

14. Forest Gump's endless courage and efforts not only _____ his followers but also moved his rivals as well.
 A. depressed B. inspired C. overlooked D. rejected
15. He managed to attract other drivers' attention at the scene of the accident by turning on his _____ lights. They, therefore, took the injured to hospital timely.
 A. danger B. risk C. hazard D. peril
16. Every year, thousands of Vietnamese people and foreigners travel to Ba Dinh Square in Hanoi Capital to _____ the President Ho Chi Minh, the first president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
 A. pay court to B. pay homage to C. pay attention to D. pay a price for
17. The first round of interviews only really serves to _____ the very weakest of applicants.
 A. tide over B. beat about C. bark out D. weed out
18. The hospital staff pulled out all the _____ to make sure the children had a wonderful day.
 A. stops B. plugs C. barricades D. roadblocks
19. Normally, when he was late, he gave a pathetic excuse, but not this time, what he said had a _____ of truth about it.
 A. ring B. figment C. glimmer D. shred
20. Following the crime in Bradford High Street last Saturday afternoon, the police are checking _____ anyone who was there at the time.
 A. in for B. up on C. out of D. over to
21. I was hungry, and that meal was absolutely delicious! It was just what the _____ ordered.
 A. scientist B. expert C. healer D. doctor
22. If there is new evidence that proves his innocence, it is likely that the authorities will _____ him from jail.
 A. relieve B. release C. rehabilitate D. remove
23. There is a great deal of pressure in the newspaper industry; editors might work a 12-hour day with no _____.
 A. come-down B. let-up C. crackdown D. let-down
24. I was _____ surprised by the excellent customer service. That company really cares about its customers.
 A. pleasantly B. totally C. sharply D. seriously
25. If you are going to town, keep your eyes _____ for that book I was telling you about.
 A. clean B. wide C. fresh D. peeled
26. It's one of the worst books I've ever read. Its only redeeming _____ is that it's quite short.
 A. factor B. element C. aspect D. feature
27. Tom's boss doesn't want him to _____ a habit of using the office phone for personal calls.
 A. create B. do C. make D. increase
28. Because of an unfortunate _____, your order was not dispatched by the date requested.
 A. hindrance B. oversight C. negligence D. transgression

Write your answer (A, B, C, or D in the numbered box to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following sentence.

29. The evening would have been more enjoyable if all the extraneous activities had been dropped from the program
 A. irrelevant B. excessive C. overextended D. exceptional

Write your answer (A, B, C, or D in the numbered box to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following sentence.

30. The organizers and two teams had expected that the stadium would be full of spectators, but to their disappointment, they came in twos and threes.
 A. they came in abundance B. they came with two or three friends

C. they came in groups of two or three

D. quite a few of spectators came

VI. Identify the mistake in each sentence by writing your answers A, B, C or D in the numbered box. (10 points)

31. A deadly hush fell over the board of directors after the Chairman made the announcement that the company was on the verge of bankruptcy.

A. deadly B. board of directors C. made D. on the verge

32. The duties of the secretary are to make the minutes, to mail the correspondence, and to call the members before meetings.

A. duties B. are to make C. the D. meetings

33. Genetic engineering is helping researchers unravel the mysteries of previously incurable diseases so that they get to its root causes and find cures.

A. is helping B. previously C. so that D. its

34. Speaking to reporters after the results were announced, he laughed at a question about running again in another six years.

A. Speaking to B. were announced C. laughed at D. in

35. The race also included Ksenia Sobchak, a formal reality TV host and a nationalist, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy - they got less than 2% and about 6% respectably.

A. included B. reality TV host C. less than D. respectably

SECTION 4: READING (60 points)

VII. Read the following passage and write your answers A, B, C, or D in the numbered box to indicate the correct word for each of the blanks from 1 to 10. (20 points)

Gerard Mercator: The Man Who Mapped the Planet

When Gerard Mercator was born in 1512, the geography of the globe still (1) _____ a mystery. It was unclear whether America was part of Asia, if there was a vast (2) _____ of sea at the top of the world or if Australia was connected to Antarctica.

Mercator's childhood was spent chiefly in Rupelmonde, a Flemish trading town on the river, and it was here that his geographical imagination was (3) _____ by the ships which passed to and from the rest of the world. Alongside imagination, he developed two very different skills. The first was the ability to gather, (4) _____ and co-ordinate the geographical information provided by explorers and sailors who frequented the margins of the known. He also had to be able to imagine himself suspended (5) _____ the heavens, to achieve the visionary perspective of gods in the skies, gazing down on the world.

The main reason why Mercator's name is familiar to us is because of the Mercator Projection: the solution he (6) _____ to represent the spheroidal surface of the globe on a two-dimensional plane. It is less well known that Mercator was the first man to conceive of mapping the (7) _____ surface of the planet or that he (8) _____ the idea of multiple maps being presented in bound books, to which he gave the name 'Atlas'.

It is difficult for us now to be surprised by maps, so many are there, and of (9) _____ detail and coverage, but we should bear in mind that Mercator lived at a time when such knowledge was far from (10) _____. He was the man who altered our worldview forever.

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| 1. | A. remained | B. continued | C. maintained | D. endured |
| 2. | A. territory | B. distance | C. range | D. expanse |
| 3. | A. raised | B. reared | C. supplied | D. nourished |
| 4. | A. congregate | B. amass | C. assimilate | D. construct |
| 5. | A. from | B. to | C. with | D. into |
| 6. | A. framed | B. contrived | C. devised | D. schemed |
| 7. | A. sheer | B. full | C. entire | D. utter |
| 8. | A. pioneered | B. initiated | C. led | D. prepared |

9. A. so B. such C. a lot of D. many
 10. A. typical B. common C. routine D. normal

VIII. Read the following passage and write your answer A, B, C, or D in the numbered box to indicate the correct answers to each of the questions. (20 points)

Madison Square Garden, a world-famous sporting venue in New York City, has actually been a series of buildings in varied locations rather than a single building in one spot. In 1873, P.T. Barnum built Barnum’s Monster Classical and Geological Hippodrome at the corner of Madison Avenue and 26th Street, across from Madison Square Park. Two years later, the bandleader Patrick Gilmore bought the property, added statues and fountains, and renamed it Gilmore’s Gardens. When Cornelius Vanderbilt bought the property in 1879, it was renamed Madison Square Garden.

A second very **lavish** Madison Square Garden was built at the same location in 1890, with a ballroom, a restaurant, a theater, a rooftop garden, and a main arena with seating for 15,000. However, this elaborate Madison Square Garden lasted until 1924 when it was torn down to make way for a forty-storey skyscraper.

When the second Madison Square Garden had been replaced in its location across from Madison Square Park, the boxing promoter Tex Rickard raised six million dollars to build a new Madison Square Garden. This new Madison Square Garden was constructed in a different location, on 8th Avenue and 50th Street and quite some distance from Madison Square Park and Madison Avenue. Rickard’s Madison Square Garden served primarily as an **arena** for boxing prize fights and circus events until **it** outgrew its usefulness by the late 1950s.

A new location was found for a fourth for Madison Square Garden, a top Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and plans were announced for its construction in 1960. This current edifice, which includes a huge sports arena, a bowling center, a 5,000-seat amphitheater, and a twenty-nine-storey office building, does retain the traditional name Madison Square Garden. However, the name is actually quite a misnomer. The building is not located near Madison Square, nor does it have the flowery gardens that contributed to the original name.

- The main point of this passage is that Madison Square Garden _____.
 A. was P.T. Barnum’s major accomplishment
 B. is home to many different sporting events
 C. was named after an adjacent park
 D. has had a varied history in various locations
- Which paragraph discusses the third location of Madison Square Garden?
 A. The first paragraph B. The second paragraph
 C. The third paragraph D. The last paragraph
- The word “**venue**” in paragraph 1 can be defined as _____.
 A. an exhibit of various products
 B. a conference for an environmental issue
 C. an organization owning a series of sports buildings
 D. a place where people meet for an organized event
- According to the passage, Patrick Gilmore _____.
 A. purchased the property at the corner of Madison Avenue and 26th Street in 1873
 B. named the property that he bought Madison Square Garden
 C. made improvements to the property that he bought
 D. sold the property to Cornelius Vanderbilt seven years later
- The word “**lavish**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. modest B. modern C. luxurious D. unusual
- The name Gilmore’s Gardens was used in _____.
 A. 2 years B. 4 years C. 7 years D. 11 years
- The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
 A. a circus event B. Square Garden

- C. Square Park
 D. a boxing prizefight
8. Which of the following would most likely have taken place at Rickard's Madison Square Garden?
 A. A monkey show
 B. A book fair
 C. A football match
 D. A singing contest
9. The word "arena" in paragraph 3 is most likely _____.
 A. conference
 B. an organization
 C. a stadium
 D. a competition
10. Which can be inferred about the current Madison Square Garden?
 A. It is above a transportation center.
 B. It is across from Madison Square Park.
 C. It has incredible gardens.
 D. It is on Madison Avenue.

IX. Read the passage below and fill each number blank with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in the numbered box. (20 points)

What is ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is an AI chatbot system that OpenAI released in November to (1) _____ off and test what a very large, powerful AI system can accomplish. You can ask it countless questions and often will get (2) _____ answer that's useful. For example, you can ask it encyclopedia questions like, "Explain Newton's laws of (3) _____." You can tell it, "Write me a poem,." Then, you ask it to write a computer program that (4) _____ show you all the different ways you can arrange the letters of a word.

ChatGPT doesn't (5) _____ know anything. It's an AI that's trained to recognize patterns in vast swaths of text harvested (6) _____ the Internet, then further trained with human assistance to deliver more useful, better dialog. The answers you get may sound plausible and even authoritative. (7) _____, they might well be entirely wrong, as OpenAI warns.

Chatbots have been of interest for years to companies looking for ways to help customers get (8) _____ they need and to AI researchers trying to tackle the Turing Test. That's the famous "Imitation Game" that computer scientist Alan Turing proposed in 1950 as a way to measure intelligence.

But chatbots have a lot of baggage, as companies have tried with limited success to use them (9) _____ of humans to handle customer service work. A study of 1,700 Americans, sponsored by a company called Ujet, (10) _____ technology handles customer contacts, found that 72% of people found chatbots to be a waste of time.

SECTION 5: WRITING

X. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. Write it in the space provided. (10 points)

- When she arrived at the airport, Thuy Tien, Miss Grand was warmly welcomed by her fans.
→ On her _____.
- The reason why I was given a promotion was that Laurence recommended me.
→ But _____.
- The staff hated Frank's new policies intensely and so went on strike.
→ So intense _____.
- I'm just about to give up this diet because it's not working at all.
→ I'm on the _____.
- Julia soon calmed down and explained her problem.
→ Julia soon pulled _____.

XI. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one, using the given word in bold given without changing the given word. Write it in the space provided. (10 points)

- If she hadn't interfered, there would have been no problems. **SMOOTHLY**
→ Without her _____.
- He realized how much he cared for her only when she had been away for a long time. **HOME**
→ Her prolonged _____.
- He would spend his very last penny trying to ingratiate himself with his father-in-law. **EXPENSE**
→ In his _____.

SECTION 1: LISTENING (20 points)		
2 điểm/câu đúng		
I.	1	B
	2	C
	3	B
	4	A
	5	C
II.	1	(forward) planning
	2	drawings
	3	official permission
	4	sudden storms
	5	magazines
SECTION 2: PHONETICS (10 points)		
2 điểm/câu đúng		
III. & IV.	1	C
	2	B
	3	B
	4	A
	5	D
SECTION 3: LEXICO – GRAMMAR (70 point)		
2 điểm/câu đúng		
V. & VI.	1	B
	2	A
	3	C
	4	B
	5	B
	6	D
	7	C
	8	B
	9	A
	10	D
	11	D
	12	A
	13	B
	14	B
	15	C
	16	B
	17	D
	18	A
	19	A
	20	B
	21	D
	22	B
	23	B
	24	A
	25	D
	26	D

	27	C
	28	B
	29	A
	30	A
	31	A
	32	B
	33	D
	34	C
	35	D
SECTION 4: READING (60 points) <i>2 điểm/câu đúng</i>		
VII.	1	A
	2	D
	3	D
	4	C
	5	A
	6	C
	7	C
	8	A
	9	B
	10	B
VIII.	1	D
	2	C
	3	D
	4	C
	5	C
	6	B
	7	B
	8	A
	9	C
	10	A
IX.	1	show
	2	an
	3	motion
	4	will/can
	5	exactly/precisely
	6	from/on/over
	7	However/Nevertheless/Nonetheless/Yet/Still
	8	what
	9	instead
	10	whose
SECTION 5: WRITING (40 points) <i>2 điểm/câu đúng; XII: 20 điểm</i>		
X.	1	On her arrival/arriving at the airport, Thuy Tien, Miss Grand was warmly welcome by her fans.
	2	But for Laurence's recommendation(s), I wouldn't have been given a promotion/been promoted.
		But for the/a recommendation of/from Laurence, I wouldn't have been given a promotion/been promoted.
	3	So intense was the hatred for/of Frank's new policies that the staff went on strike.
	4	I'm on the point of giving up this diet because it's not working at all.
5	Julia soon pulled herself together and explained/accounted for her problem.	

		Julia soon pulled herself together and gave/offered/provided an explanation for/of her problem.
XI.	1	Without her interference, everything would have gone/run smoothly.
	2	Her prolonged absence brought it home to him (that) how much he cared for her.
	3	In his effort/attempt to ingratiate himself with his father-in-law, no expense would be spared (by him).
	4	It is of no/little consequence to me which make of car you choose.
	5	I'm not in favor of people who often talk the hind leg(s) off a donkey.
XII.		<p><i>Paragraph writing.</i></p> <p>In about 150 words, write a paragraph about qualities you think a person needs to live in harmony in an extended family.</p> <p>Suggested marking criteria:</p> <p>1. Organization: (3 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paragraph has three parts (topic sentence, supporting sentences, concluding sentence) - The idea is parallel. <p>2. Content, coherence and cohesion: (12 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic sentence: consists of topic and controlling idea. - Supporting sentences: support directly the main idea stated in the topic sentence and provide logical, persuasive examples. - Concluding sentence: summarizes the main supporting ideas/ restates the topic sentence and gives personal opinion. - The communicating intentions are expressed sufficiently and effectively. - Appropriate transition signals. <p>3. Language use and accuracy: (5 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language for lower-secondary school students. - Good use and control of grammatical structures. - Correct use of punctuation and spelling. - Legible handwriting. <p>Penalty mark: If the whole paragraph is off topic, it gets no mark.</p> <p>Tổng điểm toàn bài: 200 điểm. Quy về thang điểm 20 (200:10 = 20)</p>