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Asian English Usage Contest

Heat Event (Secondary 1-2)

Sample Question and Answer Paper

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Contestant's Name: _____

Admission Form Number: _____

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Instructions to Contestants

1. There are 40 questions in this paper and the total score is 120.
2. The use of dictionaries, reference works or electronic devices, is strictly prohibited.
3. Write answers on this Question and Answer Paper. It will be collected.
4. Write with blue/black ball pens or pencils.
5. Write legibly. Illegible answers will be counted as wrong.
6. The length of each blank is NO indication as to the number of words you should fill in.

Part A (42 marks, 3 marks @) – Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the **MOST** suitable answer.

1. The fat man felt tired easily because he was not used _____
so fast.
- (a) to run
 - (b) to running
 - (c) to be running
 - (d) for running
2. I try not to get infuriated, but _____ I just can't help it.
- (a) some time
 - (b) sometimes
 - (c) sometime
 - (d) same time

3. Some people in developing countries were starved _____ death.
- (a) by
 - (b) to
 - (c) because of
 - (d) through
4. The family is the fundamental unit in human society, _____ that society is sophisticated.
- (a) regardless
 - (b) so
 - (c) whether
 - (d) despite
5. Even _____ advertisements are the result of competition, they do have a useful function: that of giving information.
- (a) with
 - (b) if
 - (c) though
 - (d) worse

6. Supposing I _____ the judge, I _____ release you.

- (a) would be/would
- (b) am/would
- (c) were/would
- (d) am/shall

7. I cannot find my book. I remember _____ in my book-case this morning

- (a) to have put it
- (b) to put it
- (c) putting it
- (d) put it

8. A French engineer _____ gave a small coin to a beggar when crossing the bridge into the business section.

- (a) in hurry
- (b) hurriedly
- (c) in hurries
- (d) was hurried to

9. To _____ money is a way of preparing for the future.

- (a) spend
- (b) put aside
- (c) give up
- (d) count

10. "If Rebecca had not invited Peter, he would not have come." The sentence can be re-written as:

- (a) "Not Rebecca had invited Peter, Peter would have come."
- (b) "Not Rebecca had invited Peter, Peter would not have come."
- (c) "Had Rebecca not invited him, Peter wouldn't have come."
- (d) "Hadn't Rebecca invited him, Peter would have come."

11. The Chinese began flying kites more than 2000 years ago. This distinctly Chinese activity was long ago _____ in the West as an exciting sport requiring skill and patience.

- (a) kept
- (b) removed
- (c) repeated
- (d) taken up

12. A man who won \$150,000 on Super TV's popular quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" seven months ago is taking the programme's sponsor to _____ because he has still not received his cash.

- (a) jail
- (b) the police
- (c) court
- (d) law

13. "If the shopkeeper takes one dollar off the price, more customers will come." This sentence can be re-written as:

- (a) "If the shopkeeper increases one dollar on the price, more customers will come."
- (b) "If the shopkeeper receives one dollar in the price, more customers will come."
- (c) "If the shopkeeper deducts one dollar from the price, more customers will come."
- (d) "If the shopkeeper deceives one dollar off the price, more customers will come."

14. The correct pronunciation of "completion" is

- (a) /kʊm'pli:ʃn/
- (b) /kʌm'pli:ʃn/
- (c) /kəm'pli:ʃn/
- (d) /kɒm'pli:ʃn/

Part B (39 marks, 3 marks @) – Open Cloze

Fill in each blank with **ONE** word only.

We live in a designed world. Design determines the function and shape of streets and buildings, cars and clothes. In all man-made things it is a conditioning force from the Stone Age axe to the

1. _____ ship. Nothing can be made or used 2. _____

a "design", whether it be crude or subtle. In this short essay we are

3. _____ with consumer goods, those articles which are made for use in and around the home.

4. _____ a visit to any friends' house and see how they live in

it. Observe their movements in 5. _____ out simple tasks;

don't comment, just observe and you will be 6. _____ by the

amount of conflict between them and their equipment. The

preparation of a meal would be a suitable - and - typical - object for

study. There will be a lot of bending, stretching, and hunting for the

necessary tools and containers. Could the cupboards and drawers

which house them be more conveniently designed? Could the tools

themselves, can-openers, cookery books, knives, and grill pans be more

efficient and safe to use? Is the working top the 7. _____ height

for comfort, the lightning placed where it can be more effective, the cooker with its boiling fat and scalding liquids proof from the prying hands of children?

The list of 8. _____ would only be the beginning of a wide-ranging and profound inquiry which has not yet been made, because of apathy of the part of manufacturers and adaptability on the part of the users. Most of them are able to "make do" and "muddle through" with whatever equipment they have been 9. _____ to find and afford.

As our civilization is maintained and steadily "improved" by the profits of mass-producing industry, so it must live with the system's so-10. _____ "end-products". One design of end-product must 11. _____ the needs of 10000 human beings; so runs the equation determined least by the individual needs of the user and 12. _____ by the cost of machine tools, assembly line-production, distribution, and advertising budgets.

It is clear that commercial success of a mass-produced article is not necessarily a true indication of its usefulness to the customer. Often it is purchased only because it is the best of its kind or the cheapest on the market. Is it inevitable or can some form of research be maintained to

13. _____ designers and manufacturers with information on the individual consumer's real needs and preferences?

Part C (39 marks, 3 marks @) – Proofreading

In the following passage, there can be **ONE** mistake in each numbered line. However, **some lines may be correct.** Find the mistakes and make corrections in the ways shown in the examples.

Examples:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Crossing out an extra word: <p>He is a an boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adding a new word: <p>a He is ^ boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Changing a word: <p>a He is <u>an</u> boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Putting a tick at the end of the line if it is correct: <p>He is a boy. ✓</p>

Passage 1

1. Charlotte Bronte was one of six children born by Patrick Bronte, an impoverished country clergyman,
2. and his wife, Maria, who died when Charlotte was young.
Charlotte and her sisters were sent to
3. an orphanage school where she endured the harsh conditions so that killed her two elder sisters.
4. Charlotte and her younger sister, Emily, returned to home just in time to save their lives.
5. She was later sent to a far more human school and was eventually recruited to the teaching staff.
6. She was later served in a series of dreary governess jobs before she was able to study in Brussels.
7. In 1854, she married her father's curate, Arthur Bell Nichols, but died just a few months later.

Passage 2

8. We told we could soon double the number of cars in private ownership. However, this would be a nightmare.
9. In order to cope these cars, the whole face of the world would have to be changed,
10. all cities and larger towns replanned and rebuilt, billion of pounds spent - and what for?
11. Society does not exist simply to provide motor transport. Except to half-crazy teenage lads -
12. and of course people in the automobile phone trades - there are more important things in life than owning a car.
13. I suspect that half the people who own cars now would be better off without them.

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