

ĐỀ THI HỌC KÌ 1 – ĐỀ SỐ 2

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PART 1. LISTENING

Vivian and Josh are talking about different media types. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False).

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1. Josh is interested in the topic of the role of media in society.
2. Vivian says that mass media only allow people to receive information.
3. Vivian thinks broadcast media are more important than digital media.
4. Digital media are so convenient that people can check the truth easily.
5. The weakness of print media is the information sources.

You will hear two students talking about jobs in the future and choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Tải audio [tại đây](#)

6. What doesn't Sandra know much about?
 - A. phones and tablets
 - B. computer software
 - C. computers and phones
7. What does Matthew think would make him a good software developer?
 - A. being creative
 - B. knowing a lot about software
 - C. being interested in computers
8. What wouldn't Sandra like about being a lawyer?
 - A. speaking in front of people
 - B. working in teams
 - C. helping bad people
9. What wouldn't Matthew like about being a lawyer?
 - A. researching
 - B. organizing
 - C. reading so much
10. What does Matthew think would make him a good lawyer?
 - A. being organized
 - B. being good at working in teams
 - C. being confident

PART 2. READING

Select the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

Culture Blog

Hello, readers. This week's blog is going to look at different cultures around the world. Interestingly, I (11) _____ to all of these countries, so I know this is all true, even the ones that sound a little strange.

The first country I want to talk about is the UK. Their culture is quite similar to mine in the USA. People greet each other with a friendly handshake, (12) _____ is the same in the USA. They also sometimes kiss close friends and family on the cheek. It's a taboo in England to be late to things. Punctuality is important, and people think that being late is rude. It's also really rude to not wait for your turn in a line.

The next country is Italy. Punctuality isn't too important to Italians, which is very (13) _____ the UK. They have a few taboos that are a bit different, too. It's a taboo to ask for extra cheese on your pizza. People think you are being rude to the chef (14) _____ you ask for more, which seems strange to me. You should also dress nicely and smartly in public.

I also want to talk about Malaysia. It's a cultural norm to take your shoes off (15) _____ going into someone's home. It's also common to eat with your hands, which I think is great. Using knives and forks is boring. (16) _____, it's a taboo to point at people with your right hand. If you want to point, you should use your thumb, which was hard for me to remember. It's also really rude to touch someone's head.

I hope you find this interesting. What cultures do you know about? What are considered good and bad manners in those cultures? I want to hear about all of them.

11.

- A. have been
- B. was
- C. had been
- D. will be

12.

- A. who
- B. which
- C. what
- D. when

13.

- A. the same
- B. similar to
- C. different from
- D. likely to

14.

- A. when

- B. that
- C. while
- D. if

15.

- A. before
- B. after
- C. at the same time
- D. as soon as

16.

- A. Therefore
- B. However
- C. Moreover
- D. As a result

Select the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

Digital media and social media have become crucial aspects of modern communication (17) _____ for the past decades. The two types of media differ in several points. The first difference is (18) _____ with the Internet. Without the Internet, the means of digital media like TVs and radios can still function with the necessary equipment (19) _____ like smartphones and tablets cannot access any social media platforms. The second difference is their purposes. Digital media refer to any content (20) _____ like radio waves and cables. (21) _____, social media involve creating networks and fostering interaction. Digital media cover a wider variety of content, whereas social media emphasise communication and community, (22) _____ in online discussions and user-generated content. In conclusion, social media and digital media differ in the use of the Internet and their purposes. Therefore, they offer different uses in various situations.

17.

- A but they have enabled the spreading of information
- B because they have enabled the spreading of information
- C or they have enabled the spreading of information
- D although they have enabled the spreading of information

18.

- A. its connection
- B. your connection
- C. their connection
- D. our connection

19.

- A. so hi-tech gadgets
- B. where hi-tech gadgets

- C. for hi-tech gadgets
- D. whereas hi-tech gadgets

20.

- A. deliver through a wired or wireless network
- B. delivered through a wired or wireless network
- C. to deliver through a wired or wireless network
- D. delivering through a wired or wireless network

21.

- A. In contrast
- B. In general
- C. Similarly
- D. Specifically

22.

- A. that encourages users to engage actively
- B. it encourages users to engage actively
- C. which encourages users to engage actively
- D. they encourage users to engage actively

Read the following passage about great jobs and choose the correct answer to each of the questions.

Some people love working so much that it doesn't feel like work. But most people are not so lucky. They need money to live, so they need a job. However, they don't love their work, and they feel unhappy. And because they are unhappy, they may not work hard. Luckily, some people and companies are trying to improve things. Dan Price is the CEO of a company based in Seattle. In 2015, he raised the salaries of all of his workers to \$70,000 a year, much higher than the average income in the United States. To pay for this, he cut his own salary to the same amount. Interestingly, according to a study by Princeton University in 2010 about salaries, people who make around \$75,000 each year are happier and feel more satisfaction than those who make less or more money. Since Price made his decision, his workers have been happier and his company has been more **thriving**.

Money is one reason why some workers are unhappy with their jobs. Another reason is working too many hours. Perpetual Guardian, a company based in New Zealand, wanted staff to have a better work- life balance. The company **came up with** a plan. Its staff were paid for five days, but **they** only had to work four days each week. Not surprisingly, workers were happier and more satisfied.

Many studies show that people who do things are happier than people who buy things. For example, going on a road trip or learning to play the guitar is better than buying a car or guitar. The famous company Airbnb wants its staff to have great experiences. Workers get \$2,000 each year to stay at Airbnb properties anywhere in the world. As a result, many people who work at Airbnb love their jobs.

23. What is implied in paragraph 1?

- A. The number of people who cannot find joy in their work is low.
- B. Job dissatisfaction can lead to low motivation and productivity.
- C. Efforts to enhance job satisfaction haven't been made by small firms.
- D. Everyone tries to work hard for financial reasons rather than fulfilment.

24. The word **thriving** in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. temporary
- B. developing
- C. unsuccessful
- D. healthy

25. The phrase **came up with** in paragraph 3 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. recognised
- B. discovered
- C. abandoned
- D. assessed

26. The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. days
- B. jobs
- C. hours
- D. staff

27. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Research suggests that people who engage in experiences tend to be happier than those who purchase material goods.
- B. Many studies indicate that individuals who own too many items feel lower happiness than those who focus on items themselves.
- C. Studies show that people who prioritise buying goods report higher happiness levels than those who do activities.
- D. Research claims that spending money on experiences leads to greater satisfaction than spending it on buying items.

28. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Employees at Perpetual Guardian previously had a very poor work-life balance.
- B. Workers at Airbnb can stay at Airbnb properties with a small annual fee.
- C. There has been a rise of \$70,000 in the annual salaries of Dan Price's staff.
- D. Job dissatisfaction can be derived from long working hours and financial reasons.

29. In which paragraph does the writer mention a contrast relationship?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

30. In which paragraph does the writer discuss an initiative to reduce the number of workdays without affecting pay?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

PART 3. WRITING

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.

31.

- The quake's magnitude was reported at 6.3 on the Richter scale.
- The residents in the affected areas are urged to stay alert and follow instructions from local authorities.
- A strong earthquake hit the coast of Japan today, causing widespread damage.
- Please follow more updates in the coming hours.
- Fortunately, there have been no immediate reports of serious injuries.

A. a – c – b – e – d

B. a – c – d – e – b

C. c – a – e – b – d

D. c – e – a – d – b

32.

- The project aims to expand the library's space and update its facilities.
- We apologise for any inconvenience during the construction time.
- According to the mayor, new eco-friendly materials will be used for the expansion.
- Dear citizens. The city council has approved a major renovation project for The Town Library.
- During the construction, the library services will be relocated to a temporary site on 25 Maple Street.
- The construction has been scheduled to start on 4th May and end on 15th June.

A. c – d – a – e – f – b

B. c – f – d – a – e – b

C. d – e – a – b – c – f

D. d – a – c – f – e – b

33.

- In that wonderful atmosphere, the music was incredible, with a mix of local bands and singers.
- Last weekend, I attended an amazing outdoor festival called Fields of Fun Festival in the countryside.
- All in all, it was an unforgettable weekend – next time, you should definitely come with me!

- d. When I got hungry, I took a break, exploring the food stalls with all their tasty dishes.
e. The atmosphere was what I liked best because everyone was so friendly and full of energy.

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

34.

- a. The fireworks show at the end of the celebration was absolutely spectacular.
b. After all, it was such a memorable experience, and I really learnt more about Indian culture.
c. I wanted to tell you about my amazing experience at the Diwali celebration last week.
d. Everyone dressed in their finest clothes was walking around, enjoying delicious snacks and sweets.
e. When I arrived, the whole neighbourhood was lit up with beautiful lights.
f. John, my neighbour, invited me to the Diwali celebration, and I was really excited to attend it for the first time.

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

35.

- a. The main reason is the rise of the Internet which has fundamentally changed how we consume information.
b. For the past decades, radios have become less and less important in our homes.
c. However, radio stations still exist for those who prefer a conventional auditory experience.
d. Besides, radios remain vital in situations where internet access is limited.
e. Another reason is that streaming services and online podcasts are becoming more and more convenient.

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

PART 4. SPEAKING

Choose the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange in each of the following questions.

36.

- a. Lily: Oh, that's awesome. You'll have to lend it to me sometime!
b. Lily: Good morning, Jake! Did you finish that book you were reading?
c. Jake: Morning, Lily! Yes, I finished it last night. It was incredible!

- A. b – c – a
- B. a – c – b
- C. c – a – b
- D. c – b – a

37.

- a. Amy: Yes! I've been growing herbs lately.
- b. Oliver: Oh, cool! What got you into it?
- c. Oliver: That's really cool. I might just have to start my own little garden!
- d. Amy: I wanted fresh ingredients for cooking, and it's so satisfying to grow them myself.
- e. Oliver: Hey, Amy! Are you still into gardening?

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

38.

- a. Liam: I totally understand. I'll make sure to check it thoroughly before sending it over.
- b. Amy: Sure, but could you double-check the formatting first? There were a few errors last time.
- c. Liam: Hey, have you had a chance to finalize the report for our project?
- d. Amy: Yes, I'm just about done with it. I'll email it to you by tonight.
- e. Liam: Great! Thanks for handling it. I appreciate the extra effort.

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

39.

- a. Lan: Hi Richard, have you been following the news about issues on social media in Việt Nam?
- b. Lan: I find cyberbullying the most serious issue though. Many people post or share negative content about someone else.
- c. Richard: Yes, I have. There have been a lot of problems these days.

- A. b – a – c
- B. a – c – b
- C. a – b – c
- D. b – c – a

40.

- a. Cody: First, we should set up some food stalls offering traditional dishes from different cultures.

b. Cody: I like your idea, but we don't have any cooking experience. We may need to involve professional cooks.

c. Anna: We've decided to organise a Cultural Diversity Day in our school. Let's discuss what activities to include.

d. Anna: That sounds fun! We can call them 'Taste the World'. We can also show visitors how to cook these dishes.

A. c – a – d – b

B. c – b – d – a

C. a – c – b – d

D. a – d – b – c

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