

ĐỀ THI CHỌN ĐỘI TUYỂN HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 9

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PART ONE. LISTENING (10 pts)

SECTION I. Listen to the recording carefully and write down the missing words on your answer sheet.

Whales are large, intelligent mammals that live in oceans. They are not fish. They breathe air through (1)_____ into lungs. Whales have sleek, (2)_____ that move easily through the water. They live their entire lives in the water and are the only mammals that have (3)_____ in the open oceans. Like all mammals, whales are (4)_____, which means they maintain a high (5)_____ and have mammary glands to (6)_____. Whales also have some hair although much less than land mammals. The largest whale is the blue whale, which grows to be about (7)_____ – the height of a nine-story building. It is larger than any of the dinosaurs, making it the largest animal that (8)_____ on Earth.

Whales hunted for their meat and the oil that could be (9)_____ them. The oil was used to make wax for candles and as fuel in lamps. During the 17th and 18th centuries, some species of whales were hunted (10)_____ for their oil.

SECTION II. Listen to the recording. For questions 11 - 15, choose the option (A, B, C, or D) which best completes the blank space or best answers the question.

11. What shop did the robbers break into?
A. a butcher's B. a chemist's C. a grocer's D. a boutique
12. What were the men armed with?
A. explosives B. rifles C. machine guns D. shot-guns
13. Which of the following is NOT true about the incident?
A. The men were chased across a field. B. One police officer was hurt.
C. The men tried to escape in a car. D. The men were arrested.
14. How many breeds of dog were there at the show?
A. 120 B. 144 C. 14 D. 10,000
15. The champion dog may earn a lot of money in _____.
A. other dog competitions B. dog fashion shows
C. dog racing D. breeding and advertising

SECTION III. Listen to the recording. Give **brief answers** to the questions.

16. What does Ushi do in her work now?
17. Why is Ushi unusual?
18. What is the second reason for people living long in Okinawa?
19. What does Ushi eat for breakfast?
20. Who does Ushi spend the afternoon with?

PART TWO. Multiple choice (20 pts)

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentence.

1. You're late again! You _____ your house early enough to avoid the traffic.
A. must have left B. needn't have left C. should have left D. oughtn't to have left
2. Their house is _____ from school.
A. far B. long C. lengthy D. a long way
3. Had it not been for her patient assistance, we _____ the assignment.
A. couldn't have finished B. didn't finish
C. wouldn't have been finished D. needn't have finished
4. It's pointless _____ that stubborn guy.
A. persuading B. of you persuading C. that you persuade D. to persuade
5. You can win this important match _____ you don't make silly mistakes.
A. in case B. if only C. unless D. as long as
6. The little boy did nothing but _____ during the party.
A. crying B. cry C. to cry D. for crying
7. Consumers are getting more and more _____.
A. environment awareness B. aware environmental C. environmental aware D. environmentally aware
8. Either the cook or the waiters _____ responsible for the broken plates.
A. were B. was C. has been D. are being
9. Come to my farewell party, _____?
A. do you B. don't you C. should you D. would you

10. _____ past a water pipe when it fell into another yet again.
 A. Hardly the bird flew
 B. No sooner had the bird flown
 C. Barely had the bird flown
 D. Under no circumstances did the bird fly
11. We are totally in _____ of our father
 A. awe
 B. respect
 C. admiration
 D. affection
12. That young lady has a(n) _____ for making people feel really special.
 A. ability
 B. way
 C. knack
 D. ingenuity
13. You should employ a more _____ secretary than the one you currently have.
 A. deficient
 B. effective
 C. sufficient
 D. efficient
14. Several passengers received minor injuries when the train unexpectedly came to a _____.
 A. delay
 B. stand
 C. brake
 D. halt
15. These stiff trainers take weeks to _____.
 A. look through
 B. put up with
 C. take to
 D. break in
16. I can't understand why she always _____ the kids.
 A. gets down on
 B. falls back on
 C. comes down with
 D. cuts down on
17. There are a few _____ which will help you in painting a room.
 A. eyes in the back of your head
 B. cuts and pastes
 C. tricks of the trade
 D. kicks in the teeth
18. Scientists warn that global warming will soon reach _____.
 A. a comedy of errors
 B. the border crossing
 C. the red light
 D. a point of no return
19. _ A: "Would you mind turning off the TV set?" _ B: "_____"
 A. Of course! I will.
 B. Oh, nothing more to say.
 C. Another time perhaps!
 D. I'd rather you did it yourself!
20. _ A: "Shall we go out for a walk?" _ B: "_____"
 A. A piece of cake!
 B. Might as well!
 C. Not at all!
 D. Let me do it!

PART THREE. Word Forms (10 pts)

Use the correct form of the word given to fill in each blank.

1. Sports _____ is very often used in advertising nowadays. (*image*)
 2. Nadal received the silver plate for the runner-up with a _____ smile. (*force*)
 3. This is an effective device that _____ your motorbike if anyone tries to steal it. (*mobile*)
 4. That poor old man now suffers from hearing _____. (*impair*)
 5. Don't you think she is _____? She **always** looks good in her photographs. (*photo*)
 6. The history of the territory is _____ illustrated in the book. (*picture*)
 7. That fruit is _____; I can't bear the smell of it. (*foul*)
 8. He decides that after his retirement he will practice _____. (*husband*)
 9. There was a time when we were all young and _____. (*ideal*)
 10. I can get it done by Monday next week at the _____. (*early*)

PART FOUR. CLOZE TESTS (30 pts)

Read the passage and choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each blank space.

PASSAGE A

To make a career and (1)_____ a living is very important in a life. You have to be very (2)_____ in deciding a career and you can find help doing that over here.

Career choice made turns the life of a person in full (3)_____. Although salaries (4)_____, if you get into a field which you love, you will be happy all your life. On the other hand if you just work for those extra (5)_____ alone, you have to regret a lot.

Many experts predict the (6)_____ of new roles in the coming years with specialized educational courses (7)_____ to serve the industry. The job market has become very (8)_____ over the years and you have to be very careful when deciding your job role or a course that qualifies you for it.

You have got a wide (9)_____ of options to choose your career from, which is a(n) (10)_____ of globalization and, it is as important to know how the career tests for each course look like. So, it's imperative that you need career (11)_____ from experts to scrap off all the misconceived (12)_____ to opt for a job that suits your skills.

The educational qualifications provide a (13)_____ which lets you (14)_____ on the desired roles and hence guidance for that too is quite necessary along with proper (15)_____ as the course and the institution which offers the course is to be evaluated based on various factors.

1. A for
 B thus
 C so
 D then
2. A reluctant
 B offensive
 C complacent
 D objective
3. A length
 B term
 C measure
 D degree

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| 4. A matter | B raise | C rise | D account |
| 5. A costs | B bucks | C expenses | D spendings |
| 6. A disappearance | B finding | C emergence | D development |
| 7. A aiming | B running | C initiating | D evolving |
| 8. A stagnant | B dynamic | C depressing | D perilous |
| 9. A variation | B range | C coverage | D curve |
| 10. A impact | B root | C motive | D obstacle |
| 11. A prospect | B choice | C counseling | D advancement |
| 12. A connotations | B passions | C visions | D notions |
| 13. A stage | B platform | C arena | D ring |
| 14. A look | B cascade | C embark | D call |
| 15. A coaching | B facilitating | C handling | D exploiting |

Fill in each of the blanks in the following passage with ONE suitable word.

PASSAGE B

Nowadays people depend on unlimited energy to power their everyday lives. A wide (1)_____ of energy-run devices and modern conveniences are (2)_____ for granted, and although it may seem that we will never be in (3)_____ of living without those conveniences, the fact is that many (4)_____ of energy are dwindling rapidly. Scientist are constantly (5)_____ for new sources of power to keep modern society (6)_____. Whether future populations will continue to (7)_____ the benefits of abundant energy will depend on the (8)_____ of this search.

Coal, oil, and natural gas supply modern civilization with most of (9)_____ power. However, not only (10)_____ supplies of these fuels limited, but they are a major source of pollution. If the energy (11)_____ of the future are to be met without seriously (12)_____ the environment, existing alternative energy sources must be improved or (13)_____ explored and developed. These (14)_____ nuclear, water, solar, wind, and geothermal power, as well as energy from new nonpolluting types of fuels. Each of these (15)_____, however, has advantages and disadvantages.

PART FIVE. Reading Comprehension (10 pts)

Choose the item (A, B, C or D) that best completes the unfinished statement about the passage.

The development of jazz can be seen as part of the larger continuum of American popular music, especially dance music. In the twenties, jazz became the hottest new thing in dance music, much as ragtime had at the turn of the century, and as would rhythm and blues in the fifties, rock in the fifties, and disco in the seventies.

But two characteristics distinguish jazz from other dance music. The first is **improvisation**, the changing of a musical phrase according to the player's inspiration. Like all artists, jazz musicians strive for an individual style, and the improvised or paraphrased is a jazz musician's main opportunity to display his or her individuality. In early jazz, musicians often improvised melodies collectively, thus creating a kind of **polyphony**. There was little soloing as such, although some New Orleans players, particularly **cornet player** Buddy Bolden, achieved local fame for their ability to improvise a solo. Later the idea of the chorus-long or **multichorus** solo took hold. Louis Armstrong's instrumental brilliance, demonstrated through extended solos, was a major influence in this development.

Even in the early twenties, however, some jazz bands had featured soloists. Similarly, show orchestras and carnival bands often included one or two such "**get-off**" musicians. Unimproved, completely structured jazz does exist, but the ability of the best jazz musicians to create music of great **cohesion** and beauty during performance has been a hallmark of the music and its major source of inspiration and change.

The second distinguishing characteristic of jazz is a rhythmic drive that was **initially** called "hot" and later "swing". In playing hot, a musician **consciously** departs from strict meter to create a relaxed sense of phrasing that also emphasizes the underlying rhythms. ("Rough" tone and use of moderate vibrato also contributed to a hot sound.) Not all jazz is hot, however, many early bands played **unadorned** published arrangements of popular songs. Still, the proclivity to play hot distinguished the jazz musician from other instrumentalists.

- The passage answers which of the following questions?
 - Which early jazz musicians most Influenced rhythm and blues music?
 - What are the differences between jazz and other forms of music?
 - Why is dancing closely related to popular music in the United States?
 - What instruments comprised a typical jazz band of the 1920's?

2. Which of the following preceded jazz as a popular music for dancing?
 A. Disco B. Rock C. Rhythm and blues D. Ragtime
3. According to the passage, jazz musicians are able to demonstrate their individual artistry mainly by?
 A. creating musical variations while performing B. preparing musical arrangements
 C. reading music with great skill D. being able to play all types of popular music
4. Which of the following was the function of "get-off" musicians (line 14)?
 A. Assist the other band members in packing up after a performance
 B. Teach dance routines created for new music
 C. Lead the band
 D. Provide solo performances in a band or orchestra
5. The word **cohesion** in the passage is closest in meaning to
 A. sorrow B. fame C. unity D. vibration
6. The word **initially** in the passage is closest in meaning to
 A. at first B. shortly C. alphabetically D. in fact
7. The word **consciously** in the passage is closest in meaning to
 A. carelessly B. easily C. periodically D. purposely
8. The word **unadorned** in passage is closest in meaning to
 A. lovely B. plain C. disorganized D. inexpensive
9. Which of the following terms is defined in the passage?
 A. "improvisation" (line 5) B. "polyphony" (line 8) C. "cornet player" (line 9) D. "multichorus" (line 11)
10. The topic of the passage is developed primarily by means of
 A. dividing the discussion into two major areas B. presenting contrasting points of view
 C. providing biographies of famous musician D. describing historical events in sequence

PART SIX: SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION (20 points)

Rewrite each sentence in such a way that it means almost the same as the one printed before it. Use the word in brackets without making any change to it.

1. The singer's popularity suffered as a result of the scandal. (effect)
 → The scandal _____
2. Customs officials are stopping more travelers than usual this week. (searched)
 → An increased _____
3. The teachers agreed to introduce the new method. (bring)
 → There was _____
4. Those stores will probably accept a credit card instead of cash. (alternative)
 → It is _____
5. They say he has been to prison several times. (reputed)
 → He _____
6. They decided not to go by boat because they thought they would be seasick. (fear)
 → _____
7. I have two brothers; they do not work as a teacher. (whom)
 → I have _____
8. Right after the teacher finished the question, Katie gave an excellent answer. (came)
 → No _____
9. They are archrivals, but they are friendly to each other. (way)
 → In spite _____
10. You should do anything to reduce smoking. (lengths)
 → It is _____

THE END OF THE TEST

