

**ĐỀ THI GIỮA HỌC KÌ 2 – ĐỀ 1**

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**Read the following advertisement 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.**

**How to Become Famous Online: A Quick Guide**

1. Choose Your Passion: Pick a topic you're passionate (1) \_\_\_\_\_ - whether it's makeup, comedy, sports, or something else.
  2. Select a Platform:
    - YouTube: Perfect for video creators (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tutorials, reviews, or entertainment.
    - Instagram: Ideal for photographers or visual content (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Twitter: Great for sharing quick thoughts, opinions, and updates.
    - Facebook: Useful for creating original pages that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ income, but not as effective for lasting fame.
  3. Create Engaging Content: Post regularly and ensure your content is shareable and entertaining to attract more followers.
  4. Consider Blogging: If you want both fame and income, start a blog to share your thoughts and monetise through ads.
  5. Master Trends & Editing: Stay updates on trends and improve your skills in video and photo editing (5) \_\_\_\_\_ your content remains fresh and appealing.
- By following these steps and staying consistent, you can build an online (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and achieve fame on your terms!

*(Adapted from Mindset for IELTS 1)*

1.
  - A. in
  - B. for
  - C. about
  - D. with
2.
  - A. share
  - B. sharing
  - C. to share
  - D. shared
3.
  - A. viewers

- B. consumers
- C. creators
- D. seekers

4.

- A. generate
- B. collect
- C. receive
- D. gather

5.

- A. as well
- B. in order for
- C. so that
- D. so as to

6.

- A. presence
- B. presenter
- C. present
- D. presentation

**Read the following leaflet 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.**

#### Seapearl Safari Adventure Awaits!

We are excited to announce an upcoming visit to Seapearl Safari, the largest safari park in our country, on Saturday, 15th December! This trip will give you a unique opportunity to explore diverse wildlife and understand how conservation efforts help protect critically endangered species affected by (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

You will learn how animals thrive in their natural habitats, adapt to their new environment, and face challenges to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild. The park also features carefully designed (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ensure their safety and comfort. These areas are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ safe for their survival as they are vital for their well-being.

With many species (11) \_\_\_\_\_ greater risk of extinction than ever, it's essential to act to preserve their environments, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ they will be lost forever.

Get ready for a fun and educational day! For details, contact your head teacher or class monitor.

7.

- A. animal captivity
- B. population growth
- C. habitat loss
- D. species breeding

8.

A. release

B. rescue

C. survive

D. protect

9.

A. boundaries

B. lockers

C. protectors

D. enclosures

10.

A. as

B. very

C. too

D. such

11.

A. with

B. to

C. at

D. on

12.

A. as if

B. so

C. or

D. provided that

**Read the following passage about humanoid robots 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.**

Technology can exert its power on almost every aspect of our lives, and personal relationships are no exception. We are now becoming more attached to technological devices and (13) \_\_\_\_\_.

We work longer hours on computers, meet fewer friends, text more often, and watch more videos than have a true conversation with friends or family members. (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Social media link us all together, but we mistake them for a perfect replacement for relationships. It is time we realised that the power of connections is built from our own efforts. (15) \_\_\_\_\_, we have to spend a considerable amount of time doing activities together, listening, understanding, and sharing feelings. This helps strengthen our mind and body, keeping us away from isolation and loneliness.

It is not difficult to balance between connections through technology and those through real interactions. (16) \_\_\_\_\_. We should spend more time visiting our parents and siblings, besides keeping in touch with

them on social media. We should learn to cherish the moments we spend with them. It is never too late to strengthen the bonds with school friends and teachers. Don't hesitate to participate in sports clubs or a hiking trip where we can build up true friendships. And above all, remember that time commitment counts in relationships, (17) \_\_\_\_\_.

(Adapted from *Friends Global*)

13.

- A. staying more connected to people around us or even our loved ones
- B. less connected to the people around us or even our loved ones
- C. directly connected to the people around us or even our loved ones
- D. having people around us or even our loved ones connected closely

14.

- A. Technology gives rise to a number of conflicts within the family
- B. Relationships at home and at work are not dependent on technology
- C. People don't appreciate both technology and relationships at home and at work
- D. Technology enhances relationships at home and at work

15.

- A. Whether we choose to stay technologically or socially connected
- B. Because we choose to stay technologically or socially connected
- C. Although we choose to stay technologically or socially connected
- D. While we choose to stay technologically or socially connected

16.

- A. We established a relationship of trust within our family
- B. Building strong relationships was essential within our family
- C. We tried everything to make the relationships work within our family
- D. We can start by nurturing the relationships within our family

17.

- A. and there is a danger that we will run out of time for connections
- B. but it is possible for us not to have enough time for connections
- C. so running short of time for connections is impossible
- D. or connections is likely to be established in the long run

**Read the following passage about the urban shift and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.**

#### A Diverging Media

Joe Swanberg is a filmmaker who creates movies about the romantic lives of young people. He makes these films quickly, using a digital camera and asking actors to wear their own clothes. His films usually cost between 30,000 USD and 50,000 USD to make and are not shown in cinemas. Instead, **they** are available on

digital platforms like pay TV, video-on-demand, iTunes, or as DVDs. By keeping costs low and using digital distribution, Swanberg is able to make a living as a filmmaker.

When technology first advanced, it was believed that it would help young artists like Swanberg reach wider audiences. In 2006, Chris Anderson, the author of *The Long Tail*, predicted that the Internet would provide more opportunities for **niche** products to find their audience. While this has happened, another trend has emerged: **blockbusters** are still dominating the media landscape. Big hits in film, music, television, and books are gaining more attention, while products that are not quite as popular are struggling to find an audience.

One reason for this is that people still want something they can talk about with others. Popular shows like *American Idol* and movies like *New Moon* continue to do well because many people watch and enjoy them. Research shows that people enjoy hits more because they are the most widely available and frequently discussed. **Technology has also helped blockbusters spread quickly around the world, making them even more successful.**

[I] Although there are more entertainment choices than ever before, blockbusters continue to do well. [II] For example, in a music store with millions of songs, it's easier to pick the most popular one because everyone is talking about it. [III] While it's harder for media companies to stand out, consumers benefit from more creative, high-quality content. Media companies must now work harder to offer something exciting and unique. [IV]

While some people wish for more variety in media, the reality is that only a few types of content can attract large audiences, and these are the blockbusters.

*(Adapted from IELTS Practice Test 07 Reading)*

18. The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. actors
- B. romantic lives
- C. young people
- D. Joe Swanberg's films

19. What can be inferred about Joe Swanberg's filmmaking approach?

- A. His films are mainly shown on television networks instead of digital platforms.
- B. He uses traditional methods of distribution, such as cinemas, to reach audiences.
- C. He focuses on making affordable films that can be easily distributed online.
- D. He prefers to make expensive films with big budgets and large crews.

20. The word "**niche**" in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. specialised
- B. unique
- C. exclusive
- D. popular

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

- A. The Internet has primarily helped blockbuster products reach their audience.
- B. Chris Anderson forecasted that the Internet would expand the audience for niche products.
- C. Technology has made it impossible for niche products to achieve success.
- D. Blockbusters are becoming less popular while niche products are gaining more attention.

22. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Blockbusters succeed due to wide availability, discussion, and global reach through technology.
- B. Research shows that people dislike blockbusters due to their widespread availability.
- C. Technology has made it harder for popular shows and movies to reach a global audience.
- D. People prefer niche products over blockbusters because they are unique.

23. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Technology has made it harder for blockbusters to reach global audiences in the short term.
- B. Technology has allowed blockbusters to reach a global audience, boosting their success.
- C. Technology has made blockbusters less successful in the world by reducing their popularity.
- D. Blockbusters are the most successful because technology makes them available in limited areas.

24. Where in paragraph 4 does the following sentence best fit?

*"This trend towards bigger hits and smaller niche products is both a challenge and an opportunity."*

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

25. The word "**blockbusters**" is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. failures
- B. channels
- C. images
- D. successes

26. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Blockbusters are still popular despite the increase in entertainment choices.
- B. Consumers enjoy better content thanks to media companies' efforts to stand out.
- C. Only a few types of content, such as blockbusters, can attract large audiences.
- D. Media companies find it easier to stand out in the current media landscape.

27. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Technology has made it easier for niche products to succeed over blockbusters.
- B. Media companies must focus on making niche products to attract large audiences.
- C. Digital platforms help filmmakers like Joe Swanberg reach wider audiences.
- D. Blockbusters remain more popular than niche products in the media industry.

**PART 2. SPEAKING & WRITING**

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions.

**28.**

- a. John: Hi, David. Have you seen the new movie that came out last week?
- b. John: It's a sci-fi thriller with a lot of action and a great storyline.
- c. David: Hi, John. I haven't seen it yet. What's it about?

**A.** a – c – b**B.** a – b – c**C.** c – b – a**D.** b – a – c**29.**

- a. Same here. It's like a habit now.
- b. Sounds good! I definitely need to unplug sometimes too.
- c. Yeah, it's hard not to scroll for hours sometimes. How about you?
- d. Do you ever feel like you spend too much time on social media?
- e. Well, I've been trying to take breaks more often.

**A.** d – c – a – e – b**B.** b – a – d – e – c**C.** e – a – d – c – b**D.** c – a – e – b – d**30.**

- a. There are several main types of CVs that people use when applying for jobs.
- b. This type is good if you have a strong work history without gaps.
- c. Another type is the functional CV, which focuses more on your skills and experience instead of when you worked.
- d. Lastly, there is the combination CV that mixes both formats, highlighting your skills and your work history. This type can be very effective if you have specific skills and a solid work history.
- e. The first type is the chronological CV, which lists your work history in order, starting with the most recent job.
- f. This is helpful if you are changing careers or have gaps in your employment.

**A.** c – a – e – d – f – b**B.** a – e – c – d – b – f**C.** a – e – b – c – f – d**D.** c – f – a – b – d – e**31.**

- a. However, refined sugar is unhealthy and is often added to processed foods to enhance flavor.
- b. Refined sugar lacks nutritional value, providing only "empty" calories, and unlike natural sugars in fruit, it contains no fiber, making it easy to overconsume.
- c. Additionally, consuming too much sugar contributes to childhood tooth decay and increases the risk of diabetes later in life.
- d. Naturally occurring sugars, such as those found in fruit, are generally considered healthy.
- e. As a result, excess calories can lead to weight gain.
- f. Surprisingly, this "hidden" sugar is present in many savory foods like bread, canned vegetables, and sauces.

A. b - d - e - c - a - f

B. d - a - f - b - e - c

C. d - c - e - b - f - a

D. b - a - e - a - f - c

32.

Hi Tung,

How's it going? Any exciting updates?

- a. At first, I genuinely thought I was chatting with a real person because the conversation felt so natural.
- b. While scrolling through my Facebook newsfeed, a private message suddenly popped up.
- c. I had a rather unpleasant experience with AI-powered online shopping last week.
- d. It was a real eye-opener for me-nothing we do online is truly invisible, and it's clear that AI is constantly monitoring us.
- e. It mentioned that, since I had clicked on a few fashion-related photos, the platform suggested I check out some websites offering good deals.

What's your take on this? Let me know your thoughts soon.

Best,

Mary

A. e - a - d - c - b

B. c - d - e - a - b

C. c - b - a - d - e

D. c - b - e - a - d

### PART 3. LISTENING

Listen to a person talking about a festival. Choose the best answers (A, B, C or D).

Tải audio [tại đây](#)

33. When does Shrove Tuesday take place?

A. in January

B. in May



C. before Lent

D. after Lent

34. Which is NOT a pancake ingredient?

A. sugar

B. eggs

C. flour

D. milk

35. What must people do while running in a Pancake Day race?

A. raise money for charity

B. toss a pancake

C. wear an apron

D. wear a fancy dress

36. In which year did Americans join in the tradition?

A. 1455

B. 1445

C. 1948

D. 1950

Two friends are talking about a project. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False).

Tải audio [tại đây](#)

37. John's project is about why some people leave the city for the countryside.

A. True

B. False

38. Jane thinks that it's convenient to travel around in the city.

A. True

B. False

39. Jane prefers living in the rural area.

A. True

B. False

40. John thinks that farmers who have problems with their crops don't have to leave for the city.

A. True

B. False

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