

**SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO
THÀNH PHỐ ĐÀ NẴNG**

ĐỀ CHÍNH THỨC
(Đề thi gồm có 08 trang)

**KỶ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI CẤP THÀNH PHỐ
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Họ tên và chữ kí cán bộ chấm thi	Điểm		SỐ PHÁCH
	Bảng chữ	Bảng số	
CB chấm thi 1:			
CB chấm thi 2:			

Học sinh làm bài trên đề thi và ghi câu trả lời vào ô trống tương ứng cho mỗi câu hỏi.

SECTION A: LISTENING

_____/20pts

- The listening section is in **THREE** parts. You will hear each part **TWICE**. At the beginning of each part, you will hear a sound.
- There will be a piece of music at the beginning and at the end of the listening section. You will have **TWO** minutes to check your answers at the end of the listening section.
- All the other instructions are included in the recording.

I. Listen to part of an interview with a girl called Sally Myers, whose first book has recently been published. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/5pts

- Why did Sally decide to write her first book?
 - People said her stories were good.
 - Her pen-friend suggested it.
 - She wanted to become a famous writer.
 - Her family bought her a diary.
- Why didn't Sally's Dad want her to send her book to a publisher?
 - He thought the book was not good enough.
 - He had helped her to write it.
 - He was worried that they wouldn't be interested.
 - He wanted her to send it to another publisher.
- Sally felt _____ when the company phoned her Mum.
 - very excited
 - really calm
 - extremely surprised
 - less anxious
- Sally says that thanks to her book, _____.
 - she can earn a lot of money
 - she spends less time with her friends
 - she has changed her daily life a lot
 - she is in contact with new people
- What does Sally say about her next book?
 - It will be about something all children experience.
 - It will describe her fear as a young writer.
 - It will be quite different from her first one.
 - It will explain how to reply to kids' letters.

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
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II. Listen to part of a television programme about a careers fair and complete the form. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER taken from the recording for each answer. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

CAREERS FAIR INFORMATION FORM

Target visitors

- ❖ Mainly for:
 - ◆ Final-year college students
 - ◆ (1) _____
- ❖ Also suitable for:
 - ◆ (2) _____ looking for advice about returning to work
 - ◆ People expecting to (3) _____

Companies attending

- ❖ Number of companies this year: (4) _____
- ❖ Number of companies last year: (5) _____

Activities

- ❖ Talks by careers officers and company (6) _____
- ❖ Workshops on:
 - ◆ Writing a (7) _____
 - ◆ Developing interview skills

Event details

- ❖ Dates: (8) _____ to January 10
- ❖ Opening time: (9) _____ am
- ❖ Food and drink not allowed in main (10) _____

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

III. Listen to Dr. Angela Keats talking about the influence of birth order. Decide whether the statements are True (T) or False (F). Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/5pts

1. Birth order is the most important factor in shaping a person’s personality.
2. Parents tend to spend significantly more time with their first child than with their other children.
3. Middle children rarely help solve problems among family members.
4. Youngest children usually enjoy more freedom than their older brothers and sisters.
5. Individuals who grow up without siblings may struggle to form friendships and experience feelings of loneliness.

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
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SECTION B: USE OF ENGLISH _____/30pts

I. Choose the option that best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

1. Nobody has arrived at the party, _____?
 A. haven't they B. has he C. hasn't he D. have they
2. A good referee must remain completely _____ when making decisions during the match.
 A. impartial B. solitary C. obedient D. constant
3. *Tom is apologizing to Mary for not being able to go with her to the English club.*
 - Tom: "I'm awfully sorry I can't go with you."
 - Mary: "_____? Haven't you agreed?"
 A. Why do you think B. How come C. What is it D. Why don't you
4. Remember to appreciate what your friends do for you. You shouldn't take them _____.
 A. at heart B. in advance C. for granted D. with benefit
5. The judge _____ the murderer to a lifetime imprisonment.
 A. sentenced B. blamed C. convicted D. prosecuted
6. There's no need to be nervous. You're quite _____ of passing your final exam.
 A. capable B. possible C. able D. probable
7. Without any solid evidence, the lawyer knew his client didn't have a _____ to stand on in court.
 A. foot B. leg C. podium D. platform
8. Sam was accused of stealing some _____ documents from the safe.
 A. confidence B. confidential C. confiding D. confided
9. *Hana and Jennifer are talking about doing exercise.*
 - Hana: "I think regular exercise is very important for our health."
 - Jennifer: "_____. It helps both the body and the mind."
 A. I'd love to B. So far so good
 C. It's nice of you to say so D. I can't agree with you more
10. My mother bought a(n) _____ vase during her trip to Tokyo.
 A. expensive blue Japanese B. blue Japanese expensive
 C. expensive Japanese blue D. Japanese expensive blue
11. Mr. Long's _____ to medicine was so great that he had little time for anything else.
 A. importance B. emphasis C. dedication D. reputation

12. Has the manager told you where _____ the document when you have it done?
A. put B. to be put C. to put D. putting
13. Jenny with two dogs _____ walking in the park now.
A. is B. are C. was D. were
14. If you are _____ this weekend, I will show you around the city.
A. out of the blue B. on the track
C. in hot water D. at a loose end
15. With his curly hair and bright smile, the boy is a(n) _____ image of his older brother.
A. living B. carving C. repeating D. existing
16. That book is by a famous anthropologist. It's about the people in Samoa _____ for two years.
A. among that she lived B. that she lived among them
C. among whom she lived D. where she lived among them
17. Students put a lot of _____ into preparing for the English-speaking contest.
A. effort B. attention C. mind D. tension
18. Going on a diet has really _____ me good. I've lost weight and I feel fantastic!
A. given B. had C. taken D. done
19. There is no excuse for your late submission! You _____ the report by last Friday.
A. mightn't have finished B. should have finished
C. must have finished D. needn't have finished
20. It's not easy to make Lisa furious. The girl is very gentle by _____.
A. temper B. nature C. personality D. reaction

Answers

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

II. Think of ONE word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

1. She decided to _____ a photo of the beautiful sunset.
Please _____ your time and think carefully before answering.
The doctor will _____ a blood sample for testing.
2. The president delivered an inspiring _____ at the opening ceremony.
In many democratic countries, freedom of _____ is protected by law.
His victory _____ after the match impressed the fans.
3. As the plane descended, the city slowly came into _____.
This hotel room has a beautiful _____ of the sea.
In my _____, students should spend less time on social media.
4. Once the hot liquid is _____ enough to drink, it can be transferred to individual cups.
"Do you want to come over and watch a video tonight?" - "I'm _____ with that."
The coach told the players to keep _____ and focus on their strategy.
5. Blackpink _____ a new album a few weeks ago.
The engineer _____ the safety catch before starting the machine.
That factory _____ more toxic fumes into the air last year.
6. Their contributions have a(n) _____ impact on the lives of hundreds of children.
Members of the research team tested _____ for the virus after their field expedition.
Are you absolutely _____ you locked the door?
7. Laura loves to _____ portraits.
The game ended in a(n) _____.
Mr. David's lectures always _____ a large audience.
8. Climate change is a serious global _____.
ABC Bank will _____ new credit cards at the beginning of 2027.
The magazine published its latest _____ today.
9. There has been a(n) _____ increase in the price of petroleum.
Be careful! That sword is very _____.
Tony has a(n) _____ mind for solving problems.

10. Our company intends to _____ its focus to online services.
 In this context, a(n) _____ in public opinion is unavoidable.
 My father frequently works the night _____ at the hospital.

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

III. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/5pts

<i>put up</i>	<i>fill in</i>	<i>turn down</i>	<i>run into</i>	<i>call off</i>
<i>account for</i>	<i>stem from</i>	<i>get by</i>	<i>phase out</i>	<i>fall through</i>

- His anxiety usually _____ pressure at work.
- The company _____ the meeting after several key members were absent.
- The government is going to _____ fossil fuels gradually to protect the environment.
- She _____ her old friend in the street this morning.
- They tried to _____ a fence, but they couldn't do it alone.
- Tourism _____ a large part of the country's economy.
- The plan for our trip last weekend _____ because of the bad weather.
- I'm _____ for Jeff today as he has to go to a conference in Manchester.
- Many students _____ on a small budget while studying at university.
- Michael has recently _____ several job offers.

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

IV. Give the correct form of the word in brackets to complete each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/5pts

- Only a _____ of students passed the test. **(HAND)**
- Michelle is a very friendly individual who enjoys _____ with people. **(SOCIAL)**
- This margarine is full of _____. Just look at the label! **(ADD)**
- The differences between British and American English are _____ small. **(COMPARE)**
- Our class team has won five _____ football matches. **(SUCCESS)**
- All the newspapers praised the _____ of the fireman. **(BRAVE)**
- Her point was clever but ultimately _____. **(CONVINCE)**
- Policies are needed to address social _____ in modern societies. **(EQUAL)**
- He found it difficult to _____ recover after the disappointing result. **(EMOTION)**
- In the event last week, local fans _____ visiting supporters by almost three to one. **(NUMBER)**

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION _____/30pts

I. Read the passage and choose the best word to fill in each blank. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

The Grammy Awards is the biggest and most important music business award show on the planet. Every year, musicians and music lovers show up in droves to (1) _____ the ceremony and look forward to seeing their favourite artists receive accolades for their work.

The Grammys (2) _____ back to the 1950s and have (3) _____ over time to reflect the changing landscape of music. The awards have recognised the most (4) _____ artists in the music industry, from the Beatles to Beyoncé.

Winning a Grammy is a tremendous (5) _____ for any musician. It's a sign that their hard work and creativity have been recognised. (6) _____ the other hand, not receiving a Grammy can be a blow to a musician's ego and many have been given the cold (7) _____ by the awards in the past.

(8) _____ the glitz and glamour of the Awards, many artists keep their feet on the (9) _____ and remain focused on the music. For some, the awards are just a bonus to the joy and happiness they feel when creating and sharing their music. For (10) _____, the recognition that comes with a Grammy can be a launchpad to even greater success.

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. A. praise | B. witness | C. present | D. commit |
| 2. A. date | B. come | C. return | D. take |
| 3. A. revolved | B. matured | C. evolved | D. adapted |
| 4. A. effective | B. catchy | C. fruitful | D. influential |
| 5. A. honour | B. output | C. respect | D. impact |
| 6. A. Under | B. On | C. With | D. In |
| 7. A. arm | B. elbow | C. face | D. shoulder |
| 8. A. Whether | B. Provided | C. Despite | D. However |
| 9. A. scene | B. territory | C. ground | D. landscape |
| 10. A. others | B. the other | C. another | D. the others |

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

II. Fill each gap with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

These days we are (1) _____ pressure to increase the amount of work we can achieve in the shortest time. The pace of life threatens to (2) _____ many of us behind, and as a (3) _____ of this pressure, we spend time looking for short-cuts in our working lives. (4) _____, these time-saving measures may actually cause more problems than they solve.

Some organisations seem to expect staff to work more than the usual eight hours, (5) _____ recognising the fact that tiredness causes people to make silly mistakes and (6) _____ to inefficient working practices. Try setting clear goals in your everyday work, although you must be careful that these are not unrealistic and can be achieved within the working day. We tend to (7) _____ up to people who can multitask because we think they are working hard - but do all the electronic gadgets they use increase their efficiency in the long (8) _____? Instead, they may distract them from the task in hand and cause a loss of concentration. Maybe (9) _____ with every email or mobile phone call immediately is not the best use of anyone's time.

To sum up, my advice is to keep everything simple, and prioritise tasks - you will become happier at work - and (10) _____ will your boss!

Answers

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

III. Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. _____/10pts

Have you ever tried to enjoy a meal at a restaurant but found it difficult to hear your companions over the noise? This common problem has led to the development of a new trend in the restaurant industry called "hushpality".

Hushpality is a combination of the words "hush" (meaning quiet) and "hospitality". It refers to restaurants that prioritize creating a peaceful dining environment where customers can comfortably talk and enjoy their meals without **excessive** noise. This trend has been growing in popularity over the past few years, especially in busy urban areas where restaurants tend to be particularly noisy.

Many modern restaurants have design features that unintentionally increase noise levels. Hard surfaces like concrete floors, bare walls, and metal fixtures cause sound to bounce around rather than be absorbed. Open kitchen concepts, while visually interesting, add the sounds of cooking and kitchen equipment to the dining area. Additionally, many establishments play loud background music to create a lively atmosphere. When combined with the conversations of many diners, **these elements** can create noise levels comparable to a busy street.

To implement hushpality, restaurant owners are making both design and operational changes. **[I]** Some are installing sound-absorbing materials such as fabric wall panels, carpets, and special acoustic ceiling tiles. **[II]** Others are rearranging seating to create more space between tables or adding partitions to prevent noise from

traveling throughout the entire restaurant. [III] Many are also reconsidering their music choices, either lowering the volume, selecting more **soothing** music, or eliminating background music altogether. [IV]

The benefits of quieter dining spaces extend beyond simple comfort. Research has shown that excessive noise can negatively affect how we perceive flavors, potentially diminishing the dining experience. **High noise levels also cause people to raise their voices to be heard, creating a cycle where the restaurant becomes progressively louder throughout the evening - a phenomenon known as the "Lombard effect".**

Hushpality is particularly appreciated by several groups of diners. Older adults, who may experience age-related hearing loss, often find noisy restaurants challenging. People with hearing aids can struggle in loud environments as these devices sometimes amplify background noise along with conversation. Business professionals appreciate quiet settings for important meetings where clear communication is **essential**. However, the appeal of quieter restaurants extends to anyone who values conversation as part of their dining experience.

Not everyone prefers a silent meal, of course. Some diners, particularly younger ones, associate a certain level of noise with energy and excitement.

1. The word "**excessive**" in paragraph 2 is **CLOSEST** in meaning to _____.
A. extreme B. restrained C. foremost D. vital
2. The phrase "**these elements**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
A. busy urban areas and noisy restaurants
B. sounds of cooking and kitchen equipment
C. conversations of many diners
D. hard surfaces, open kitchen concepts, and loud background music
3. In paragraph 4, where can the following sentence be placed?
These comprehensive strategies aim to transform the dining experience by actively managing the acoustic environment.
A. [IV] B. [I] C. [III] D. [II]
4. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an implementation strategy for hushpality in paragraph 4?
A. Reconsidering music choices B. Installing sound-absorbing materials
C. Offering sound-proof private dining rooms D. Rearranging seating to create more space
5. Which of the following best restates the meaning of the final sentence of paragraph 5?
High noise levels also cause people to raise their voices to be heard, creating a cycle where the restaurant becomes progressively louder throughout the evening - a phenomenon known as the "Lombard effect".
A. People in quiet restaurants tend to talk louder, which results in the "Lombard effect" and a noisier environment.
B. As noise increases, diners speak louder, causing the restaurant to become progressively louder - the "Lombard effect".
C. The "Lombard effect" is a positive outcome where diners communicate more effectively in loud settings.
D. The "Lombard effect" is when restaurants intentionally increase music volume as the evening progresses.
6. Which of the following best summarizes the main idea of paragraph 6?
A. Hushpality is exclusively beneficial for older adults with hearing loss.
B. Business professionals are the primary group driving the demand for quieter restaurants.
C. Hushpality caters to various groups by improving communication and comfort in dining.
D. People with hearing aids struggle in all types of restaurant environments.
7. The word "**essential**" in paragraph 6 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.
A. crucial B. integral C. unnecessary D. indispensable
8. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?
A. The "Lombard effect" describes focusing on one voice while ignoring background noise.
B. Hushpality benefits many people who dislike noisy dining environments.
C. Hard surfaces in restaurants are primarily used to absorb sound.
D. Hushpality is a concept focused solely on luxury restaurants.
9. What can be logically inferred about the overall impact of hushpality on the dining experience?
A. It positively enhances customer satisfaction by improving various aspects of dining.
B. It is a niche trend that appeals only to a very specific demographic.
C. It focuses mainly on aesthetic improvements rather than functional ones.
D. It primarily aims to reduce operational costs for restaurants.

