ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST FOR GRADE 4 – GRADE 6

Part I: Conversation (Items 1-6)

Short Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

1. **Situation: In a department store**

Shop assistant: Good morning, sir. What can I do for you?

Customer: _____ (2 marks)

A. I'm just browsing, thank you.
B. I don't need your help.
C. No, nothing
D. Sorry, I don't intend to buy anything.

2. **Situation: In a shop**

Customer: This box is very heavy. Can you give me a hand?

Shop assistant: _____ (3 marks)

A. Sorry, my hands are dirty.
B. Yes, I can give you one of my hands.
C. No, that box isn't mine.
D. Sure, I'll be glad to help.

3. Janet: Can I try out your new bicycle?

June: _____ (5 marks)

A. It serves you right.

B. It's on me.

C. Be my guest.

D. It's your turn.

Long Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

Situation: Billy helps Sally solve an office problem.

Sally: Excuse me, Billy. _____4._____ (3 marks)

Billy: Yes, Sally. What's the problem?

Sally: I'm having a problem with the photocopy machine.
_____5._____ (5 marks)

Billy: Sure, let's have a look.

Sally: _____6._____ (2 marks)

Billy: It's nothing to worry about. See this red light flashing on and off. That means it is out of paper. All you have to do is to put some more in.

Sally: Is that all?

Billy: Right.

Sally: Thanks a lot, Billy.

4. A. What's wrong?
   B. Do you know the problem?
   C. Have you got a minute?
   D. Aren't you busy now?

5. A. Fix it immediately.
   B. Do you mind helping me?
   C. I don't know how to solve it.
   D. I was wondering if you could help me.

6. A. Anything serious?
   B. Does it work?
   C. Can you look at it?
   D. What's new?

Part II: Vocabulary (Items 7-12)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the most suitable word.

7. They were really _____ about the project, but now they seem to have lost interest in it now. (2 marks)

   A. frightened B. excited C. disappointed D. amused

8. One by one, the old buildings in the city have been _____ and replaced with modern tower blocks. (3 marks)

   A. demolished B. renovated C. preserved D. promoted

9. The lives of thousands of birds are in _____ as a result of the oil spill. (5 marks)

A. proportion B. obscurity C. disguise D. jeopardy

Directions: Choose the word which has a similar meaning to the underlined word.

10. We are **delighted** that the negotiations have been completed successfully. (2 marks)

A. interested B. annoyed C. surprised D. pleased

11. The whole house **trembled** as the train went by. (3 marks)

A. shook B. fell C. cracked D. turned

12. The results of the experiments were **ambiguous**, so they will have to be done again. (5 marks)

A. unimportant B. unclear C. unreliable D. unreadable

Part III: Grammar (Items 13-18)

Directions: Choose the best answer.

13. He started working for the company in 1995 and _____ there ever since. (2 marks)

A. is B. was C. has been D. had been

14. She _____ alcohol and was _____ on her feet. (3 marks)

A. smelled, unsteady
B. smelled, unsteadily
C. smelled of, unsteady
D. smelled of, unsteadily

15. _____ in 1935 in Ohio, Alcoholics Anonymous is now a world-wide organization. (5 marks)

A. Found
B. Founded
C. Founding
D. Finding

Directions: Choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

16. She is <u>carefully</u> not to criticize the president, but she makes it <u>clear</u> that she thinks

A. B.

<u>government's</u> policies should be <u>far more</u> radical. (2 marks)

C. D.

17. Please remember <u>to display</u> your Blue Badge and <u>check the sign</u> to see

A. B.

<u>how long you can</u> stay – usually three hours <u>are allowed</u>. (3 marks)

C. D.

18. My <u>coming summer holiday</u> started <u>on</u> the same day as <u>my cousin</u>, and I was much

A. B. C.

looking forward to <u>seeing</u> him. (5 marks)

D.

Part IV: Cloze Test (Items 19-24)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the most suitable word.

Uncontrolled sleep apnea — a disorder ____19.____ people stop breathing for 10 seconds or more at a time multiple times a night — may ____20.____ future brain health, a new study found.

It is ____21.____ 936 million adults worldwide between the ages of 30 and 69 may ____22.____ from sleep apnea, with many more people ____23.____. If the sleep apnea is severe and untreated, people have three times the risk of dying from any cause.

People with severe sleep apnea who spent less time in a deep sleep, also known as slow-wave sleep, ____24.____ more damage to the white matter of the brain than people who had more slow-wave sleep, according to the study.

19.	A. which	B. in which	C. why	D. when	(3 marks)
20.	A. harm	B. harming	C. to harm	D. harmed	(2 marks)
21.	A. realized	B. denied	C. proposed	D. estimated	(3 marks)
22.	A. hurt	B. affect	C. result	D. suffer	(2 marks)
23.	A. unproven	B. undiagnosed	C. unleashed	D. unfulfilled	(5 marks)
24.	A. had	B. they had	C. have	D. who had	(5 marks)

Part V: Reading Comprehension (Items 25-30)

Directions: Read the following advertisement and answer the question.

Are you a snorer?



Tried: Anti-Snoring Pillows?

Herbal Remedies? Nasal Strips?

Chin Straps? Dental Braces?

But they don't work!

"Snore Fighter" The latest snore-stopping device.

It functions by transmitting light signals into

the snorer's face, stopping snoring mechanism

but not waking you up.

Restoring deep, peaceful sleep only costs $30.

For more details, please call

+44(0) 145 239 2464

25. What does the above advertisement introduce? (3 marks)

A. A piece of bedroom furniture

B. A promising innovation

C. A new type of alarm clock

D. An anti-snoring drug

26. What does the advertiser try to do in the first part of the advertisement? (5 marks)

A. Asking for customers' opinions

B. Offering a product discount

C. Indicating the failure of other products

D. Comparing "Snore Fighter" with similar products

Directions: Read the passage carefully and then choose the best answer.

Brisbane is now suffering a devasting plague. Is it an outbreak, crime, or corruption? No, toads. The huge, ugly and poisonous cane toads have caused great problems for Brisbane, the third largest city of Australia. The toad population has been increasing sharply in Brisbane, as female cane toads can produce as many as 40,000 eggs at a time. Not only do the amphibians pose a threat to Australia's ecology, they do have glands that produce bufotenine, a toxic substance that can kill dogs, cats, and even human babies. In order to cope with the problem, thousands of Brisbanites are volunteering for an "eradication night" to get rid of the invaders.

The problem arose in 1932, when Australia imported approximately 100 cane toads from Latin America, trying to use the toads to control beetles, which were attacking sugar crops. However, the tactic had apparently done more harm than good. Another big problem

occurred when the number of toads suddenly multiplied and spread all over Queensland and northern New South Wales. Mark Lewis, a producer of a documentary on toads, revealed that it was a monstrous mistake the Australian government had made.

In order to get rid of the invading amphibians, Brisbane is carefully running the eradication campaign. A four-page color brochure called 101 Ways to Kill a Cane are given to prepare citizens to kill the huge toads. Greg Stegman, an organizer of the Cane Toad Eradication Campaign, suggests using Dettol, a disinfectant, to eradicate the toads. Nevertheless, some people also suggest another less painful way: putting the toads in the freezer to kill them humanely.

27. What is the main idea of this passage? (3 marks)

A. Cane toads are very dangerous amphibians.

B. Cane toads have a high reproduction rate.

C. Brisbane is facing the biggest environmental problem.

D. Brisbane is working to deal with the cane toad menace.

28. Which of the following living things is not harmed by cane toads? (2 marks)

A. humans B. insects C. crops D. pets

29. What is the most important reason for the sudden spread in Queensland? (2 marks)

A. The toads have plenty of beetles to feed on.

B. The toads multiply very quickly.

C. It is difficult to eradicate to toads.

D. It is inhumane to kill the toad with disinfectants.

30. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage? (5 marks)

A. Cane toads can be resistant to disinfectants.

B. All Brisbanites are required to join an “eradiation night.”

C. Some people do not want the toads to suffer before dying.

D. Killing cane toads with disinfectants is more effective than popping them into the freezer.

Grade 4-6 Answer Key

Item	Score	Answer	Item	Score	Answer
1	2	A	16	2	A
2	3	D	17	3	D
3	5	C	18	5	C
4	3	C	19	3	B
5	5	D	20	2	A
6	2	A	21	3	D
7	2	B	22	2	D
8	3	A	23	5	B
9	5	D	24	5	A
10	2	D	25	3	B
11	3	A	26	5	C
12	5	B	27	3	D
13	2	C	28	2	C
14	3	C	29	2	B
15	5	B	30	5	C