

Question 15. I ____ installing a new software on my laptop.

- A. have just finished B. just have finished C. just finished D. just finish

Question 16. Housework is work around the house such as ____, cleaning or washing clothes.

- A. cook B. cooks C. cooker D. cooking

Question 17. Many international volunteer organizations are trying to find a ____ to the problem of world hunger.

- A. way B. method C. suggestion D. solution

Question 18. My mother told me to do the ____ yesterday but I forgot about it since I had much homework to finish.

- A. floor B. laundry C. grocery D. rubbish

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in the following question.

Question 19. Every month, the volunteer group go to remote and mountainous areas to help those in need.

- A. empty B. faraway C. crowded D. poor

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 20. Bamboo is considered to be one of the most eco-friendly building materials.

- A. ecologically friendly B. not damaging to the natural environment
C. trying to help the environment D. harmful to the environment

III. READING (2.0 pts.)

PART 1: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 21 to 25.

One of the most important natural processes that regulates Earth's temperature is the "greenhouse effect". It is the warming that happens when certain gases in Earth's atmosphere (21)

____ heat. These gases let in light but keep heat (22) ____ escaping, like the glass walls of a greenhouse. First, sunlight shines onto the Earth's surface, (23) ____ it is absorbed as heat. In the atmosphere, "greenhouse gases trap some of this heat, and the rest escapes into space. The more greenhouse gases are in the atmosphere, the more heat gets trapped.

(24) ____ have known about the greenhouse effect since 1824, when Joseph Fourier calculated that the Earth would be much colder if it had no atmosphere. This greenhouse effect is what keeps the Earth's climate livable. Without it, the Earth's surface would be an average of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit cooler. Scientists often use the term "climate change" instead of global warming. This is because as the Earth's average temperature climbs, winds and ocean currents move heat around the globe in ways that can cool some areas, warm others, and change the amount of rain and snow falling. (25) ____, the climate changes differently in different areas.

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- Question 21.** A. seize B. capture C. trap D. grasp
Question 22. A. from B. in C. to D. with
Question 23. A. who B. where C. that D. what
Question 24. A. science B. scientific C. scientist D. scientists
Question 25. A. However B. In addition C. On the contrary D. As a result

PART 2: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 26 to 30.

Many people go through life only thinking about their own well-being and that of those around them. In reality, the well-being of the environment is just as important in certain ways. Without a healthy and sustainable environment, their own health and ability to leave behind a sustainable planet to those who live after them is negatively affected. Therefore, two main environmental benefits can be realised with greener living.

Firstly, people can conserve natural resources. The natural resources that they have been enjoying are beginning to disappear. Due to population growth, it is estimated that the use of natural resources has more than tripled since 1970. At that rate, it is not difficult to see how these same resources will eventually become depleted. It is important to conserve those precious resources so that others after this generation can enjoy the same quality of living on this planet.

Secondly, people can reduce the harmful effects of climate change. Primarily due to human's reliance on fossil fuels over the years, climate change is a real concern. People continue to release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, further polluting the air. This is leading to dramatic changes in temperatures that need to be stopped. Greener living aims to do exactly that. For every person who makes an effort to reduce his or her carbon footprint in the world, climate change can begin to become less of a concern over time.

Question 26. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Natural Resources
B. The advantages of green living
C. The effects of climate change
D. A healthy environment

Question 27. The word “**depleted**” in paragraph 2 is **CLOSEST** in meaning to _____.

- A. run out
B. picked up
C. filled in
D. searched for

Question 28. The word “**This**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the activity of releasing carbon dioxide
B. the harmful effect of climate change
C. the reliance on fossil fuels
D. green living

Question 29. According to paragraph 2, natural resources _____.

- A. are not precious to human on Earth
B. are hard to be conserved
C. have been used more and more since 1970s
D. can not disappear

Question 30. Which of the following is **NOT TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. The well-being of the environment is as important as that of each person.
B. Climate change is a problem because of the reliance on fossil fuels.
C. Carbon dioxide contributes to air pollution.
D. Climate change can only be stopped by actions of governments.

IV. WRITING (2 pts.)

PART 1: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make meaningful letter for the following question. (0.4 pt.)

Question 31.

- A. It can help people relax, reduce stress, and even improve their memory.
B. I think music plays a very important role in our life.
C. For example, listening to soft music can make us feel calm after a busy day.
D. Besides, music can bring people together. At concerts, people from different places come and share the same feelings.
E. In short, music is really powerful and meaningful to everyone.

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

Question 32.

- A. Mai: Well, my mother usually does the cooking, and my father often goes shopping for food.
B. Nam: Sounds fair! In my family, my dad helps with the laundry while my mum takes care of the garden.
C. Nam: Hi Mai, how are chores divided in your family?
D. Mai: My brother and I also help. I often wash the dishes, and he tidies up the living room.
E. Nam: Oh, that's interesting!

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

PART 2: (0,8pt.)

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. (0.4 pt.)

Question 33. John began to upgrade his computer to the latest operating system two weeks ago. (*for*)

=> **John**

=> John has upgraded his computer to the latest operating system for two weeks

Question 34. Listening to classical music is very relaxing for my father whenever he feels stressed from work.

=> **My father finds**

→ My father finds it very relaxing to listen to classical music whenever he feels stressed from work.

Combine each pair of the following sentences into one, using the words in brackets. (0.4 pt.)

Question 35. The students were very noisy during the teacher's explanation of the grammar point. The teacher asked them to keep silent immediately. (*so*)

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→ The students were very noisy during the teacher's explanation of the grammar point, so the teacher asked them to keep silent immediately.

Question 36. My friend called me to join a charity event outside. The call came up during my dinner

(*while*)

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→ My friend called me to join a charity event outside while I was having my dinner.

→ While I was having my dinner, my friend called me to join a charity event outside.

PART 3: Write a paragraph (80 – 120 words) about one of your family routines. Use the following questions as cues for your writing. (0.8 pt.)

1. What is the routine?
2. How often / When do you do it?
3. What are the activities? What does each family member do?
4. How do you feel about the routine?

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SPEAKING TOPICS FOR 1ST TERM TEST – ENGLISH 10

Topic 1. Talk about activities you adopt to have a greener lifestyle. Give their benefits.

You can use the cues below:

- + Cutting down on plastic bags / avoid environmental pollution.
- + Turn off all the electric appliances when not in use / help save electricity.
- + Practise recycling / save money

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Topic 2. Talk about a TV music show.

You can use the following questions as cues:

- What is the music show?
- Which channel is it on?
- What is it about?
- When is it shown?
- Why do you like it?

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Topic 3: Talk about an invention that has changed our life.

You can use the following questions as cues:

- What is the invention? → e.g. Smartphone / Internet / Electricity.
- When was it invented? → e.g. late 20th century / discovered in the 19th century.
- How does it help people? → makes communication easier, saves time, provides information.
- Why do you think it is important? → improves daily life, connects people, supports study and work.

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