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Asian English Usage Contest

Heat Event (Secondary 3-4)

Sample Question and Answer Paper

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Contestant's Name: _____

Admission Form Number: _____

Venue Number: _____

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DO SO.**

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. This visual art student was truly _____ whose yellows, blues, purples always strongly contrasted with dark gray in her works.
- (a) gifted with colouring
 - (b) a colourful gifted
 - (c) a gift with colour
 - (d) a gifted colourist
2. I have never spoken _____ of Peter, though I don't really like him.
- (a) bad
 - (b) sick
 - (c) ill
 - (d) miserable

3. Generally speaking, the representatives who compose a _____ are constitutionally elected by a broad spectrum of the population.

- (a) legislation
- (b) legislature
- (c) legalization
- (d) legitimacy

4. Lucy became very unwell. She _____ to hospital in an ambulance.

- (a) was rushed
- (b) has been rushed
- (c) rush
- (d) has rushed

5. It is no doubt that finance _____ the list of major concerns before having a child.

- (a) rises
- (b) tops
- (c) raises
- (d) above

6. It is a pleasure to host you in Hong Kong! We trust you will not be disappointed at what this great _____ city has to offer.

- (a) cosmetic
- (b) cosmopolitan
- (c) landmark
- (d) cosmographic

7. Being young and inexperienced, youngsters need a role model to guide their behaviour. The idols they worship naturally become their subjects of _____.
- (a) copying
 - (b) imitation
 - (c) religion
 - (d) repetition
8. I believe putting the needs of the other party in the first priority may boost the relationship of a _____, more than just buying flowers for her or having a candlelight dinner with her.
- (a) widow
 - (b) couple
 - (c) husband
 - (d) friendship

9. People feel uncomfortable when the humidity rises over 60 percent because perspiration cannot evaporate quickly enough for the body to rid of _____ heat.

- (a) excelled
- (b) exceed
- (c) excess
- (d) access

10. It was an evening in early summer and after her supper Mrs Smith had climbed the dyke steps, as she _____ every day, to see how high the river had risen.

- (a) does
- (b) did
- (c) had
- (d) climbed

11. For a job, remuneration is important, of course, but there are other equally important considerations, neglect of _____ may produce frustration and depression in later years.

- (a) such
- (b) that
- (c) which
- (d) it

12. As you know, the state of our libraries at the moment is probably quite surprising to most readers, as they have vastly improved by the government, but at the same time people, especially students, are still not making the _____ of these resources.

- (a) best
- (b) most
- (c) greatest
- (d) highest

13. A recent survey by the Education Bureau has found that students who travel are more well-_____ and ready for work in the international arena.

- (a) cultivated
- (b) mature
- (c) rounded
- (d) going

14. "My friend told me that rave-party drugs like ecstasy and ketamine are not addictive. Is she right?" "If those drugs weren't addictive, then I _____ so many problems."

- (a) wouldn't have had
- (b) wouldn't have
- (c) won't have had
- (d) won't have

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

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

With the snow creaking 1. _____ their boots, the prisoners hurried away, each to his own business, some to the parcels office, some to hand in cereals to be cooked in the "individual" kitchen. All kept their heads down, buried in their 2. _____-up coats, and all were chilled to the 3. _____, not so much from the actual cold as from the prospect of having to spend the whole day in it. The Tartar in his old army coat with the greasy blue tabs walked at a steady pace, as though the cold meant 4. _____ to him.

They walked past the high wooden fence round the lock-up, the only brick building in the camp; past the 5. _____ wire that protected the camp bakery from the prisoners; past the corner of the staff quarters where the length of frosted rail hung on thick strands of wire; past another pole with a 6. _____ hanging to it (in a sheltered spot, so that registered temperature shouldn't drop too low). Shukhov looked hopefully out of the corner of an eye at the milk-white tube: if it had shown - 41 degrees they ought not to be sent out to work. But today it was nowhere near - 41 degrees.

They walked into the staff quarters and The Tartar led him straight to the guard-room; and Shukhov 7. _____, as he had guessed on the way there, that he wasn't being sent to the lock-up at all - it was simply that the guard-room floor needed 8. _____. The Tartar told him he was going to let him off, and ordered him to scrub. Scrubbing the guard-room floor had been the job of a special prisoner who wasn't sent to work outside the camp - a staff orderly. The fellow had 9. _____ ago made himself at home in the staff quarters; he had access to the offices of the camp commandant, the man in 10. _____ of discipline, and the security officer (the Father Confessor, they 11. _____ him). When working for them he sometimes heard things that even the guards didn't know, and after a time he got uppish, and came to consider scrubbing the floor for rank-and-file camp-guards a bit beneath him. Having sent for him once or twice the guards discovered what was in the wind, and began to pick on other prisoners for the floor-scrubbing.

In the guard-room the stove was throwing out a fierce heat. Two guards in grubby tunics were 12. _____ draughts, and a third, who had not bothered to 13. _____ his sheepskin and valenki, lay snoring on a narrow bench. In one corner of the room stood an empty pail with a rag inside.

Shukhov was delighted. He thanked the Tartar for letting him off and said: "From now on I'll never get up late again."

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</p> <p>He is ^ boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Changing a word: <p>a</p> <p>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. A unique "National Warranty" label, which is stuck on every Super Star Digital Camera disturbed
2. by Far East Technology Company Ltd., is used for identifying the right of warranty and service claim.
3. The first 4 digits mark on the label represent the warranty expiry date of the Digital Camera.
4. For example, "1118" means the warranty expiry on November 2018.
5. Far East reserves the right not provide the service if the label is damaged or we have good reason to believe the label is fake.
6. For details of warranty and maintenance service, please refer to <http://www.fareasttech.com>.

Passage 2

1. Examine their handwriting samples. While both are acutely slant to the right, Susan's is stable.
2. David's is unstable in every way! Both writers are capable of overly emotional,
3. but the unstable writer is much less likely to exhibit self-control. This is a red flag.
4. After collecting and studying the writing of hundreds of murders, graphologists have found
5. that most of them have very far-rightward slants. They lack of emotional control. We may have
6. murderous feelings, but we don't act them. It is this overly rightward slant in combination
7. with unstable qualities that so often accompanies with "aberrant behaviour".

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