

**SỞ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO NINH BÌNH
NHÓM 05 TRƯỜNG THPT**

ĐỀ THI THỬ LẦN 3

**KỶ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 12 CẤP
TỈNH**

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*Thời gian làm bài: 60 phút, không kể thời gian giao đề
(Đề thi gồm: 06 trang)*

Họ tên thí sinh: **SBD:**

I. LISTENING

Listen to the talk. Choose the correct option to answer each of the questions.

Question 1: 'Connection' is an organisation that supports _____.

- A. homestays B. hotels C. shopping malls D. local restaurants

Question 2: The host families will _____.

- A. earn a big money B. receive no pay C. get promotional gifts D. receive stable pay

Question 3: What is the guest expected to overcome when suffering from culture shock?

- A. feeling loneliness B. language barriers
C. eating local foods D. difficulty to make friends

Question 4: What can the guests do if they want to become familiar with host families?

- A. talk about personal interests B. clean their rooms
C. cook together D. go on a picnic at the weekend

Question 5: What's likely to happen to the guests in the long run?

- A. They will gain overseas experience. B. They will know more about different countries.
C. They will enhance cultural understanding. D. They will learn more about the history of the town.

Listen to the conversation between Professor Jones and her students. Choose the correct option to answer each of the questions.

Question 6: Professor Jones thinks that Mark will ask for more time for his essay because _____.

- A. two other students have already asked her B. her students never plan their assignments
C. most students have handed in their assignments D. Mark is always late with his assignments

Question 7: How many times has Mark asked for an extension before?

- A. None B. Only once C. Twice D. Three times

Question 8: Mark needs an extension because _____.

- A. he was sick and went to the doctor B. he had a problem with his computer
C. his brother had a personal problem D. his room needs to be renovated

Question 9: Mark didn't come to see Professor Jones a week ago because _____.

- A. he thought his writing was very bad B. he sent his writing to his friends for feedback
C. he wanted to keep his grade point average D. he planned to finish the essay on time

Question 10: Which rule below is correct?

- A. Students ask at least 3 days before the essay is due.
B. Students fill out a form and then email it.
C. Students make an appointment with teacher before sending email.
D. Students discuss with teacher about the handbook in person.

II. LANGUAGE IN USE -READING

Read the following brochure and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 11 to 16.

Extend Your Cruise with 2 nights in Toronto

Explore cosmopolitan Toronto, one of Canada's most diverse and exciting cities. Embark on a panoramic journey through the capital of Ontario, pass (11) _____ and discover Canada's renowned Group of Seven painters at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Day 1 - Toronto, Ontario

Leave your ship and set out on a scenic tour (12) _____ such highlights as the iconic Toronto City Hall, the lakefront, the Financial District with its gleaming skyscrapers and Ontario's Legislative Building. After check-in at your hotel, relax or continue exploring Toronto on your own. Your Viking Host is available to help you plan your time so that you can (13) _____ the most of your visit.

Day 2 - Toronto, Ontario

This morning, arrive at the renowned Art Gallery of Ontario, home to Canada's greatest art (14) _____. The museum's highlight is the work created by the renowned Group of Seven, an early 20th-century national art movement pioneered by several Canadian painters. Follow your guided tour and enjoy free time to further explore this (15) _____ art. Afterward, the remainder of the day and evening are yours to spend at leisure.

Day 3 - Toronto, Ontario

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and (16) _____ to the airport for your flight home.

(Adapted from <https://www.vikingcruises.com>)

Question 11: A. huge landmarks iconic

B. huge iconic landmarks

C. huge landmarks iconic

D. iconic huge landmarks

Question 12: A. featured

B. featuring

C. having featured

D. to feature

Question 13: A. take

B. turn

C. make

D. show

Question 14: A. collection

B. collect

C. collective

D. collectively

Question 15: A. mesmerizing

B. uncongenial

C. volatile

D. resilient

Question 16: A. disperse

B. deliver

C. transfer

D. radiate

Read the following review and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 17 to 22.

SOFTWARE AND AI IN PIXEL 10 PRO FOLD

Google makes the smartest phone software in the business, in more ways than one. Here on the Pixel 10 Pro Fold, its powerful Android 16 (17) _____ system has room to breathe, with most of Google's apps and menus making excellent use of the larger internal display through extra elements and preview panes.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is more tightly integrated here than in any other foldable, with Google's Gemini assistant permanently on hand to (18) _____ your screen for information. It can also help you check your email for dinner reservations or even (19) _____ a back-and-forth discussion about the merits of a YouTube video.

Magic Cue is a new feature that promises to work across apps to pull out relevant information and place it (20) _____ your fingertips when you need it most. I, however, haven't really noticed it working as advertised in several months with the Pixel 10 series. (21) _____, I don't think it's quite where it needs to be right now.

(22) _____ advantages to using Google's refined Android OS include a blissful lack of duplicate and third-party apps cluttering up the home screen, as well as the company's pioneering provision of seven years of software upgrades.

(Adapted from <https://www.telegraph.co.uk>)

Question 17: A. retaining

B. competing

C. translating

D. operating

Question 18: A. scour

B. twist

C. bear

D. curve

Question 19: A. settle down

B. answer back

C. enter into

D. account for

Question 20: A. on

B. at

C. with

D. by

Question 21: A. Therefore

B. Nonetheless

C. In addition

D. Or else

Question 22: A. Another

B. Other

C. The other

D. Others

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 23 to 27.

Every year millions of migrants travel vast distances using borrowed money for their airfares and taking little or no cash with them. They seek a decent job to support themselves with money left over that they can send home to their families in developing countries. These remittances exceeded \$400 billion last year. (23) _____, but it all adds up to about triple the amount officially spent on development aid.

In some of the poorer, unstable or conflict-torn countries, these sums of money are a lifeline – the only salvation for those left behind. (24) _____. Then again, the cash might simply be an exchange for earlier services rendered by the recipients or it could be intended for investment by the recipients. Often it will be repayment of a loan (25) _____.

At the first sign of trouble, political or financial upheaval, these personal sources of support do not suddenly dry up like official investment monies. (26) _____. Unlike development aid, which is channeled through government or other official agencies, (27) _____. Thus, they serve an insurance role, responding in a countercyclical way to political and economic crises.

(Adapted from *Road to IELTS reading*)

Question 23:

A. The actual rate applied to each person is no less than \$200 per month

B. The actual rate is determined to be \$200 per month for one person

- C. It is true that the actual rate per person is only about \$200 per month
D. The true borrowing rate for one actual person is just \$200 per month

Question 24:

- A. The decision to send money home is often inspired by an unselfish desire to help others.
B. The unselfish desire to send money home inspires changes in helping other people.
C. One's decision to send more money home inspires the unselfish to help other families.
D. To consistently send money home, unselfish people desire to help younger generations.

Question 25:

- A. to resettle the migrants who are financed to travel
B. the migrant's resettlement uses to finance and travel
C. the migrants used to resettle their travelling finance
D. used to finance the migrant's travel and resettlement

Question 26:

- A. In order to ease the hardship and suffering, they will actually increase support for migrants' families.
B. Actually, they increase in order to ease the hardship and suffering of the migrants' families.
C. They actually increase the hardship and suffering faced by migrants' families since no effort is made.
D. To ease the hardship and suffering of migrants' families, they will, actually, increase funding.

Question 27:

- A. those who are in need go straight to remittances B. remittances go straight to those in need
C. those going straight to remittances are in need D. going straight to remittances is in need

Read the following passage about coffee and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 28 to 35.

Hormones in the Body

Until the beginning of the twentieth century, the nervous system was thought to control all communication within the body and the resulting integration of behavior. Scientists had determined that nerves ran, essentially, on electrical impulses. These impulses were thought to be the **engine** for thought, emotion, movement, and internal processes such as digestion. However, experiments by William Bayliss and Ernest Starling on the chemical secretin, which is produced in the small intestine when food enters the stomach, eventually challenged that view. From the small intestine, secretin travels through the bloodstream to the pancreas. There, **it** stimulates the release of digestive chemicals. In this fashion, the intestinal cells that produce secretin ultimately regulate the production of different chemicals in a different organ, the pancreas.

Such a coordination of processes had been thought to require control by the nervous system; Bayliss and Starling showed that it could occur through chemicals alone. This discovery **spurred** Starling to coin the term *hormone* to refer to secretin, taking it from the Greek word *hormnon*, meaning "to excite" or "to set in motion." A hormone is a chemical produced by one tissue to make things happen elsewhere.

As more hormones were discovered, they were categorized, primarily according to the process by which they operated on the body. Some glands (which make up the endocrine system) secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream. Such glands include the thyroid and the pituitary. The exocrine system consists of organs and glands that produce substances that are used outside the bloodstream, primarily for digestion. The pancreas is one such organ, although it secretes some chemicals into the blood and thus is also part of the endocrine system.

Much has been learned about hormones since their discovery. Some play such key roles in regulating bodily processes or behavior that their absence would cause immediate death. **The most abundant hormones have effects that are less obviously urgent but can be more far-reaching and difficult to track: They modify moods and affect human behavior, even some behavior we normally think of as voluntary.** Hormonal systems are very intricate. Even minute amounts of the right chemicals can suppress appetite, calm aggression, and change the attitude of a parent toward a child. Certain hormones accelerate the development of the body, regulating growth and form; others may even define an individual's personality characteristics. The quantities and proportions of hormones produced change with age, so scientists have given a great deal of study to shifts in the endocrine system over time in the hopes of alleviating ailments associated with aging.

(Adapted from *Cracking the TOEFL IBT*)

Question 28: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as an effect of hormones?

- A. Hormones can control appetite. B. Hormones increase the development of the body.
C. Hormones change the aging process. D. Hormones may define personality characteristics.

Question 29: The word **engine** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to

- A. desire B. origin C. science D. chemical

Question 30: The word **it** in the passage refers to

A. secretin B. small intestine C. bloodstream D. pancreas

Question 31: The word spurred in the passage is OPOSITE in meaning to

A. revived B. endured C. condensed D. deterred

Question 32: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

A. Most moods and actions are not voluntary because they are actually produced by the production of hormones in the body.

B. Because the effects of hormones are difficult to measure, scientists remain unsure how far-reaching their effects on moods and actions are.

C. When the body is not producing enough hormones, urgent treatment may be necessary to avoid psychological damage.

D. The influence of many hormones is not easy to measure, but they can affect both people's psychology and actions extensively.

Question 33: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

A. There is little knowledge about hormones has been learned since Bayliss and Starling's discovery.

B. A body part can be affected by hormones released by tissues somewhere else in the body.

C. The exocrine system consists of glands producing substances that are used inside the bloodstream.

D. Secretin travels from the pancreas through the bloodstream to the small intestine.

Question 34: In which part of the text does the author explain the origin of a scientific term?

A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Question 35: In which part of the text does the author mention the criteria used to classify hormones?

A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Read the following passage about coffee and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 36 to 45.

HUMAN MIGRATION

The long-term movement of individuals, families, or larger groups to a new location outside their community of origin is known as migration. Human migration occurs on various geographic scales: from one continent or country to another, between regions within a single country, and from one city neighborhood to another. Several factors stimulate migration, including economic conditions, political conflict, war, cultural circumstances, and environmental factors.

People migrate from source to destination in well-defined streams. [I] Many migration streams actually consist of a series of stages, a phenomenon known as step migration. For example, a peasant family from the countryside is likely to move first to a village, then to a nearby town, later to a city, and finally to a metropolis—the capital or the largest city in the region. [II] The intensity of a migration stream depends on such factors as the physical distance and the degree of difference between the source and the destination. It also depends on the flow of information from the destination back to the source. [III] People are likely to have more complete and accurate information about nearby places than about places that are farther away. [IV]

The decision to move is the result of various stimuli, which social scientists classify as “push” and “pull” factors. Push factors are the conditions that impel people to leave their home communities. The lack of jobs or educational opportunities, political fear, ethnic or religious discrimination, and natural disasters are all examples of push factors. Pull factors are the circumstances that attract people to certain destinations, such as better living standards, the chance of getting a job, and family connections. **The circumstances that induce people to move from one part of the world to another - economic, political, and environmental conditions - usually involve a combination of push and pull factors.** Because people are usually more familiar with their home community than with a desired destination, they are likely to understand push factors more accurately than pull factors. Pull factors tend to be more vague, and people often have little or no firsthand experience with **them**.

Economic conditions are a leading factor in human migration. Throughout history, poverty has driven millions of people from their homelands. Industrialization has attracted populations to urban areas in search of economic opportunity. The flow from farms or villages to the expanding metropolitan and industrial centers has occurred both within and between countries. Today, perceived opportunities in destinations such as Western Europe and North America encourage numerous migrants to search for a better life. Some workers migrate only seasonally or **provisionally**. Especially in newly industrializing areas, workers tend to retain their village roots and return home after a period of earning in a factory or mine. However, most migrants relocate permanently, and the growing urban populations worldwide are composed of people who have cut themselves off from their roots.

The twentieth century saw an increase in migratory flows caused by the push factors of political oppression, revolution, and war. Refugees fled from Russia after the 1917 revolution, from Germany and Italy

during the Nazi and Fascist regimes, and from Eastern Europe after the Second World War. The armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia during the 1990s drove as many as three million people from their homes. In the same decade, a civil war in Rwanda forced more than two million Rwandans from their homeland.

(Adapted from *Delta key for the TOEFL IBT*)

Question 36: The word “**them**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. pull factors
- B. economic conditions
- C. push factors
- D. desired destinations

Question 37: In paragraph 1, the author makes the point that _____.

- A. there are similarities between human migration and animal migration
- B. most people who migrate move to another region in their home country
- C. human migration varies in the distance traveled and the factors involved
- D. we understand only some of the conditions that cause people to migrate

Question 38: All of the following are identified as conditions that may push people to move away from their place of origin EXCEPT _____.

- A. the inability to find employment
- B. prejudice based on religion
- C. a high standard of living
- D. environmental disasters

Question 39: The word “**provisionally**” in paragraph 4 is CLOSEST in meaning to

- A. temporarily
- B. gallantly
- C. outrageously
- D. methodically

Question 40: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 4?

- A. Modern migration patterns still reflect the long-standing trend of moving toward nearby regions that promise educational prospects.
- B. Migration in the past was shaped by the pursuit of economic improvement while migrants now mainly seek political stability.
- C. The search for higher earnings has historically pushed people from rural homelands into expanding industrial areas.
- D. Economic forces have long driven people to leave rural or impoverished areas for places offering better opportunities.

Question 41: Which sentence below best expresses the essential information in the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Only when conditions at home become unbearable will people migrate to another country.
- B. Push factors are more powerful than pull factors in stimulating human migration.
- C. The three leading causes of migration are economics, politics, and environmental change.
- D. The decision to migrate a great distance normally results from both push and pull factors.

Question 42: According to the passage, political circumstances are a major factor that _____.

- A. drives numerous migration streams
- B. attracts populations to urban areas
- C. leads to ethnic and religious discrimination
- D. consist of a series of successive stages

International migration will continue to increase because of war and revolution.

Question 43: Where would the sentence best fit?

Consequently, the majority of migrants move only a short distance.

- A. [I]
- B. [II]
- C. [III]
- D. [IV]

Question 44: It can be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A. governments encourage migration by describing push and pull factors
- B. few migrants fully understand why they leave their home communities
- C. people may overestimate the chance of finding work in their chosen destination
- D. the same factors that pull people to one place may push away other people

Question 45: Which of the following best summarize the passage?

- A. Migration streams develop as people move in stages toward foreign countries that offer better prospects despite limited knowledge of destinations.
- B. Human migration is the long-term movement of people driven by economic, political, social, and environmental push-and-pull factors.
- C. Economic risks, political unrest, and environmental pressures equally contribute to the global movement of people to unfamiliar destinations.
- D. Throughout history, individuals and groups have migrated to capital cities with the hope for better opportunities and work conditions.

III. WRITING

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of sentences to make a cohesive and coherent text in each of the following questions from 46 to 50.

Question 46:

- a. At first, they were very primitive ones of stone; later bronze was used, and then men learned to work with iron.
- b. Ever since the beginning of time man has made tools.
- c. But however much tools were improved, man still had to use his hands.
- d. Every table, every pair of shoes and every yard of cloth was made by skilled and trained labour.
- e. Nails had to be hammered in, wood carved, and stone chipped.

(Adapted from *A practical guide to reading comprehension*)

- A. b-d-a-c-e B. b-a-c-e-d C. a-e-c-b-d D. a-b-e-c-d

Question 47:

- a. A ship of interest can lie amid other wrecks, making it impossible to detect or distinguish.
- b. Moreover, the forces of nature erode and decompose steel, iron, wood, and other materials.
- c. With the passage of time, sand and mud cover wreckage.
- d. Although advanced technology has made it easier for treasure hunters to find, access, investigate, and even raise sunken ships, there is no guarantee of success.
- e. Rugged, shifting terrain, as well as adverse marine and weather conditions, increase the risks of disaster to search crews.

(Adapted from *Intermediate English reading comprehension*)

- A. a-b-d-c-e B. d-a-c-b-e C. e-a-c-b-d D. c-b-e-a-d

Question 48:

- a. Montevideo has been chosen as the future seat of MERCOSUR, which is expected to increase the city's vitality and strength in the region.
- b. Uruguay together with Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay have formed MERCOSUR.
- c. Uruguay's present-day prosperity is due to the fact that it is one of the more stable democracies in South America.
- d. It is an association of South American countries whose aim is to promote trade in the region.
- e. Presidential elections are held every five years and a twenty-nine-member Administration as well as a Senate are also elected.

(Adapted from *Reading comprehension for FCE examination*)

- A. c-e-d-a-b B. e-a-d-b-c C. e-b-a-c-d D. c-e-b-d-a

Question 49:

Dear Ms. Parker

- a. Please accept my deepest apologies on behalf of *The Seagull* for the poor experience you had at our place.
- b. I hope to greet you again soon at *The Seagull*.
- c. I want to thank you for bringing these issues to my attention.
- d. Please know that we are making every effort to correct our mistakes so events like these don't happen in the future.
- e. As a token of our apology, please accept a gift card in the amount of \$50.00 that can be used at our restaurant in the future.

Yours sincerely,

John Wick

(Adapted from <https://www.wisestamp.com>)

- A. b-c-a-d-e B. a-c-d-e-b C. d-c-b-a-e D. c-b-d-a-e

Question 50:

- a. Overall, there was a clear upward trend in paying for streaming entertainment.
- b. The chart shows the sales revenue of a selection of home video entertainment formats in the USA in two years.
- c. US consumers spent \$9.8 billion on services such as Netflix, which was a rise of 32 per cent from the previous year.
- d. For the average American, this accounted for nearly half of their spending on video entertainment at home.
- e. Online video streaming was the most popular format in 2017.

(Adapted from <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org>)

- A. b-c-e-d-a B. b-a-e-d-c C. b-a-e-c-d D. b-d-c-a-e

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