ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST FOR GRADE 7 – GRADE 9

Part I: Conversation (Items 1-6)

Short Conversations

Directions: Choose the best answer.

1. **Situation: At a school** (3 points)

Jason: I flunked the chemistry exam again. It was so hard. Could you take the exam for me, please?

John: _____

A. You know if I were you, I wouldn't do that.

B. You must be kidding, but I'll help you for sure.

C. How could that be? That seems inconceivable.

D. It's no bother at all, but you're more intelligent than I am.

2. **Situation: In an office** (2 points)

Alan: Ethel, would you be able to talk our boss into changing his mind?

Ethel: _____, I'm afraid.

A. Certainly B. Never mind C. Not a chance D. No worries

3. **Situation: On the phone** (5 points)

James: Good news! The judge dismissed the lawsuit against you.

Jeff: _____

A. It's none of your business.

B. Finally, I'm back on track.

C. Everything is back to normal.

D. That's a load off my mind.

A Long Conversation

Directions: Choose the best answer.

Situation: Two friends are talking to each other.

Jenny: Hi, Lucy. What's up? I haven't seen you for ages.

Lucy: Jenny! _____4_____ (3 points). Do you have time for a cup of coffee?

Jenny: Sure. We really need to catch up. Do you work around here?

Lucy: Yeah, I'm a sales assistant at the clothing store across the street.

Jenny: Oh, really? I love that store. _____5_____ (5 points). You're such an incredible salesperson. I'll bet they are so lucky to have you working with them. Their sales have gone up since you started working there.

Lucy: Well, I enjoy working with them so much because I love fashion stuff, and I like to help people find what works best for them.

Jenny: Yeah, that's right. Glad to hear that. _____6_____ (2 points)

4. A. I see you again.
B. Fancy meeting you here.
C. It's a pleasure to meet you.
D. I can't wait to see you.

5. A. The clothes are always in fashion and of mediocre quality.
B. The clothes are so cheap and don't suit my taste.
C. The clothes are so fashionable and completely a rip-off.
D. The clothes are so trendy and different from the run-of-the-mill ones.

6. A. That's fantastic.
B. It's completely successful.
C. I can't wait for it.
D. It's easily achievable.

Part II: Vocabulary (Items 7-12)

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

7. It seems _____ to me that Mr. Johnson is guilty. (2 points)

A. harmful B. obvious C. relevant D. reckless

8. Taking a more _____ approach, UK insurance startup Marshmallow invested two years in understanding consumer perspective. (3 points)

A. persistent B. flexible C. conservative D. considerate

9. A Kremlin spokesman yesterday accused Western leaders of making _____ statements about Putin's responsibility for Navalny's death. (5 points)

A. solemn B. figurative C. obnoxious D. compassionate

Directions: Choose the word which has the closest meaning to the underlined word.

10. In the recession, the company's profits **plunged** by 60%. (2 points)

A. decreased B. increased C. fluctuated D. stabilized

11. It is acceptable that **covert** activities may be justified in infiltration of illegal groups or to prevent crimes or **calamities**. (3 points)

A. secret – disasters B. peaceful – problems

C. violent – hazards D. safe – accidents

12. Choose the statement that has the closest meaning of 'point' to that in the given statement. (5 points)

I agree with John's **point** about keeping the costs down.

A. No cars are allowed beyond this **point**.

B. He mentions an important **point** in his paper.

C. I didn't see the **point** in moving to London.

D. At one **point**, I thought he was going to burst into tears.

Part III: Grammar (Items 13-18)

Directions: Choose the best answer.

13. She took the opportunity _____ the fact that many of her colleagues let her know that they judged her disloyal. (2 points)

A. in spite B. despite C. although D. due to

14. The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating _____ the company failed to ensure certain _____ were safe for operation. (3 points)

A. whether, aircraft B. that, aircraft

C. whether, aircrafts D. that, aircrafts

15. The settlement agreement prevents around 250 immigrants who were released because of health vulnerabilities from _____ again –_____ they pose a threat to public safety and national security or are considered a flight risk. (5 points)

A. detaining, if B. being detained, unless

C. detainment, as long as D. to detain, because

Directions: Choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

16. Police <u>were interviewing</u> <u>another homeless man</u> who <u>believed</u> to be in the building at
A. B. C.
the time of <u>the fire</u>. (2 points)
D.

17. I was taught how to <u>make</u> a somersault <u>on top of</u> leather mats <u>as lumpy as</u> my face
A. B. C.
after <u>a bad fight</u>. (3 points)
D.

18. Some students may be creating a <u>videotaped drama</u>, <u>in this case</u> numbers and
A. B.
technicians <u>must be</u> <u>calculated and provided</u>. (5 points)
C. D.

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

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

Hong Kong (CNN) — Xi Jinping may have started his recent European trip by fielding tough questions in France about trade and Russia's war in Ukraine, but the Chinese leader ended the sojourn late last week by projecting a stark message: _____19._____ (2 points) frictions with much of the continent, China still has fans in some European capitals.

Beijing's pulling power was on show in Belgrade and Budapest, where streets were festooned with Chinese flags. As Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan touched down at both cities' airports, folk dancers _____20._____ (2 points) on the tarmac and, in contrast to the subdued welcome the couple received in Paris, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban were on hand to greet them.

Chinese state media played up the warm _____21._____(3 points), with headlines _____22._____ (3 points) China's "ironclad" bond with Serbia and "golden friendship" with Hungary. Both countries, major recipients of Chinese investment, announced upgrades of their relations with China during the visits – a symbolic win for Xi _____23._____ (5 points) could play a role in softening European policy on China in _____24._____ (5 points) areas such as trade, security, and human rights.

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19. A. however B. apart from C. owing to D. despite

20. A. demonstrated B. displayed C. performed D. committed

21. A. negotiation B. encounter C. diplomacy D. procedure

22. A. proclaim B. that proclaims C. proclaiming D. proclaimed

23. A. analysts saying B. when analysts say
C. analysts who say D. that, analysts say,

24. A. sensitive B. fraught C. fragile D. guilty

Part V: Reading Comprehension (Items 25-30)

Directions: Read the following notice and answer the questions.

Attention!

To All Students

Academic dishonesty is never condoned by the University. This includes cheating and plagiarism, which violate the Student Conduct Code and could result in expulsion or failing the course.

25. Where would you most probably find this notice? (3 points)

A. At a student dormitory
B. At the main gate of the University
C. At the main bulletin board
D. At the school gym

26. Which of the following statement is TRUE? (5 points)

A. Cheats can never be exempted from penalties, despite any excuses.
B. Students who cheat in the exam receive heavier penalties than those who plagiarize.
C. Cheating results in expulsion, whereas plagiarism leads to failing the course.
D. All students who breach the Student Conduct Code will be either expelled or fail the course.

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

Roman gladiators are interesting figures in history. We get “gladiator” from the Latin word *gladius*, which means sword. Gladiators were professional fighters who originally performed, to the death, at Etruscan funerals. The losers became armed attendants in the next world to the person whose funeral was being held.

In Rome, these exhibitions were popularized and increased in size from 3 pairs at the first known exhibition in 264 B.C. to 300 pairs in the middle of the first century B.C. These spectacles rose to as many as 100 pairs under the emperor Titus, while the emperor Trajan in 107 A.D. had 5,000 pairs of gladiators for his triumph.

Distinguished by their arms or modes of fighting, classes of gladiators were various. The Samnites fought with the national weapons—a large oblong shield, a visor, a plumed helmet, and a short sword. Thracians had a small round shield, called a buckler, and a dagger curved like a scythe. They usually fought the Mirmillones, who were armed in Gallic fashion with helmet, sword, and shield. Similarly, a Retiarius, or net man, was often matched with a secutor, or pursuer. The net man wore nothing but a short tunic or apron and tried to entangle the fully armed pursuer with the cast net he carried in his right hand. If he succeeded in trapping his opponent, the net man dispatched the pursuer with a large, three-pronged weapon called a trident, which the net man carried in his left hand. Other

gladiators fought on horseback, and some carried a short sword in each hand. There were also gladiators who fought from chariots and others who tried to **lasso** their antagonists and kept them alive.

Gladiators came from various social classes. Although they were usually slaves and criminals, a ruined man of high social position might hire himself out as a gladiator. Emperor Domitian had unusual gladiators, dwarfs and women, and the half-mad emperor Commodus fought in the arena, where he won his bouts with the aid of his Praetorian Guard.

Branches of palm and sometimes money were given to a victorious gladiator. If they survived a number of combats, they were often freed from gladiatorial service. However, many gladiators reentered after discharge. Some became politically important bodyguards to controversial politicians.

27. What is the main topic of this passage? (5 points)

A. The types of Roman gladiators

B. The rewards given to Roman gladiators

C. The life of Roman gladiators

D. The social classes of Roman gladiators

28. Which one is not used as a weapon by Roman gladiators? (3 points)

A. a buckler B. a cast net C. a tunic D. a trident

29. Which word has the closest meaning to “lasso” in paragraph 3? (2 points)

A. catch B. fight C. kill D. protect

30. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE? (2 points)

A. Most of the gladiators are from a lower social class.

B. There used to be a person of a higher social class who became a gladiator.

C. Gladiators cannot gain their freedom no matter how good they are at fighting.

D. Classes of gladiators were determined by their weapons and fighting styles.

Grade 7 - Grade 9 Answer Key

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