

Họ, tên thí sinh: .....

Số báo danh: .....

Thí sinh làm bài phần trắc nghiệm trước, sau khi hết thời gian làm bài phần trắc nghiệm, thí sinh nộp phiếu trả lời trắc nghiệm. Khi có hiệu lệnh, thí sinh mới làm bài phần viết.

**I. PHẦN TRẮC NGHIỆM (30 câu; 7,5 điểm)**

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

Question 1: A. hear                      B. clear                      C. near                      D. bear

Question 2: A. believes                      B. rejects                      C. maintains                      D. confides

Question 3: A. laugh                      B. enough                      C. high                      D. cough

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 4 to 8.

In Britain, greetings cards are sold in chain stores and supermarkets, in newsagents' shops, corner shops and, increasingly, in shops that specialize in the sale of cards and paper for wrapping presents in.

The most common cards are birthday and Christmas cards. Many Christmas cards are sold in aid of charity and special 'charity card shops' are often set up in temporary premises in the weeks before Christmas. A wide variety of birthday cards is available to cater for different ages and tastes. **Some**, especially ones for young children or for people celebrating a particular birthday, have the person's age on the front. Many have comic, often risqué, messages printed on them, and cartoon-style illustrations. Others are more sober, with reproductions of famous paintings or attractive original designs. The usual greeting on a birthday card is 'Happy Birthday', 'Many Happy Returns' or 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday'.

Some people also send special cards for Easter and New Year. Easter cards either portray images of spring, such as chicks, eggs, lambs, spring flowers, etc, or have a religious theme.

Cards are produced for every 'milestone' in a person's life. There are special cards for an engagement, a marriage, a new home, a birth, success in an examination, retirement, a death in the family, etc. Some are 'good luck' or 'congratulations' cards. Others, for example 'get well' cards for people who are ill, express sympathy.

(Extracted from The Oxford Advanced Learner's Encyclopedic Dictionary)

Question 4: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Easter Cards                      B. Greetings Cards                      C. Christmas Cards                      D. Birthday Cards

Question 5: The word 'some' in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. young children                      B. ages and tastes                      C. birthday cards                      D. card shops

Question 6: Which of the following is NOT the usual greeting on a birthday card?

- A. 'Many Happy Returns'                      B. 'Good luck'  
C. 'Happy Birthday'                      D. 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday'

Question 7: The word 'milestone' in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a convenient way                      B. a positive view                      C. an important event                      D. a special gift

- Question 8:** It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. greetings cards are not very popular in Britain
  - B. greetings cards are for children only
  - C. greetings cards are used on many different occasions
  - D. there are few choices of birthday cards

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

- Question 9:** She wrote her essay carefully to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes.
- A. make
  - B. making
  - C. being made
  - D. to make
- Question 10:** This is the supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ you can buy almost everything.
- A. who
  - B. when
  - C. that
  - D. where
- Question 11:** I woke up when the alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. went off
  - B. turned off
  - C. put off
  - D. took off
- Question 12:** Jack: 'Can I borrow your notes, please?'
- Jill: '\_\_\_\_\_'
- A. No, thanks.
  - B. Yes, sure.
  - C. Yes, I can.
  - D. Well done!
- Question 13:** We are worried \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation of environmental pollution in our country.
- A. about
  - B. of
  - C. on
  - D. at
- Question 14:** It is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ challenging to find a good job nowadays.
- A. more and more
  - B. the more
  - C. better and better
  - D. the better
- Question 15:** Candidates have to attach their birth \_\_\_\_\_ to their applications for this position.
- A. degrees
  - B. diplomas
  - C. qualifications
  - D. certificates
- Question 16:** It is boring in here. Let's go \_\_\_\_\_ else for a change.
- A. nowhere
  - B. something
  - C. nothing
  - D. somewhere
- Question 17:** My students promised that they would hand in their assignments \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. yesterday
  - B. tomorrow
  - C. the following day
  - D. the previous day
- Question 18:** The money that I earn is enough to \_\_\_\_\_ my family's basic needs.
- A. take
  - B. meet
  - C. give
  - D. see
- Question 19:** Jane is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ girl so she finds it easy to make friends with other students.
- A. honest
  - B. sociable
  - C. kind
  - D. shy
- Question 20:** Peter would not have been late for the interview if he \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.
- A. didn't miss
  - B. doesn't miss
  - C. hasn't missed
  - D. hadn't missed
- Question 21:** We will leave \_\_\_\_\_ the rain stops.
- A. as soon as
  - B. while
  - C. during
  - D. until
- Question 22:** Harry Potter books, which \_\_\_\_\_ by J.K. Rowling, are very popular with children around the world.
- A. will write
  - B. wrote
  - C. were written
  - D. will be written
- Question 23:** Scientists have proposed a possible \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of global warming.
- A. solution
  - B. effect
  - C. result
  - D. plan

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.*

- Question 24:** The woman decided to devote herself full-time to social work.
- A. help
  - B. bring
  - C. dedicate
  - D. determine
- Question 25:** We should join hands to make our city green, clean and elegant.
- A. put together
  - B. make decisions
  - C. take action
  - D. work together

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word for each of the blanks from 26 to 30.**

Most people today take relatively little general exercise. Over the last 30 or 40 years lifestyles have changed considerably and many people now travel even (26) \_\_\_\_\_ shortest distances by car or bus. Lack of exercise combined with eating too many fatty and sugary foods has meant that many people are becoming too fat. Experts are particularly concerned that children (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of their free time watching television or playing computer games instead of being physically active.

In recent years, however, there has been a growing (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in fitness among young adults and many belong to a sports club or gym. Membership of a sports club or gym can be (29) \_\_\_\_\_ and not everyone can afford the subscription. Local sports centres are generally cheaper. Evening classes are also cheap and offer a wide variety of fitness activities ranging (30) \_\_\_\_\_ yoga to jazz dancing. Some companies now provide sports facilities for their employees or contribute to the cost of joining a gym.

*(Extracted from The Oxford Guide to British and American Culture - Oxford Advanced Learner's Compass)*

- Question 26:** A. the                      B. an                      C. a                      D. one  
**Question 27:** A. spend                      B. get                      C. make                      D. take  
**Question 28:** A. interestingly                      B. interested                      C. interesting                      D. interest  
**Question 29:** A. popular                      B. cheap                      C. expensive                      D. easy  
**Question 30:** A. at                      B. in                      C. from                      D. on

## **II. PHẦN VIẾT (2,5 điểm)**

Write a paragraph about the school subject that you like best.

You should write at least 80 words.

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