

KỶ THI TUYỂN SINH LỚP 10 CHUYÊN THPT_ TP.HCM NĂM HỌC 2008-2009
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I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others:

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| 1. A. eventually | B. depletion | C. competitive | D. regretful |
| 2. A. vacancy | B. wholesale | C. inflation | D. stagnant |
| 3. A. education | B. bridges | C. garage | D. enlarge |
| 4. A. box | B. clocks | C. class | D. relics |
| 5. A. church | B. further | C. sure | D. urgent |

II. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others:

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| 1. A. possession | B. property | C. industry | D. element |
| 2. A. basically | B. eminent | C. ordinary | D. maternal |
| 3. A. shortcoming | B. leopard | C. kindergarten | D. personify |
| 4. A. undoubtedly | B. economic | C. university | D. agricultural |
| 5. A. enthusiasm | B. fertilizer | C. indicator | D. socializing |

III. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blank:

1. I don't see any _____ in arriving early at the theater if the show doesn't start until 9 o'clock.
A. cause B. reason C. aim D. point
2. The new manager's office has _____ new equipment.
A. many B. a lot of C. some of D. a few
3. I don't _____ to change my job because I like it.
A. risk B. intend C. persist D. insist
4. You thought I did wrong but the result _____ my action.
A. agreed B. approved C. proved D. justified
5. Thomas has a garden which is _____ mine.
A. double as large B. semi-larger than
C. twice as large as D. as two-time as large
6. _ "What do you think of the film we've watched?" _ " _____ "
A. It's a breeze! B. No kidding!
C. I've seen better. D. None of your business!
7. In 1870, _____, John D. Rockefeller and others created the Standard Oil Company.
A. that oil prices fluctuated B. despite fluctuating oil prices
C. but the oil prices fluctuated D. oil prices were fluctuating
8. _____ to school by bus.
A. Many a student goes B. Many the students go
C. Many of students go D. Much student goes
9. Careless driving also accounts _____ the increasing number of traffic accidents.
A. on B. into C. for D. with
10. _____ is not clear to researchers.
A. Why dinosaurs having become extinct
B. Why dinosaurs became extinct
C. Did dinosaurs become extinct
D. Dinosaurs became extinct

11. The new manager is _____ easy-going. He is always very serious about the work.
 A. by no means B. by means of C. by all means D. in the mean time
12. We enjoy the hams and coffee at this _____ restaurant.
 A. family-owning B. family-owned C. owning-family D. owned-family
13. I'd rather _____ to the party with my parents because there was nothing interesting there.
 A. haven't been invited B. hadn't been invited
 C. not be invited D. not have been invited
14. When the university suggested _____, the student union protested vigorously.
 A. tuition be raised B. to raise tuition
 C. on raising tuition D. that tuition should raise
15. _____ one after another, parallel computers perform groups of operations at the same time.
 A. Conventional computers, by handling tasks
 B. Since tasks being handled by conventional computers
 C. Whereas conventional computers handle tasks
 D. While tasks handled by conventional computers
16. She _____ him of having lied to her.
 A. threatened B. blamed C. criticized D. accused
17. We have bought extra food _____ our friends stay to have dinner.
 A. in case B. if C. provided D. as long as
18. Cut this cake into six _____ pieces.
 A. same B. alike C. like D. equal
19. If only it _____ differently! I had hoped to be acquitted.
 A. had been concluded B. were concluded
 C. had concluded D. concluded
20. I was _____ in the countryside but went to school in HCMC.
 A. brought up B. taken over C. made up D. put off
21. Most of _____ archaeologists know about prehistoric cultures is based on studies of material remains.
 A. these B. what C. which D. their
22. We couldn't afford that house because it _____.
 A. was over my head B. paid through the nose
 C. cost an arm and a leg D. blew my own trumpet
23. _____ the Christmas shopping season begins.
 A. That is after Thanksgiving B. After Thanksgiving it is
 C. It is after Thanksgiving that D. It is Thanksgiving that
24. New York City is America's largest city, _____ it is not the capital of New York State.
 A. therefore B. but C. so D. however
25. He promised her an Oxford dictionary, but disappointingly he _____ on his word.
 A. turned over B. stood up C. went back D. sat down
26. This young music composer is very famous _____ the most influential composer.
 A. for B. to C. as D. with
27. She came _____ a lot of problems at work.
 A. up with B. down with C. in for D. up against

28. They take _____ each other like two peas.
 A. in B. after C. to D. for
29. Didn't it ever _____ to them that they would be severely punished?
 A. occur B. happen C. enter D. come
30. If you want to _____ weight, cut down on fat.
 A. put off B. come down C. take over D. cut off
31. By the time we get out of this traffic jam, all the guests _____ home.
 A. have gone B. had gone C. will go D. will have gone
32. _____ members of the class has to be responsible for his own actions.
 A. Each of the B. Every C. None of D. All
33. The teacher _____ them the answer to the question.
 A. explained B. said C. discussed D. told
34. We met each other at the meeting _____ coincidence.
 A. by B. in C. for D. to
35. As we've been discussing for 2 hours without any solution, I'd like to _____ my own solution to this problem.
 A. come up B. bring down C. put forward D. take in
36. The accident resulted _____ some minor injuries.
 A. to B. from C. in D. of
37. Dave, I really appreciate _____ me. But I think I could manage it myself.
 A. you to help B. you helped C. your helping D. that you would help
38. One of the robbers was described by the witnesses _____ tall and about 25.
 A. like B. by C. in D. as
39. I left the purse at home. Can you _____ without breakfast today, dear?
 A. go B. do C. make D. live
40. One of the solutions _____ by environmentalists is to ban vehicles from the city center.
 A. are suggested B. is suggested C. suggesting D. suggested
41. While the boss was away, her assistant stood _____ her and helped her solve any problems arising.
 A. up to B. in for C. up against D. out of
42. I would like to rent a house, modern, comfortable, and _____ in a quite place.
 A. before all B. above all C. first of all D. after all
43. We could never get ready for the test at such short _____.
 A. call B. notice C. advice D. note
44. To resist corrosion _____ for today's car to prevent havoc caused by road salts, gravel and other materials.
 A. have new coatings been developed B. new coatings developing
 C. development of new coatings D. new coatings have been developed
45. Some scientists say it is essential that mankind _____ the amount of air pollution in big cities.
 A. be reduced B. reduced C. reduce D. will reduce
46. She couldn't but _____ there crying.
 A. stood B. standing C. to stand D. stand
47. _____ where to find the key, the boy could not open the safe.

- A. Knowing not B. Knew not C. Not knowing D. Didn't know
48. They received _____ advice from their parents that they became successful.
A. so good B. such a good C. so good an D. such good
49. Computers are said to be _____ for the development of mankind.
A. here to stay B. neither here nor there
C. here and there D. here today, gone tomorrow
50. _ "She's the best pianist in the school." _ " _____"
A. That's that. B. Never mind!
C. That's OK! D. You can say that again.

IV. Identify the mistake in each sentence:

1. Although most known for her prose works, Maya Angelou also published several collections of poetry.
A. most known B. her prose works C. also published D. poetry
2. Technically speaking, astronauts can be able to visit the moon and live there briefly.
A. Technically B. can be able to C. visit D. briefly
3. There are many species of birds in danger of extinction, with a large number of which, 117 in all, found on oceanic islands.
A. There are B. extinction C. of which D. in all
4. If it is kept dry, a seed can still sprout up to forty years after their formation.
A. kept B. can still sprout C. up to D. their
5. Some snakes have hollow teeth they are called fangs that they use to poison their victims.
A. Some B. they are called C. use D. their
6. The nitrogen makes up over 78 percent of the Earth's atmosphere, the gaseous mass surrounding the planet.
A. The nitrogen B. over C. percent of D. surrounding
7. Why so many students graduate weak at reading and math are questions continuing to disturb educators.
A. so many B. weak at C. are questions D. continuing
8. Although apples do not grow during the cold season, apple trees must have such season in order to flourish.
A. Although B. during C. such season D. to flourish
9. Dentistry is a branch of medicine that developed very dramatically in the last twenty years.
A. Dentistry B. branch of C. developed D. dramatically
10. Rabbits have large front tooth, short tails, and hind legs feet adapted for running and jumping.
A. Rabbits B. tooth C. and D. running and jumping

V. Choose the suitable word to fill in each blank:

While (1)_____ everyone accepts the goal of developing (2)_____ in the three "R's" - reading, writing, and arithmetic - it often seems impossible to (3)_____ agreement on any goal beyond that. In the broadest (4)_____, the conflict over educational goals can be (5)_____ as a conflict between conservatives and liberals, or, (6)_____ they are sometimes called, essentialists and progressives.

The conservatives, or essentialists, tend to identify (7)_____ desirable education with the transmission of the cultural heritage, a no-nonsense (8)_____ featuring the three R's at the

elementary-school level, and academic studies or strong vocational or business courses in the secondary school. They put (9)_____ on the training of the mind and cultivation of the intellect.

The liberals, or progressives, tend to be interested in the development of the (10)_____ child, not merely in training the child's mind or in preparing the child for adult (11)_____ in a remote future. They emphasize rich, meaningful school living in the present, and they view subject matter as a resource (12)_____ total human development (13)_____ as a goal in itself. They do not downgrade content but believe it should be (14)_____ not for (15)_____ own sake but as a means of fostering thought and inquiry.

1. A. most B. mostly C. almost D. utmost
2. A. talents B. actions C. skills D. techniques
3. A. get B. accomplish C. take D. reach
4. A. terms B. words C. letters D. means
5. A. viewed B. thought C. counted D. named
6. A. but B. when C. although D. as
7. A. certain B. a C. the D. as
8. A. subject B. curriculum C. object D. program
9. A. significance B. stress C. emphasis D. strength
10. A. complete B. whole C. all-round D. total
11. A. living B. lives C. liveliness D. life
12. A. at B. in C. of D. for
13. A. but for B. rather than C. instead D. better
14. A. inquired B. required C. acquired D. requested
15. A. it B. its C. them D. their

VI. Read the following passage and choose the best answers to the questions:

A pioneering study by Donald Appleyard made the astounding discovery that a sudden increase in the volume of traffic through an area affects people in the way that a sudden increase in crime does. Appleyard observed this by finding three blocks of houses in San Francisco that looked much alike and had the same kind of middle-class and working-class residents, with approximately the same ethnic mix. The difference was that only 2,000 cars a day ran down Octavia Street (LIGHT street, in Appleyard's terminology) while Gough Street (MEDIUM street) was used by 8,000 cars daily, and Franklin Street (HEAVY street) had around 16,000 cars a day. Franklin Street often had as many cars in an hour as Octavia had in a day.

Heavy traffic brought with it danger, noise, fumes and soot, directly, and trash secondarily. That is, the cars didn't bring in much trash, but when trash accumulated, residents seldom picked it up. The cars, Appleyard determined, reduced the amount of territory residents felt responsible for. Noise was a constant intrusion into their homes. Many Franklin Street residents covered their doors and windows and spent most of their time in the rear of their houses. Most families with children had already left.

Conditions on Octavia Street were much different. Residents picked up trash. They sat on their front steps and chatted with neighbors. They had three times as many friends and twice as many acquaintances as the people on Franklin.

On Gough Street, residents said that the old feeling of community was disappearing as traffic increased. People were becoming more and more preoccupied with their own lives. A number of families had recently moved and more were considering. Those who were staying expressed deep regret at the destruction of their community.

1. The word “astounding” in line 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. startling B. disappointing C. dubious D. alternative
2. The three streets mentioned in this passage are different in that _____.
 A. they are in different cities.
 B. the residents are of different ethnic backgrounds.
 C. they have varying amounts of traffic.
 D. the income levels of the residents vary considerably.
3. Approximately how many cars used Franklin Street daily?
 A. 2,000 B. 8,000 C. 16,000 D. 20,000
4. All of the following are direct results of heavy traffic EXCEPT _____.
 A. increased amount of trash B. greater danger to residents
 C. more pollution D. more vibrations
5. The author’s main purpose in the second paragraph is to _____.
 A. discuss the problem of trash disposal
 B. point out the disadvantage of heavy traffic
 C. propose an alternate system of transportation
 D. suggest ways to cope with traffic problems
6. On which street was there the most social interaction?
 A. Octavia Street B. Gough Street
 C. Franklin Street D. There was no significance social interaction on any of the three streets
7. The word “chatted” in line 14 is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. joked B. talked C. argued D. walked
8. Which of the following is NOT a statement you would expect from a resident of Gough Street?
 A. People on this street are unhappy because the neighborhood is deteriorating.
 B. People on this street think mostly of themselves.
 C. People on this street have more and more space for which they feel responsible.
 D. A number of people are preparing to leave this street.
9. In what order does the author present detailed discussions of the three streets?
 A. LIGHT, MEDIUM, HEAVY B. HEAVY, MEDIUM, LIGHT
 C. HEAVY, LIGHT, MEDIUM D. LIGHT, HEAVY, MEDIUM
10. What is the writer’s attitude toward heavy traffic when he mentions the Appleyard’s study?
 A. neutral B. favorable C. critical D. doubtful

VII. Supply each blank with one suitable word:

Many tourists who visit Central America find (1)_____ surprising to learn that the Mayas still live there. (2)_____ it is true that their ancient civilization came to an end when their country was (3)_____ over by the Spanish conquistadors, the Mayan people carried (4)_____ living in the area. Today there are an estimated 1.2 million Mayas (5)_____ live in southern Mexico, and many other areas of Central America states have large Mayan populations as (6)_____.

Many of their stories and art forms have remained (7)_____ over time, and today, women weave clothing and carpets that have signs and symbols that are the same as (8)_____ found in ancient temples.

The different patterns and symbols on these brightly coloured (9)_____ not only look attractive, (10)_____ can also communicate important information such as marital (11)_____.

Even though the majority of the Mayas are now Catholics, many of the festivals that they (12)_____ part in are a mixture of the old rituals that their ancestors (13)_____ to practise and more modern Christian elements. It was perhaps the Mayas' ability to (14)_____ and change that made it possible for them to survive to the (15)_____ day.

VIII. Supply the appropriate forms of words in the brackets:

1. Young children should be well aware of their _____ manner. (BEHAVE)
2. Please put the books back to where you took them. Don't _____ any of them. (PLACE)
3. The _____ are scheduled to take off at 15:00 and 15:30. (FLY)
4. I've never met such a strong man. His energy seems _____. (EXHAUST)
5. Those rose bushes need protection. Spray them with _____. (INSECT)
6. Don't you know that your good result will make your parents _____ proud of you? (MEASURE)
7. Be careful. You may be _____ to put all your eggs in one basket. (ADVICE)
8. The boy watched the performance of the tigers, _____ with amazement. (BREATHE)
9. I would like to express my admiration for his _____ of knowledge. (PROFOUND)
10. The cancellation of the case resulted from the _____ in court of the defendant resulted in. (APPEAR)
11. The _____ of the Ministry of Education announced the date of the graduation exam. (SPEAK)
12. Mercedes is a very _____ car. (DEPEND)
13. There should be _____ staff in case someone is absent and needs to be replaced. (STAND)
14. You'll be punished for all your _____. (DO)
15. With all the modern facilities, doing housework is still very _____. (CONSUME)

IX. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning:

1. It was wrong of you to scare your little brother like that.
You oughtn't _____
2. I dislike it when people criticize me unfairly.
I object _____
3. The fund-raisers haven't officially decided where to send the proceeds of the concert.
No _____
4. She is proud that she is such a good DJ.
She prides _____
5. He delayed writing the book until he had a lot of research.
Only _____
6. Foolishly, I paid all the money before collecting the goods.
I paid _____
7. It was an impressive building but it wasn't to my taste.
Impressive _____
8. The idea no longer interests her.

She has gone _____

9. It would have been a superb weekend if the weather had been better.

But _____

10. Scientists have tried very hard to find a cure for this disease.

Enormous _____

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Phần I:

1. B 2. D 3. C 4. C 5. C

Phần II:

1. A 2. D 3. D 4. A 5. A

Phần III:

1. D	11. A	21. B	31. D	41. B
2. B	12. B	22. C	32. A	42. B
3. B	13. D	23. C	33. D	43. B
4. D	14. A	24. B	34. A	44. D
5. C	15. C	25. C	35. C	45. C
6. C	16. D	26. C	36. C	46. D
7. B	17. A	27. D	37. C	47. C
8. A	18. D	28. B	38. D	48. D
9. C	19. A	29. A	39. B	49. A
10. B	20. A	30. A	40. D	50. D

Phần IV:

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

Phần V:

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

Phần VI:

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

Phần VII:

1. IT	6. WELL	11. STATUS
2. ALTHOUGH/ THOUGH	7. UNCHANGED	12. TAKE
3. TAKEN	8. THOSE	13. USE
4. ON	9. CLOTHES	14. ADAPT
5. WHO/ THAT	10. BUT	15. PRESENT

Phần VIII:

1. BEHAVIORAL	6. IMMESUARABLY	11. SPOKEMAN
2. MISPLACE	7. ILL-ADVISED	12. DEPENDABLE
3. FLIGHTS	8. BREATHLESS	13. STANDBY
4. INEXHAUSTIBLE	9. PROFUNDITY	14. WRONGDOINGS
5. INSECTICIDE(S)	10. NON-APPEARANCE	15. TIME-COMSUMING

Phần IX:

1. You oughtn't to have scared your little brother like that.
2. I object to people criticizing me unfairly.
3. No official decision on where to send the proceeds of the concert has been made by the the fund-raisers.
4. She prides herself on being a good dj.
5. Only after he had a lot of research did he (begin to) write the book.
6. I paid all the money before collecting the goods, which was foolish.
7. Impressive as the building was/ might be, it wasn't to my taste.
8. She has gone off the idea.
9. But for the bad weather, it would have been a superb weekend.
10. Enormous effort has been made by scientists to find a cure for this disease.