ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST FOR GRADE 4 – GRADE 6

Part I: Conversation (Items 1-6)

Short Conversations

Directions: Choose the best answer.

1. Situation: At Jessica's house (2 points)

Peter: Hi, are you Jessica's sister?

Elizabeth: _____

A. I've no idea.
B. Yes, I do.
C. Why not?
D. That's correct.

2. Situation: Robert meets James on his way home. (3 points)

Robert: What have you been up to these days?

Jessie: _____

A. Fine, thanks.
B. It's up to you.
C. I'll tell you later.
D. Oh, just working as usual.

3. Situation: Bill is talking to his father, Thomas.

Bill: I wish we could take a vacation. (5 points)

Thomas: _____

A. Look–we can't afford it.

B. Yeah, right. We've booked a hotel.

C. Oh dear, I forgot to book the flight.

D. Perfect. Shall we go to the beach?

Long Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

Situation: Sally is talking to Billy about her problem at work.

Sally: Hi, Billy—I'm calling to tell you about my problem. _____4._____ (3 points)
I really need to talk to you.

Billy: No, not at all. Come over here. I'll make you a pot of tea. Sally, what's the matter?

Sally: It's about my boss. He is always finding fault with my work.
_____5._____ (5 points) I can't literally do anything that pleases him.

Billy: _____6._____ (2 points)

Sally: He probably has problems at home, but that doesn't give him the right to take out on me!

Billy: You're right, Sally. To be a good boss, one must keep his professional life completely separate from his private life.

4. A. Do you mind if I come over to your house?

   B. Am I a nuisance?

   C. Have you got a minute?

   D. I'm wondering if you could help me.

5. A. He's on top of everything there.
   B. He has always got my back.
   C. He's on my case for everything.
   D. He always sees eye to eye with me.

6. A. Is it right for him to do that?
   B. Where does he have problems?
   C. Will there be a chance to please him?
   D. What's the reason for all that?

Part II: Vocabulary (Items 7-12)

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

7. The thought of going into hospital was making him _____. (2 points)

   A. thrilled B. impressed C. nervous D. delighted

8. Police attempts to _____ criminal gangs were largely unsuccessful. (3 points)

A. incur B. invoke C. invigorate D. infiltrate

9. An airline spokesman stated that the safety of passengers was absolutely _____.

(5 points)

A. negligible B. paramount C. detrimental D. ludicrous

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 points)

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

11. Cards are either stolen or used by fraudsters who have made **counterfeit** copies.

(3 points)

A. huge B. fake C. similar D. new

12. The first time I saw Diana I was **mesmerized** by her beauty. (5 points)

A. influenced B. captivated C. surprised D. excited

Part III: Grammar (Items 13-18)

Directions: Choose the best answer.

13. Chromium and nickel _____ commonly in areas which _____ also rich in magnesium. (2 points)

A. occur, are
B. are occurred, are
C. occurred, were
D. were occurred, were

14. My daughter says politics _____ boring, _____ is a common attitude among teenagers. (3 points)

A. is, it
B. are, that
C. is, which
D. are, it

15. Cotton production was _____ the increase. However, it was still a small industry _____ to hemp and canvas production. (5 points)

A. on, compared
B. in, comparing
C. at, comparison
D. with, compares

Directions: Choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

16. Craig <u>was</u> always quick at <u>maths</u>, <u>and</u> he had <u>trouble with</u> reading and writing.

A. B. C. D. (2 points)

17. Individuals with <u>indecisiveness</u> always <u>blame themselves</u> and regret <u>to make</u> a decision after <u>they</u> make it. (3 points)

A. B. C. D.

18. Half of the purchase price <u>must be paid</u> now, and the <u>remainder</u> is to be paid off in <u>monthly</u> <u>installment</u>. (5 points)

A. B. C. D.

Part IV: The Cloze Test (Items 19-24)

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

Salmonella outbreak linked to Trader Joe's basil

Trader Joe's _____19._____ (2 points) its Infinite Herbs organic basil on Wednesday after the product was linked to a dozen Salmonella infections in seven states.

The product was sold in _____20._____ (3 points) packages between February 1 and April 6 in 29 states and Washington, D.C., the company said.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an alert advising consumers to throw away any Infinite Herbs organic basil purchased from Trader Joe's and to clean surfaces and items that may have _____21._____ (2 points) in contact with the contaminated basil.

Salmonella infection is characterized by symptoms of diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps, according to the CDC. Symptoms develop 6 hours to 6 days after _____22._____ (3 points) of the bacteria and most people recover without treatment within 4 to 7 days. People with weakened immune systems, children and the elderly may experience more severe illness that requires treatment or hospitalization, the CDC said.

The CDC recommends people _____23._____ (5 points) their health-care providers if they have severe Salmonella symptoms such as bloody diarrhea, diarrhea that does not improve for more than three days, and signs of _____24._____ (5 points).

19.	A. reminded	B. repeated	C. recalled	D. returned
20.	A. 25-ounce	B. 25-ounces	C. 25 ounce	D. 25 ounces
21.	A. come	B. came	C. coming	D. to come
22.	A. construction	B. ingestion	C. production	D. inhalation
23.	A. call	B. who call	C. calling	D. who call
24.	A. suffocation	B. hallucination	C. hypertension	D. dehydration

Part V: Reading Comprehension (Items 25-30)

Directions: Read the following notice and answer the questions.

A small black cat missing in the George Mason Hall.



She is frightened of dogs and teenage boys.

If you see her, please, please call **096-3567899**. She is like our daughter. We really miss her!

25. What is the purpose of this notice? (3 points)

A. To find someone to adopt a cat

B. To ask for public's help in finding a cat

C. To inform readers that a cat is missing at the George Mason Hall

D. To warn cat owners that the Geroge Mason Hall is not a safe place for cats

26. What is the tone of the last line of this notice? (5 points)

A. impatient B. neutral C. sorrowful D. anxious

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

Natural CLASSIC

Each month we invite one of our experts to reveal what wildlife book–novel, guide or textbook–has influenced him or her most. This month, Martha Holmes, a marine biologist, TV presenter and film producer, has told us all.

Although I'm a very keen reader, selecting the natural-history book which has influenced me most was some challenge. Upon reminiscing about my childhood, it became easier.

Where the book came from still remains a mystery, and rarely have I met anyone who has heard of it. The book is Rita Richie's The Golden Hawks of Genghis Khan. I read it when I was about 10 years old and I remember to this day the impact it had on me.

Set in 1218, it is a story of a rich orphan boy. He is growing up in the splendid city of Samarkand and is fascinated by hawks, those magnificent hunting birds. A great deal of mystery surrounds his past, but he is led to believe that a band of Mongols robbed his father of the golden hawk, a rare type of bird, and killed him. Determined to get the bird back, he leaves Samarkand and joins a group of people traveling to the country of Mongolia. What comes after is a grand adventure centered on the city of Karakorum, where the great Mongol chief Genghis Khan was then based.

The book has a perfect combination of adventure, mystery, honor, friendship, danger, and suffering – all seen through the eyes of the young hero, Jalair. I still find this fantasy a thrilling read. Jalair's great fascination for the birds was enviable and inspiring. However, it was the sense of place that impressed me most. The book provides the reader with an idea of the vast open spaces of central Asia and its huge skies, without the use of the long descriptive passages that would bore a child. There are no boundaries. The emptiness of the Gobi Desert, the Tian Shan mountains, and the excitement of riding through forests and over rolling hills holds a deep fascination for me.

The book gave me not only hawks, horses and a desire for wild places but also a set of values. The Mongols in The Golden Hawks had no interest in possessions, a characteristic

that is absolutely essential for people who spent their lives travelling from place to place. Meanness was absolutely not their nature. Generosity, goodwill and optimism were highly valued. Much of their time was devoted to hard work, and the rest was pure fun. They simply loved life.

Two years ago, I achieved a life-long ambition and went riding in Mongolia's mountains. I was not disappointed.

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27. When first asked to choose a book, Martha Holmes _____. (3 points)

A. felt excited by this opportunity

B. had difficulty in making a decision

C. chose the one she had read recently

D. chose the book that was written about her childhood

28. What does Martha say about the book The Golden Hawks of Genghis Khan? (2 points)

A. It is known to very few people.

B. It is the best book she has ever read.

C. It was very popular when she was a child.

D. It is one of many mystery books she has read.

29. What did Martha enjoy about the book? (2 points)

A. the plot of the story

B. the geographical setting

C. the descriptive writing

D. the changes of atmosphere

30. What values did Martha learn from the book? (5 points)

A. how to be a successful traveler

B. how to get the most out of life

C. how to live in harmony with nature

D. how to write a good descriptive story

Grade 4 - Grade 6 Answer Key

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