

ĐỀ THI GIỮA HỌC KÌ 1 – ĐỀ SỐ 2

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PART 1. LISTENING

Justin is talking to Amanda about his summer camp activities. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False).

1. Winning a medal in a swimming competition was the best part of Justin's trip.
2. Justin hadn't learnt how to set up tents before the summer camp.
3. He was annoyed because he burnt his fingers while he was cooking.
4. He was amazed to swim with dolphins.
5. He didn't feel embarrassed about his French pronunciation mistakes.

A woman is talking about the Yorkshire City Council's new development project. Listen and write ONE word for each gap.

6. The new development project is to serve the residents in the of the _____ city.
7. The main targets of the project are to cope with inadequate _____ services and unemployment.
8. The council will provide the financial assistance in order to develop various _____ and services.
9. More cost-effective _____ options will be carried out for community members.
10. The new railway lines will help _____ to and from the city centre become more convenient.

PART 2. LANGUAGE

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

11. A. house B. ground C. sound D. tour
12. A. factory B. entry C. skyline D. country

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.

13. A. frightened B. depressed C. ashamed D. annoyed
14. A. migration B. policy C. employment D. potential

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the following questions.

15. He _____ in public when he suddenly forgot the lyrics and got embarrassed.

- A. sings B. sang C. was singing D. is singing

16. When Susan graduated from university, she _____ to do a master's degree.

- A. set up a business B. won an award C. became wealthy D. won a scholarship

17. Poor city planning could directly cause _____.

- A. overcrowding B. labour children C. earthquake D. depression

18. It was a pretty boring party as there were so _____ people there.

- A. few B. many C. lots of D. little

19. I'm sure my parents would rather _____ to the theatre than a night club!

- A. going B. not going C. not go D. go

PART 4. READING

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the announcements.

SCOTIA – THE INITIATIVE FOR THE NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA

Are you worried about (20) _____ challenges faced by our suburban communities? The Scotia Initiative is (21) _____ to improving living conditions in these areas. We will have the housing and infrastructure (22) _____ to deal with urgent issues. Join us in building a brighter future for our suburbs!

20. A. a B. an C. the D. ø
 21. A. concerned B. involved C. responsible D. committed
 22. A. upgrade B. upgraded C. to upgrade D. for upgrading

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the letter.

Hi John,

I hope you're doing well too. As you're interested (23) _____ trekking, you should travel to Snowdome Mountain, which has breathtaking views. You could try some amazing sports, but they could put you at (24) _____ if you don't follow the safety rules. Hopefully, you won't find the sports (25) _____ at first. I'd love to hang out with you. Just let me know which days you'll arrive.

Henry

23. A. on B. in C. about D. at
 24. A. risk B. pleasure C. confusion D. embarrassment
 25. A. fright B. frighten C. frightening D. frightened

Select the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the passage.

Hi Fred,

Last Saturday, (26) _____ took a fantastic trip to Đá Giăng Stream located in Cam Lâm District, Khánh Hòa Province. From Nha Trang City, (27) _____ to arrive at Đá Giăng Stream, (28) _____ above sea level. The sun was shining warmly in the early morning. The mountain landscape was beyond our imagination. We were completely in nature because (29) _____ from the traffic or air pollution. In the afternoon, (30) _____ in the stream when we saw some small fish swimming by. The trip gave us unforgettable experiences.

(31) _____ Đá Giăng Stream if you visit Vietnam. I'm sure you won't regret it.

Emily

26.

- A. cousins and I B. my cousins and me
 C. cousins and me D. my cousins and I

27.

- A. we spent over 45 minutes B. we lost over 45 minutes

C. it took us over 45 minutes

D. it lasted over 45 minutes

28.

A. is at a height of 300 metres

B. at a height of 300 metres

C. which is 300 metres height

D. which is at a height of 300 metres

29.

A. no noise B. there was no noise

C. it had no noise D. not any noise

30.

A. Enjoying ourselves

B. To enjoy ourselves

C. We enjoyed ourselves

D. We were enjoying ourselves

31.

A. Be sure to visit

B. You must be sure to visit

C. Making sure to visit

D. To make sure that you visit

Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

What does it take to graduate from university with a First?

Mark McArdle, first-class degree holder from the University of Lancaster, tells how he did it.

Don't spend too much time at the student lounge, do turn up for most lectures and tutorials and do submit all coursework – eventually. That, I was told by a PhD student during freshers' week, was all I needed to do to get a 2:2. For a 2:1, I'd require a better attendance record and have to work harder, but not at the expense of being cut off from civilization. And for a First I would have to become some sort of social outcast, go to even lecture and tutorial (scribbling notes madly), spend every waking moment **immersed** in academic books, and be among the last to be thrown out of the university library at 10 pm closing time.

Well, I did not give up my life for study. I didn't attend every lecture and tutorial. I didn't write down every word spoken in lectures. I didn't get 80% or more in every essay, project, test or exam. I was usually behind with my reading and occasionally mystified by the syllabus. Sometimes I couldn't be bothered to go to university and stayed at home instead. But I always knew where I was, what I had to do and what not to bother with. And I always worked hard on the things that counted: assignments and exams.

Getting a degree is about learning, but it isn't just about learning biology, history, English or whatever. It's about understanding what you need to succeed – what, in fact, the university wants from you and what you will get in return. You have to have a feel for the education market and really sell your inspirations. What does the lecturer want? What is the essay marker searching for? Some students try to offer something not wanted. Others want to give very little – they steal the thoughts of others and submit them as their own. But they all want to be rewarded. Exchange, but don't steal, and you'll get a degree.

I could guarantee every book on my reading list was out on long loan from the university library within five seconds of the list being issued. This was worrying at first, but I quickly learned that it was impossible to read all of the books on an average reading list anyway. I sought shortcuts. Collections of selected readings

or journal articles were excellent sources that often saved me the bother of reading the original texts. References in books dragged me all over the place but with all the courses I had to do, there wasn't enough time to be dragged too far. I would **flick through** the book, read the introduction, note any summaries, look at diagrams, skim the index, and read any conclusions. I plucked out what was needed and made my escape.

I revised by discarding subject areas I could not face revising, reading, compiling notes, and then condensing them onto one or two sheets of A4 for each subject area. Leading up to the exam, I would concentrate on just the condensed notes and rely on my memory to drag out the detail behind them when the time came. I didn't practice writing exam questions, although it was recommended. I prefer to be spontaneous and open-minded. I don't want pre-formed conclusions filling my mind.

And nor should you; there is no secret to getting a First – this is just an account of how I got my First. Be a happy student by striking the right balance between working and enjoying yourself. Take what you do seriously and do your best. And, **no matter what you do, don't forget to appreciate every day of your university studies: it is one of the greatest periods of your** life.

32. What is the main purpose of the passage?

- A. To describe learning experience of an excellent student
- B. To emphasize the importance of higher education
- C. To suggest ways to deal with assignments at university
- D. To point out challenges of studying at university

33. The PhD students who spoke to the writer _____.

- A. exaggerate the need to work hard
- B. succeeded in scaring the writer
- C. was uncertain how to help the writer
- D. thought the writer would get a First

34. In the third paragraph, the writer warns against _____.

- A. offering money to academic staff
- B. trying to second-guess lectures
- C. expecting to be rewarded
- D. plagiarism in essays and exams

35. The word “**immersed**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. ploughed
- B. absorbed
- C. sunk
- D. dipped

36. Why did the writer not practice writing exam questions?

- A. He thought the practice was rather boring.
- B. He wanted to answer exam questions critically.
- C. He was advised not to.
- D. He thought it might prejudice staff against him.

37. The word “**flick through**” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. search quickly
- B. skim
- C. borrow
- D. read carefully

38. It can be inferred from what the writer said in the last paragraph that _____.

- A. student's top priority is to pass exams
- B. teachers should set goals for students right from the first year

- C. students should follow his recipe for success
- D. students should make the most of being a student

PART 5. WRITING

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.

39.

- a. When he was fifteen, he started singing in a local band and performing in different places.
- b. To get by, he had to do many low-paying jobs like gathering old bottles and selling newspapers.
- c. Nigel ended up being homeless for two years, which was extremely difficult for him.
- d. When Nigel was thirteen, his dad passed away, and his family faced tough money issues.
- e. At the age of 32, Nigel became one of the most popular singers in his country.
- f. Nigel worked really hard with the band, and they released their first album three years later.

A. b - c - e - a - d - f

B. d - c - b - a - f - e

C. a - c - b - e - d - f

D. c - e - a - d - b - f

40.

- a. Roads are often poorly maintained, with potholes and cracks causing damage to vehicles.
- b. Many parts of the country suffer from a lack of proper road infrastructure.
- c. Both of the issues negatively affect the local traffic and local businesses.
- d. As a consequence, insufficient road infrastructure causes harmful effects on local economies.
- e. Furthermore, unpaved roads become muddy and impassable during the rainy season.

A. a - c - d - e - b

B. b - c - a - d - e

C. b - a - e - c - d

D. a - c - b - e - d

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