English Test Grades 7-9

Directions: This English test is used for students in Grades 7-9. This 30-question test, with the overall score of 100, includes the following:

- Dialogues (5 questions x 3 points = 15 points)
- The Cloze Test (5 questions x 3 points = 15 points)
- Restatement (5 questions x 5 points = 25 points)
- Reading (15 questions x 3 points = 45 points)

You will be given 90 minutes to complete the test.

There are four choices in each question. Read the passages and questions carefully before marking your answers on the answer sheet. Make sure you understand the text, the questions, the choices given and base your answer on the conventions of Standard English.

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Dialogues (5 questions x 3 points = 15 points)

Directions: Choose the best answers.

1. Mark: Hey, Mary, you've got some nice things here.

   Mary: _____

   Mark: Right. It's a great idea to use things again but where do you get your ideas?

   Mary: Oh, I find things in books and magazines.

   A. l sometimes get ideas from the internet.
   B. Yes, they're my favorite belongings, but none of them is expensive.
   C. Thanks. I made a lot of them. I like to recycle things. It's good for the environment.
   D. Yeah, the other things are easy too. The notice board is just some cardboard from a big box and some paint.

2. Jackson: Have you been to the exhibition of Picasso paintings?

   Robin: Yes, last Saturday.

   John: What did you think of it?

   Robin: _____

   A. By the way, did you say it was open till 5 o'clock?
   B. Some of my friends are not interested in paintings.
   C. Really! I really must find time to see it.
   D. Fascinating! I only wish I could have understood something of it.

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3. Daniel: You've lost quite a bit of weight since I last saw you.

   John: Yes, I have. Thanks to my diet, I feel much better.

   Daniel: _____

   John: I know. As soon as the new center opens, I'll enroll in for a weekly fitness program.

   A. Who is your doctor? Can I have his phone number?
   B. Do you know that the latest diets are very useful?
   C. But you have to do some exercise as well if you want to retain your weight.
   D. Did you obey all of the restrictions in your diet?

4. Alison: _____

   George: Not yet, but I hope to soon.

   Alison: Shall we do it together?

   George: Why not? If you're free at the weekend.

   A. Did you see the fight in the street last night?
   B. Have you seen that film that everyone's talking about?
   C. You didn't fail in English yet again, did you?
   D. Have you ever been beaten by somebody?

5. Jack: Is Simon coming to the picnic with us tomorrow?

   Carrie: _____

   Jack: Don't bother. On my way home, I can pay a visit.

   Carrie: That's great.

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A. We should add some extra things in case he comes.
B. He has to come because his girlfriend will be there
C. I don't know. I'd rather he didn't.
D. I don't think so, but let's call him to be sure.

The Cloze-test Passage (5 questions x 3 points = 15 points)

Directions: Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

The first half of the 20th century was dominated by the two world wars. The wars resulted in unprecedented numbers of casualties. Eight and a half million people are believed _____(6)_____ fighting in the first world war of 1914-1918. During the Second World War as many as 60 million _____(7)_____ in Asia and the Pacific. _____(8)_____ all the total number of casualties, half were civilians. The scale of killing was largely _____(9)_____ the destructive power of weaponry. With the use of the atomic bomb at the end of the Second World War, this reached _____(10)_____ terrifying a peak that the major powers tried to prevent international wars.

6. A. to be dying

B. that they died

C. having died

D. to have died

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7. A. killed

   B. killing

   C. having been killed

   D. were killed

8. A. Of

   B. From

   C. Over

   D. About

9. A. because of

   B. similar to

   C. as to

   D. due to

10. A. such

    B. very

    C. too

    D. so

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Restatement (5 questions x 5 points = 25 points)

Directions: Choose the choice that retains the closest meaning to the original sentence.

11. The numerous contradictions in the witness's statement have raised doubts about the reliability of his evidence.

    A. The witness's ambiguous statement involved a number of contradictions and this led to untrustworthiness in the jury.
    B. The certainty of the witness's evidence has been called into question because he often contradicts himself.
    C. The deceptive statement of the witness has made people doubt about the reliability of the case.
    D. The reason why we don't believe the witness is that he often contradicts himself.

12. His seat belt saved him from suffering a serious injury.

    A. Unless he was saved, he'd have worn his seatbelt.
    B. But for his seatbelt, he could have been saved from a significant injury.
    C. Thanks to his seatbelt, he was saved from suffering a serious injury with only minor bruises.
    D. Had he not been wearing his seat belt, he would have been seriously injured.

13. Nobody is infallible, but some are a lot more fallible than others.

    A. Everyone makes mistakes, but some make more mistakes than others.
    B. Some people have more faults than others, but it doesn't mean that they are the wrong ones.
    C. Anybody is hardly faultless, but you have to know that some are less fallible.
    D. No single person is perfect; however, some are a lot more supreme than others.

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14. Your chances of happily growing old depend on your diet and the amount of exercise you get.

A. A healthy diet is as significant for the young as doing regular exercise in order to live longer.
B. You cannot anticipate a happy and long life without considering the importance of your diet and proper exercise.
C. Now that you eat healthily and get a lot of exercises, you can be elevated to the level of the old who live long.
D. You can expect a long and happy life provided that you eat healthily and take plenty of exercises.

15. You should show more understanding of others' problems instead of complaining all the time.

A. Rather than complaining continuously, you should show more consideration to the problems of other people.
B. I'd prefer you to be more affectionate towards others' problems instead of complaining instantaneously.
C. I'm fed up with your non-stop annoyances and I think you'd better be more understanding of others' problems.
D. In order to be a more understanding person, you must stop complaining all the time.

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Reading (15 questions x 3 points = 45 points)

Directions: Choose the best answer.

Questions 16-18 are based on the following passage.

Many countries in the world are faced with the appalling connected problems of increasing population and a shortage of food. It has been estimated that by the year 2010, the world's population will have risen to about ten thousand million. It, therefore, seems that more countries could find themselves in this situation in the future. There are a number of possible solutions to the problem, but none of them is easy. Firstly, the governments in such countries could discourage people from having large families. Secondly, the people ought to bring new agricultural machinery, modernize their farming methods and develop more land so as to produce enough food to satisfy the needs of the people. Finally, countries with a food shortage should try to import some of the food they need from other countries by exporting their oil, wood, iron or whatever they have. All of these possible solutions (and there are of course many more) simplify the problem. However, they show that, if people mean to solve the problems of increasing population and food shortages, there are means of doing so.

16. The passage is mainly concerned with _____.

A. the problems of many countries in the world related to the multiplying population and shortage of food as well as several solutions
B. the connection between the problems of increasing population and shortage of food
C. the adverse effects of the decreasing number of people in the world because of the shortage of food
D. a possible way to handle with the rapid rise in the world population and inadequate food supply for the people in many countries

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17. We may infer from the passage that _____.

A. one of the problems in countries which cannot produce enough food for their own people is that farming methods are very simple and often inefficient
B. the possible solutions to the problems of increasing population and shortage of food in the world should not be restricted to the ones mentioned in the passage
C. people need to find some alternative solutions which should be much more effective than the ones they have now
D. having six or seven children is more common than being the parents of one or two in our world today

18. As included in the passage, mentioning the problems of the increasing world population and a shortage of food as well as several solutions, the writer tries to warn us _____.

A. because he's too desperate for the future
B. although he doesn't care about any of the problems he mentioned beforehand
C. against thinking that it will be easy to solve the problems of increasing world population and a shortage of food in the world
D. since he himself lives in a poor and populated country

Questions 19-21 are based on the following passage.

Oscar Niemeyer was a Brazilian architect and the greatest South American exponent of modern architecture. He was fortunate to work in a country relatively unhampered by traditional forms and wealthy enough to finance large projects. Shortly after graduating, he joined the team of designers of the new Ministry of Education and Health building in Rio de Janeiro. Le Corbusier went over to Brazil for a time in 1936 to work on the same project, and Niemeyer was very much influenced by the established master. Over the next few years, his own idiom developed rapidly: the debt to Corbusier remained but was modified increasingly by Niemeyer's own fertile and lyrical imagination. Curved forms, curves cut by

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verticals or horizontals, and the expressive power of low, long and uniform facades became the hallmarks of his style. He has been associated with four great schemes in Brazil. The first of them was a group of buildings near the airport in Belo Horizonte in the early 1940s, and there he displayed that wide variety of structures that were already to be his speciality. His greatest opportunity came with the decision to found a new capital in Brazilia, and, between 1950 and 1960, Niemeyer was engaged in the design of the public buildings. One of these included the President's Palace with its elegant curving concrete forms supporting the overhang of the roof and the daring design for the cathedral.

19. According to the passage, Niemeyer was lucky in where he worked because _____.

A. Brazil had little traditional architecture
B. there were few architects around to compete with him
C. he was able to receive the best training
D. Brazil had a long architectural tradition

20. As is mentioned in the passage, Le Corbusier was _____.

A. the architect who designed Brasilia
B. the best-known Brazilian architect
C. the founder of South American modem architecture
D. the architect who initially influenced Niemeyer

21. As concluded in the passage, Niemeyer _____.

A. was not appreciated in his native country
B. was mainly involved in public housing projects
C. worked for the Brazilian government extensively
D. has greatly influenced world architecture

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Questions 22-24 are based on the following passage.

FUBU started in 1992 when Daymond John decided to try and make some money by designing and selling the kind of hats he wanted to wear himself but could never find. Daymond turned half of his home in Queens, New York into a factory and the other half into a living space for the 'Team!' The "Team consisted of a group of neighborhood friends, all of whom are an integral part of the company. By 1995, FUBU was making shirts, rugby shirts, sweatshirts, denim, underwear, outerwear, boots and shoes with raw materials from around the world. Today FUBU make women's and children's clothes as well. The collection is also sold internationally in France, Japan, Germany and Australia. Top musical artists such as Mariah Carey and Snoop Doggy Dog have given FUBU their stamp of approval.

22. The passage is mainly concerned with _____.

A. the importance of raw material in the textile industry
B. FUBU which make clothes are now very famous between celebrities
C. designing and selling the kind of hats that youngsters like to wear
D. how a way of life developed into an international business

23. It's understood from the passage that _____.

A. when FUBU first started the clothing business, it was not selling children's and women's clothes
B. FUBU was a family firm initiated in 1990s
C. by 1995 FUBU had achieved to sell all kinds of clothing for people
D. some top musical artists joined the team of FUBU after 1995

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24. One may conclude from the passage that _____.

A. The FUBU company started in a workplace in Queens and developed into an international business
B. Daymond John began clothing business by selling his own hats
C. FUBU has gained a popularity which has even drawn the attention of famous singers
D. FUBU entered the world market in 1995

Questions 25-27 are based on the following passage.

Hilaria Supa wears ancestral clothing and a round hat typical of peasant women from her village near Cusco, the former Inca capital in Peru. She also speaks Quechua, the language of the Inca Empire, which is still used widely in Peruvian Andes. She claims that she has no real need for Spanish because her neighbors all speak Quechua. But that doesn't go for other members of Peru's Congress, to which Ms. Supa has just been elected. Along with a colleague, Ms. Supa, who speaks fluent Spanish, has insisted on speaking to the legislature in her first language. This, she says, will increase respect for Andean Indian culture and help the language to survive. It has forced Congress to hire translators. Although Quechua has long been in slow-decline, chiefly because the children of migrants to the cities rarely speak it, it is now getting a lot more attention, as a result of Ms. Supa's struggles.

25. It is implied in the passage that Hilaria Supa _____.

A. knows only a little Spanish
B. is about to lose her position in the congress since she speaks Quechua
C. is a volunteer supporter of a traditional language called Quechua which is now on the brink of extinction
D. has to learn Spanish to survive in Peruvian Andes

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26. We can understand from the passage that in some parts of Peru _____.

A. there is no need to recognize and overcome its ethnic inequalities
B. people who speak Quechua are looked down on by other people who speak Spanish
C. Ms. Supa has a lot of fans that are ready to act as she wants them to do
D. it is enough to know just Quechua to communicate with the people around rather than Spanish

27. It is clear in the passage that the main reason why Quechua, the language of the Inca Empire, has long been in slow decline is that _____.

A. it is forbidden to speak Quechua in the parliament of Peru
B. the cost of hiring a translator is very high in Cusco
C. the new generation among local people growing up in the cities hardly ever speak Quechua
D. Quechua isn't taught in the schools in Peru

Questions 28-30 are based on the following passage.

Do you sudoku? Even if you don't have any chance to do it, you absolutely know somebody who does. Once little-known outside Japan, this addictive brainteaser has become a staple of newspaper puzzle pages the world over. Sudoku's dazzling success owes much to its simplicity requiring neither mathematical ability nor general knowledge and with just a sentence or two of the instructions — the puzzle is absurdly easy to learn yet hard to master. "All you need is the ability to recognize the difference between nine different symbols that don't even have to be numeric," explains Michael Mepham, a veteran puzzler and sudoku compiler. Some clever marketing has helped. Western newspapers were quick to identify sudoku as a circulation, booster and worked hard at promoting the puzzle. "Without this," says Mr. Mepham, "it would not have taken off."

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28. We may infer from the passage that thanks to Sudoku, _____.

A. the circulation amounts of Western newspapers increased
B. the aid of the witty marketing was seen
C. people learnt how to overcome the difficulties of a puzzle
D. people began to work harder to improve the puzzles available on the market

29. As is stated in the passage, Sudoku's achievement mostly results from _____.

A. the sophistication and intricateness of words
B. the proportion of its profits compared to its counterparts
C. the desire of people who want to improve their skills while coping with it
D. its lack of complexity

30. As concluded in the passage, Sudoku took off because _____.

A. people finally found a suitable field to improve their skills
B. most of the people know and like Sudoku
C. Some clever marketing blocked the sales of other puzzles
D. Western newspapers worked hard at promoting the puzzle since they saw it as a circulation booster

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Grades 7 - 9 Answer Key

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

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