fumes is now (52)\_\_\_\_\_, and we believe that the public must be protected. Apart from this, the streets are crowded with cars, and our lives are at

(53)\_\_\_\_\_ when we try to cross the road! There has been a huge number in the amount of traffic recently, and the government just seems to put (54)\_\_\_\_\_ the problem, instead of (55)\_\_\_\_\_ it. Unless we (56)\_\_\_\_\_ the traffic problem, and seriously consider some of the (57)\_\_\_\_\_, life in our city will become (58)\_\_\_\_\_. Our organization, Cities for People, has been (59)\_\_\_\_\_ to make the government do something! We are holding a (60)\_\_\_\_\_ next week in the city center, and hope that many people will join us.

*Yours faithfully,*

*Mary Kingwood, Secretary, Cities for People*

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|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 51. A. stopped       | B. banned        | C. removed      | D. altered         |
| 52. A. unbearable    | B. much          | C. overcrowded  | D. exceeded        |
| 53. A. risk          | B. danger        | C. urgent       | D. problem         |
| 54. A. out           | B. away          | C. up           | D. off             |
| 55. A. going through | B. dealing with  | C. closing down | D. keeping up with |
| 56. A. look for      | B. make out      | C. face up to   | D. come round      |
| 57. A. solutions     | B. errors        | C. suggestions  | D. matters         |
| 58. A. lifeless      | B. uninhabitable | C. impossible   | D. destruction     |
| 59. A. taken after   | B. set up        | C. carried out  | D. looked into     |
| 60. A. pile-up       | B. riot          | C. organization | D. demonstration   |

**III. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D, to each of the following questions. . ( 10pts)**

Television’s contribution to family life in the United states has been an equivocal one. For while it has indeed, kept the members of the family from dispersing, it has not served to bring them together. By dominating the time families spend together, it destroys the special quality **that** distinguishes one family from another, a quality that depends to a great extent on what a family does, what special rituals, games, recurrent jokes, familiar songs, and shared activities it accumulates. “Like the sorcerer of old” writes Urie Bronfenbrenner; “the television set casts its magic spell, **freezing** speech and action, turning the living into silent statues so long as the enchantment lasts. The primary danger of the television screen lies not so much in the behavior it produces – although there is danger there – as in the behavior it prevents: the talks, games, family festivities, and arguments through which much of the child’s learning takes place and through which character is formed. Turning on the television set can turn off the process that transforms children into people.”

Of course, families today still do special things together at times: go camping in the summer, go to the zoo on a nice Sunday, take various trips and expeditions. But the ordinary daily life together is diminished – that sitting around at the dinner table, that spontaneous taking up of an activity, those little games invented by children on the spur of the moment when there is nothing else to do, the scribbling, the chatting, the quarreling, all the things that **form the fabric of a family** that define a childhood.

Instead, the children have their regular schedule of television programs and bedtime, and the parents have their peaceful dinner together. But surely the needs of adults are being better met than the needs of children, who are effectively shunted away and rendered untroublesome.

If the family does not accumulate its backlog of shared experiences, shared everyday experiences that occur and recur and change and develop, then **it** is not likely to survive as anything other than a caretaking institution.

**61.** Which of the following best represents the author’s argument in the passage?

- A. Television has negative effects on family life.
- B. Television has advantages and disadvantages for children.
- C. Television should be more educational.
- D. Television teaches children to be violent.

**62.** The word **that** in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. contribution
- B. television
- C. special quality
- D. the time

**63.** Why is Urie Bronfenbrenner quoted in paragraph 2?

- A. To present a different point of view from that of the author.
  - B. To provide an example of a television program that is harmful.
  - C. To expand the author’s argument.
  - D. To discuss the positive aspects of television.
64. The word **freezing** in the passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_
- A. controlling                      B. halting                      C. dramatizing                      D. encouraging.
65. Urie Bronfenbrenner compares the television set to \_\_\_\_\_
- A. statue                      B. an educator                      C. a family member                      D. a magician.
66. A child’s character is formed through all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. talks                      B. games                      C. family festivities                      D. peaceful dinners
67. The thing that “**form the fabric of a family**” in paragraph 3 are \_\_\_\_\_
- A. special thing                      B. ordinary things                      C. television programs                      D. children.
68. The word **it** in the last paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- A. the television                      B. the family                      C. its backlog                      D. an institution.
69. According to the author, what distinguishes one family from another?
- A. Doing ordinary things together.                      B. Watching television together.
  - C. Celebrating holidays together.                      D. Living together.
70. It can be inferred from the passage that a caretaking institution is one in which care is given \_\_\_\_\_
- A. charitably                      B. lovingly                      C. constantly                      D. impersonally.

**D. WRITING**

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

- 71. I explained what had happened but they totally refuse to accept what I said .  
 They found my \_\_\_\_\_
- 72. "You should have waited for us," the team leader said to John.  
 The team leader criticized \_\_\_\_\_
- 73. They secretly declared independence two days ago.  
 A secret \_\_\_\_\_
- 74. He brought the umbrella along but it didn't rain.  
 He needn't \_\_\_\_\_
- 75. Gary is proud of the fact that he is never late.  
 Gary prides \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Write a letter (100-120 words) to your friend. DO NOT write your real name and any addresses. In your letter. (10 points)**

**Imagine that you are Nam and this is part of a letter you receive from an English friend-Jane.**

At my school, we all have to wear a school uniform. What do students wear to school in your country? Do you think school uniforms are a good idea?

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III. *In about 150- 170 words, write a paragraph to express your opinion on the issue. Use reasons and examples to support your position. (15 points)*  
*What are the advantages and disadvantages of touring by bicycle?*

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*1 point for each correct answer*

**A. LISTENING**

**I. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

1B 2.A 3 B 4B 5 C

**II. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

6.B

7.C

8.C

9.C

10.B

**III. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

11.£3.70

12. hour /hourly

13. video(s)

14.information desk

15.tunnel



**IV. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

16. T      17. T      18. T      19. F      20.T

**B. LEXICO – GRAMMAR**

**I. 9 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 21 B
- 22 D
- 23 B
- 24 B
- 25 A
- 26 C
- 27 B
- 28 B
- 29 D

**II. 6 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 30.A                  31.C                  32.B                  33.D                  34.C                  35.B

**III. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 36. acquiring → acquired (line 2 )
- 37. proficient→ proficiency(line 3 )
- 38. and→ to(line 3 )
- 39. like→ as(line 6)
- 40. intention→ intended (line 9)

**IV. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 41. misconception
- 42. expectancy
- 43. parental
- 44. discomfort
- 45. deafening

**C – READING**

**I. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 46 D
- 47 E
- 48 B
- 49 F
- 50 A

**II. 5POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 51. B
- 52. A
- 53. A
- 54. D
- 55. B
- 56. C
- 57. A
- 58. C
- 59. B
- 60. D

**III. 5POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

61. A    62. C    63. C    64. B    65. D    66. D    67. B    68. B    69. A    70. D

**D. WRITING**

**I. 5 POINTS**

*1 point for each correct answer*

- 71. They found my explanation of what had happened totally unacceptable.
- 72. The team leader criticized John for not waiting/having waited for them.
- 73. A secret declaration of independence was made 2 days ago.
- 74. He needn't have brought the umbrella along (because it didn't rain (anyway)).
- 75. Gary prides himself on being never late./Gary prides himself on the fact that he is never late.

**II. 10 POINTS**

- **Length (1pt): about 120-150 words**

- **Ideas (3 pt):**

- Opening
- Body of the letter
- Closing

- **Organization and Style (2 pts): informal**

- **Vocabulary and grammar (4 pts)**

**III: 15 POINTS**

The mark given to part 3 is based on the following criteria:

**1. Length: (2pts): about 150- 170 words**

**2. Organization & style: (2pts)** ideas are organized and presented with coherence, style, and clarity appropriate to writing stories/ essay.

**3. Ideas (8 pts)**

**4. Grammar and Vocabulary (8pts)** a variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language gifted lower-secondary school students.