

**SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO
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**ĐỀ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI CẤP TỈNH
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Môn: **TIẾNG ANH** – Lớp: 8 THCS.

Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút.

Đề thi gồm: 08 trang.

<u>Điểm bài thi</u>	<u>Họ, tên và chữ ký 2 giám khảo</u>	SỐ PHÁCH
Bảng số:	Giám khảo 1:	
Bảng chữ:	Giám khảo 2:	

Thí sinh làm bài trực tiếp vào đề thi này

PART A. LISTENING (5.0 POINTS)

Hướng dẫn phần thi nghe hiểu:

- Nội dung phần nghe gồm 03 phần, mỗi thí sinh được nghe 2 lần, đĩa CD tự chạy.
- Mở đầu và kết thúc phần nghe có tín hiệu nhạc, hướng dẫn chi tiết đã có trong bài nghe.

I. Listen to Dawn talking about her trip to California. Decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F). (1.0 point)

Statements	Answer
Question 1. Dawn booked the concert ticket over the phone.	
Question 2. Dawn's plane ticket cost £350.	
Question 3. Dawn stayed in a family friend's home.	
Question 4. Dawn thought the concert was not very good.	
Question 5. Most of the time, Dawn was on the beach.	

II. You will listen to the conversation between two friends. Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer. (2.0 points)

Question 1. Who is Mike talking about?

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| A. his roommate | B. his study |
| C. his landlady | D. his neighbor |

Question 2. What is the first complaint about Mike?

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| A. the security | B. noise |
| C. the bathroom | D. the front door |

Question 3. Mike often talks about

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| A. his difficulties at his house | B. finding a place to live |
| C. the parties he went to | D. his friend's house |

Question 4. Mike wants to move, but he wants to live

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| A. alone | B. in a quiet place |
| C. near the school | D. with his parents |

Question 5. How many people live in Tom's house besides Tom?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

Question 6. The expenses which Tom and his housemates share do not include

- A. food
- B. rent
- C. light
- D. heating

Question 7. If Mike goes to live with Tom, he will likely have

- A. more food
- B. more expense
- C. more noise
- D. more freedom

Question 8. What day is it when Tom and Mike are talking?

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Friday

Question 9. On what date will Jane vacate her room?

- A. 22nd
- B. 12th
- C. 25th
- D. 29th

Question 10. When is Mike moving into the house?

- A. the day before Jane leaves
- B. the day after Jane leaves
- C. the day Jane leaves
- D. two days after Jane leaves

III. Listen to the recording. Complete the notes below. Write only ONE WORD or A NUMBER for each answer. (2.0 points)

TAUBER INSURANCE Co.	
<i>Example</i>	<i>Answer</i> vehicle
Insurance type:	
Policy :	(1)
Make & Model:	Masda Marvel
Engine size:	(2)cc
Name:	Lisa Marie Heathcote
Date of Birth:	(3) 22nd of - 1955
Password:	(4) Jack
Change valuation?	yes NO
Reduce value to:	(5) \$
NOTES TO BE ADDED TO POLICY:	
Add new driver:	
Name:	Samuel Michaels
Age:	28
Relationship to main driver:	
	(6)
Reason:	
	(7)
Client/new driver to provide:	
	Verified (8)of driver's license
	Clean driving (9)
Start date:	(10)cover for 2 weeks from today
	Full cover when paperwork approved

PART B. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (5.0 POINTS)

I. Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following sentences. (2.0 points)

Question 1. For _____ in car design, you really need to keep it simple.

- A. long B. length C. longevity D. lengthen

Question 2. I'd like to _____ an appointment to see the doctor.

- A. do B. say C. organize D. make

Question 3: _____ have tried their best to protect the environment, but their efforts seem to be nothing compared to what people are doing to harm it.

- A. Poachers B. Industrialists C. Conservationists D. Producers

Question 4. _____ more help, I would call my neighbor.

- A. Needed B. Should I need C. I have needed D. I should need

Question 5. Here's the list of _____ friendly products we love.

- A. environmentally B. environment C. environmental D. environmentalist

Question 6. _____ my brother, who always fails to finish English tests, I am quite good at this subject.

- A. Dislike B. Alike C. Like D. Unlike

Question 7. The government are doing a _____ of people's changing habits.

- A. plan B. project C. survey D. research

Question 8. The gradual rise in the Earth's temperature is known as _____.

- A. greenhouse effect B. global warming C. ozone layer D. acid rain

Question 9. Marie Curie was the first woman _____ two Nobel prizes.

- A. who awarded B. to be awarded C. awarding D. that was awarding

Question 10. Peter: "Would you mind putting the parcel in the post for me?"

Mary: "_____"

- A. Don't mention it. B. Yes, I would. I'll do it now.
C. Not at all. I'll do it today. D. Yes, of course.

II. Give the correct form of the words given. Write your answers in the blanks. (2.0 points)

Question 1: The _____ of lakes, rivers, oceans or underwater causes water pollution.	CONTAMINATE
Question 2: The old theatre of our city is being enlarged and _____.	MODERN
Question 3: Players go online simultaneously and play _____ in a virtual world.	INTERACT
Question 4: Travelling in big cities is becoming more _____ every day.	TROUBLE
Question 5: George and I have been friends since _____. He used to live next door.	CHILD
Question 6: Peter fell off the ladder, but his _____ were not very serious.	INJURE
Question 7: _____ a person who enjoys shopping very much and does it a lot.	SHOP
Question 8: As the course becomes more difficult, there's usually a corresponding drop in _____.	ATTEND
Question 9: Naturally, as is the tradition, we will also take care of farmers in _____ areas and less fertile regions - that is all that is needed!	MOUNTAIN
Question 10: He was the _____ for the Mamaroneck Tigers baseball team.	ANNOUNCE

III. Complete each sentence with the correct form of ONE of the phrasal verbs below. Write your answers in the blank. Each verb is used ONLY once. (1.0 point).

<i>keep up with</i>	<i>run out of</i>	<i>look on</i>	<i>make out</i>	<i>give off</i>
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Question 1. The firefighters fought the blaze while the crowd was _____ it.

Question 2. I think we maybe _____ natural resources in the future.

Question 3. Those workers are in difficulty because wage increases cannot _____ inflation.

Question 4. The small white flowers are my favorite. They _____ a wonderful honey smell that scents the entire garden.

Question 5. I couldn't _____ what he had talked about because I was not used to his accent.

PART C. READING (5.0 POINTS)

I. Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in the blanks (1.0 point)

EXERCISE

Exercise is good for our body, but do you know that exercise is also good for our mind? A recent research has indicated that regular exercise (1) _____ our mind feel better. Doing exercise (2) _____ our mood and gives us the confidence to encounter whatever difficulty that we meet in our life. Some studies show that it also enhances the functioning of your brain. When we are physically active, our body releases (3) _____ known as “endorphins”. These chemicals are our body’s (4) _____ painkillers and stress reducers. They diminish anger, anxiety, and depression and produce a sense of well-being. Meanwhile, other studies have reviewed that even short time of moderate exercise can improve our outlook on life and make us less anxious. Whether we take a ten-minute walk, do a little jumping, or cycle around the block, we will feel the benefit (5) _____ physically and emotionally.

(Adapted from <https://health.gov/news/202112>)

II. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the blanks. (2.0 points)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Earth is the only place we know of in the universe that can support human life. (1) _____, human activities are making the planet less fit to live on. As the western world (2) _____ on consuming two-thirds of the world's resources while half of the world's population do so just to stay alive we are rapidly destroying the (3) _____ resource we have by which all people can survive and prosper. Everywhere fertile soil is (4) _____ built on or washed into the sea. Renewable resources are exploited so much that they will never be able to recover (5) _____. We discharge pollutants into the atmosphere without any thought of the consequences. As a (6) _____ the planet's ability to support people is being reduced at the very time when rising human numbers and consumption are (7) _____ increasingly heavy demands on it.

The Earth's (8) _____ resources are there for us to use. We need food, water, air, energy, medicines, warmth, shelter and minerals to (9) _____ us fed, comfortable, healthy and active. If we are sensible in how we use the resources, they will (10) _____ indefinitely. But if we use them wastefully and excessively, they will soon run out and everyone will suffer.

(Adapted from FCE reading and Use of English)

Question 1: A. Although	B. Despite	C. Therefore	D. However
Question 2: A. continues	B. repeats	C. follows	D. carries
Question 3: A. individually	B. alone	C. lonely	D. solitary
Question 4: A. neither	B. sooner	C. rather	D. either
Question 5: A. utterly	B. completely	C. quietly	D. greatly
Question 6: A. result	B. reaction	C. development	D. product
Question 7: A. making	B. doing	C. having	D. taking
Question 8: A. natural	B. unlimited	C. dangerous	D. alternative
Question 9: A. maintain	B. stay	C. hold	D. keep
Question 10: A. remain	B. go	C. last	D. stand

III. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions (2.0 points)

New surveys suggest that the technological tools we use to make our lives easier are killing our leisure time. We are working longer hours, taking fewer and shorter vacations (and when we do go away, we take our cell phones, PDAs, and laptops along). And, we are more stressed than ever as increased use of e-mail, voice mail, cell phones, and the Internet is destroying any idea of privacy and leisure.

Since the Industrial Revolution, people have assumed that new labor-saving devices would free them from the burdens of the workplace and give them more time to grow intellectually, creatively, and socially – exploring the arts, keeping up with current events, spending more time with friends and family, and even just ‘goofing off’.

But here we are at the start of the 21st century, enjoying one of the greatest technological boom times in human history, and nothing could be further from the truth. The very tools that were supposed to liberate us have bound us to our work and study in ways that were inconceivable just a few years ago. It would seem that technology almost never does what we expect.

In ‘the old days’, the lines between work and leisure time were markedly clearer. People left their offices at a predictable time, were often completely disconnected from and out of touch with their jobs as they traveled to and from work, and were off-duty once they were home. That is no longer true. In today’s highly competitive job market, employers demand increased productivity, expecting workers to put in longer hours and to keep in touch almost constantly via fax, cell phones, e-mail, or other communications devices. As a result, employees feel the need to check in on what is going on at the office, even on days off. They feel pressured to work after hours just to catch up on everything they have to do. Workers work harder and longer, change their work tasks more frequently, and have more and more reasons to worry about job security.

Bosses, colleagues, family members, lovers, and friends expect instant responses to voice mail and e-mail messages. Even college students have become bound to their desks by an environment in which faculty, friends, and other members of the college community increasingly do their work online. Studies of time spent on instant messaging services would probably show staggering use.

This is not what technology was supposed to be doing for us. New technologies, from genetic research to the Internet, offer all sorts of benefits and opportunities. But, when new tools make life more difficult and stressful rather than easier and more meaningful – and we are, as a society, barely conscious of it – then something has gone seriously awry, both with our expectations for technology and our understanding of how it should benefit us.

(Adapted from “Summit I” by Joan Saslow & Allen Ascher)

1. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about technological tools, according to new surveys?
 - A. They make our life more stressful.
 - B. They are used even during vacations.
 - C. They bring more leisure to our life.
 - D. They are being increasingly used
2. Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?
 - A. Employees were supposed to make technology do what they expected.
 - B. People now enjoy greater freedom thanks to the technological boom.
 - C. Students used to have to study more about technological advances.
 - D. People have more opportunities to get access to technological applications.
3. The word “inconceivable” in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.
 - A. unimaginable
 - B. unforgettable
 - C. predictable
 - D. foreseeable
4. According to the first three paragraphs, technological tools that were designed to make our lives easier _____.
 - A. have brought us complete happiness
 - B. have turned out to do us more harm than good
 - C. have not interfered with our privacy
 - D. have fully met our expectations
5. With the phrase “at a predictable time”, the author implies that _____.
 - A. people had to predict the time they were allowed to leave offices
 - B. people wanted to be completely disconnected from their work
 - C. people used to have more time and privacy after work
 - D. people were unable to foresee their working hours
6. It can be inferred from the fourth paragraph that _____.
 - A. life is more relaxing with cell phones and other technological devices
 - B. it is compulsory that employees go to the office, even on days off
 - C. employees have more freedom to decide what time they start and finish work
 - D. employers are more demanding and have efficient means to monitor employees
7. The word “They” in the fourth paragraph refers to _____.
 - A. workers
 - B. employees
 - C. employers
 - D. tasks
8. Which of the following could be the main idea of the fifth paragraph?
 - A. New technological advances have added more stress to daily life.
 - B. New technological advances have reduced work performance.
 - C. New technological applications are wise entertainment choices of our modern time.
 - D. The coming of new technological advances has spoiled family and social relationships.
9. This passage has probably been taken from _____.
 - A. a political journal
 - B. an advertisement
 - C. a science review
 - D. a fashion magazine
10. Which of the following could best serve as the title of the passage?
 - A. Benefits of Technology
 - B. Expectations and Plain Reality
 - C. Research on the Roles of Computers
 - D. Changes at the Workplace

PART D. WRITING (5.0 points)

I. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the cues at the beginning of each sentence. Write your answers in the spaces provided. (1.4 points)

Question 1. It is said that the robber was caught while climbing up a fence.

The robber

Question 2. It may rain hard this afternoon, so take the raincoat with you.

In case

Question 3. He was annoyed because his secretary came late for work.

He objected

Question 4. The children were so excited that they talked about the show all night long.

Such

Question 5. The meeting will end before we reach the school.

By the

Question 6. It was careless of you to leave the windows open last night.

You shouldn't

Question 7. Jack doesn't know all the answers, though he pretends to.

Jack acts as

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one, using the word given. Do not change the given words in brackets. You must use NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS, including the given word. (1.6 points)

Question 1. 'Don't sit in front of the computer for too long,' our teacher told us. (**warned**)

Our teacher in front of the computer for too long.

Question 2. I couldn't understand the instructions for this new gadget. (**sense**)

The instructions this new gadget didn't me.

Question 3. He described the hotel to us in detail. (**detailed**)

He of the hotel.

Question 4. I don't recommend hiring skis at this shop. (**advisable**)

It's skis at this shop.

Question 5. Mike's father started the company that Mike now runs. (**set**)

The company that Mike now runs his father.

Question 6. The number of car owners has risen over the past five years. (**rise**)

Over the past five years, there in the number of car owners.

Question 7. Naomi said that she would never talk to anyone else about the matter. (**discuss**)

Naomi promised never anyone else.

Question 8. No one else in the class is as good at chess as Tim. (**second**)

Tim is in the class.

III. Paragraph writing:

In many countries, schools have started to include online learning as part of their curriculum. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

Write a paragraph of 150-180 words to state your ideas. (2.0 points)

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