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- Đề thi gồm: 07 trang.
 - Phần trắc nghiệm (Từ câu 01 đến câu 35): Thí sinh làm bài trên **Phiếu trả lời trắc nghiệm**.
 - Phần tự luận (Từ câu 36 đến câu 45): Thí sinh làm bài trên **Đề thi**.
 - Thí sinh **KHÔNG** được sử dụng tài liệu, kể cả từ điển.
 - Giám thị **KHÔNG** giải thích gì thêm.
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PHẦN I: TRẮC NGHIỆM (7.0 điểm)

Mark A, B, C or D on the answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others in the same group.

- Question 1. A. maid B. said C. paid D. laid
Question 2. A. pleases B. roses C. closest D. houses
Question 3. A. empty B. wireless C. stressful D. festival

Mark A, B, C or D on the answer sheet to indicate the word whose primary stress is placed on a syllable different from that of the others in the same group.

- Question 4. A. competitive B. demonstrative C. controversy D. variable
Question 5. A. volunteer B. afternoon C. attendee D. tourism

Mark A, B, C or D on the answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that best fits each of the blanks in the following questions.

- Question 6. I always seem _____ in the traffic whenever I'm running late for work.
A. to being stuck B. to have stuck C. to have get stuck D. to get stuck
- Question 7. Tom's Dad: 'Would you like me to drive you to the airport?'
Tom: '_____
A. No, mind your own business! B. I'm sorry. I can't drive.
C. Oh, the pleasure is all mine. D. Thanks, Dad. That's so kind of you.
- Question 8. New York, _____ its iconic skyline and bustling streets, is a city that never sleeps.
A. which B. where C. with D. that
- Question 9. Helping individuals overcome their obstacles and achieve their fitness goals has proven to be a truly _____ job for me as a personal trainer.
A. awarding B. offering C. rewarding D. referring
- Question 10. _____ diligently I study, _____ comprehensively I understand the complexities of the subject matter.
A. The more... the more B. The more... the much
C. The most... the more D. The more... the better
- Question 11. She _____ worried; everything went according to plan.
A. should have B. must have C. mustn't have D. needn't have
- Question 12. How many online courses _____ to the page so far?
A. did they upload B. have they been uploading
C. have they uploaded D. B and C are correct

Question 13. _____ is a significant environmental issue with widespread impacts on climate change, biodiversity loss, and local communities that depend on forests for their livelihoods.

- A. Agriculture B. Conservation C. Deforestation D. Forestry

Question 14. Ha Long Bay, _____ last summer, is no doubt an amazing tourist attraction.

- A. that I visited B. which I visited C. I visited D. where I visited

Question 15. _____ their two children remembered to bring an umbrella, so they got caught in the sudden rainstorm on their way home.

- A. Both of B. All of C. Neither of D. None of

Choose A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined word or phrase that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 16. It has been almost 10 years when he first met his wife in Boston.

- A. almost B. when C. first met D. in

Question 17. As the rules say, all the materials must be put away outside the room before taking the exam.

- A. say B. the C. be put away D. taking

Question 18. The sky train, which is crowded at rush hour but always on time, is my most favourite means of transportation in Bangkok.

- A. which B. at C. most D. means

Question 19. It's often cool in my country this time of the year; I just cannot stand such a hot weather these days in your country.

- A. often B. this time C. cannot D. a

Question 20. I would like you all to sit down and seriously discuss about the recent financial issues in our company.

- A. you all B. and C. about D. issues

Read the passage carefully and choose A, D, C, or D to indicate the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks in the passage.

“Follow your dreams” may be unrealistic for most young people, according to a new study that you should not read if you are looking (21) _____ inspiration.

The paper, (22) _____ “Dream Jobs and Employment Realities,” finds that nearly half of teens aspire to artistic or investigative careers (think scientist, detective, researcher), but these jobs make up only 8% of the U.S. labor market. Just 2% of U.S. adults work in artistic fields. The findings indicate that young people are driven to create and explore, and opportunities to do so professionally are limited.

Researchers from the University of Houston and the University of Illinois gathered the career aspirations of 3,367 teens, ages 13 to 18, in 42 states. Not (23) _____, the teens gravitated toward the careers in their day-to-day lives: Girls aspired to be doctors, veterinarians, teachers, and nurses, in that order. Roughly one in eight girls ages 13 to 15 wanted to be a doctor. Approximately a quarter of 13-to-15-year-old boys wanted to be athletes, though half had lost interest in professional sports by ages 16 to 18. Job preferences became less gendered as teens aged.

Coauthor Kevin Hoff, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Houston, suggests that adults (24) _____ forthright with older teens. “It’s good to encourage students to have prestigious careers, but as they get older, parents, teachers, or counselors should also be real with them and help them understand how many people actually work in their dream fields, and (25) _____ likely it is they will get a job in that field,” he said in a statement.

(Adapted from: <https://www.fastcompany.com/91016143/best-jobs-2024-good-salaries-flexible-wfh-indeed-list>)

Question 21. A. through B. at C. for D. into

Question 22. A. which called B. calling C. called D. which is calling

Question 23. A. surprised B. surprisingly C. surprising D. surprisedly

Question 24. A. are B. were C. be D. have been

Question 25. A. as B. what C. how D. though

Read the passages carefully and choose A, D, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions that follow.

PASSAGE 01

New York City is a place written about in songs, it has served as the backdrop for countless movies and it's inspired people worldwide with its grandiosity. Brimming with some of the nation's tallest buildings and historic landmarks, New York City is never short on spectacle. For centuries, New York City has been a leader in trade and culture, redefining everything from fashion trends to what a proper bagel with schmear should taste like.

The metro area is a place of opportunity, which is why – despite the crowds and costs – people keep coming. Some of the world's best theaters, restaurants, museums, parks and cultural activities can be found here. New York City's communities are as diverse as its people, from Greenwich Village in downtown to Harlem in uptown. Beyond Manhattan, the city is comprised of four additional boroughs: Queens, which has a long history of fabulous immigrant food; Brooklyn and its thriving literary and arts scene; the Bronx and its abundant green space and wildlife; and Staten Island with its coastline.

New York City is known for its fast-paced, around-the-clock lifestyle, which may be overwhelming for newcomers. Known as "the city that never sleeps," this relentless metropolis draws those seeking to advance their careers and push their limits. People come to New York City to pursue their dreams, achieve a better life and test the adage "if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere."

What is there to do in New York City, NY?

It's often described as a concrete jungle, but there's plenty of green space in New York City. Local officials are dedicated to maintaining and improving access to green space across New York City's boroughs – there are more than 1,700 parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities here. Central Park may be referred to as "New York City's backyard," but the High Line – an urban revitalization project in the Lower East Side – is fast becoming a favorite among residents and visitors.

New York City is also home to numerous world-class museums, a legendary theater scene and a dizzying array of nightlife venues. Outside Manhattan, nearby beaches lure sun-seeking residents in the summer, while the Coney Island amusement park has been entertaining New York City families for decades.

Who lives in New York City, NY?

New York City houses people from all walks of life. More than one-third of New Yorkers are foreign-born, making the metro area a genuine melting pot of cultures. Moreover, New York City is home to the largest Jewish population outside of Israel and one of the largest Puerto Rican populations in the continental U.S. New York City is also home to a flourishing LGBTQ community; the annual Pride celebration welcomes a few million attendees each year.

What's the cost of living in New York City, NY?

Affordable housing is an ongoing problem in New York City, with one-bedroom apartments renting for several thousand dollars a month. Housing costs have risen throughout the boroughs – especially Brooklyn. Those looking to save on housing costs often look to communities in Connecticut and New Jersey, or on Long Island – though a hot market is driving up home prices in Long Island.

(Adapted from: <https://realestate.usnews.com/places/new-york/new-york-city>)

Question 26. *What should be the best title for the passage?*

- A.** New York City: An International Tourist Attraction
- B.** New York City: High Cost of Living
- C.** Exploring Life in New York City: Diversity, Culture, and Challenges
- D.** New York City: Diverse Population

Question 27. *What aspect of New York City is highlighted as a major attraction?*

- A.** Its serene beaches and amusement parks
- B.** Its sprawling parks and recreational facilities
- C.** Its historic landmarks and towering skyscrapers
- D.** Its vast array of affordable housing options

Question 28. *What makes New York City a diverse and culturally rich place?*

- A. Its concentration of European heritage
- B. Its homogeneity in culture and lifestyle
- C. Its predominantly native-born population
- D. Its large immigrant communities from various backgrounds

Question 29. *Which statement best describes the lifestyle in New York City?*

- A. Slow-paced and relaxed, catering primarily to retirees
- B. Largely rural with a focus on agricultural activities
- C. Known for its quiet and peaceful neighborhoods
- D. Fast-paced and vibrant, with a thriving nightlife

Question 30. *What contributes to the housing affordability issue in New York City?*

- A. Government subsidies for housing ensuring affordability for all
- B. Low demand for housing due to a declining population
- C. Rising housing costs, especially in areas like Brooklyn
- D. Availability of spacious accommodations at reasonable rates

PASSAGE 02

A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

The Earth is at a tipping point. Here are 3 actions global leaders must take now.

Solutions to climate change and biodiversity loss won't come from any one sector: they'll come from governments, finance, business and civil society. We can achieve a nature-positive world by 2050 while providing affordable, secure and inclusive access to energy, food and water.

Here are three ways we need to up-end “business as usual” and act boldly to advance conservation.

1. Produce more food on less land.

Problem:

Today's version of large-scale agriculture is the biggest source of land conversion, drives deforestation that worsens climate change, uses 70% of the world's freshwater supply and relies on fertilizer practices that pollute our waters. As the need to feed a billion more people increases, agricultural expansion could devastate habitats, release even more carbon into the atmosphere, and dry up rivers.

How to fix it:

Produce food where it's most likely to thrive, which will use less water and less land.

How we're taking action right now:

We're analyzing satellite images and local yield potential to pinpoint where soy farming and cattle ranching can expand without destroying nature. This approach is especially vital in Brazil's Cerrado region, where half of all natural habitat has already been converted to cropland and pasture. Cooperating with farmers on sustainable practices can help save what's left of the Cerrado's rich savanna.

2. Increase clean energy.

Problem:

Climate change is the single most serious threat facing our planet today. We must reduce carbon emissions to, or below, levels agreed to in the Paris Climate Agreement to prevent catastrophic harm. And with global energy demand expected to increase 56% over the next couple decades, it will be impossible to meet those emissions targets if we stick primarily with traditional fossil fuels.

How to fix it:

Shift 85% of the world's energy supply to non-fossil fuel sources and invest in strategies like reforestation that capture carbon dioxide.

How we're taking action right now:

We're championing regulations that allow former mining lands to be repurposed for solar and wind energy. Tens of thousands of acres of degraded mine sites in Nevada's Great Basin are now available for renewable energy development. By targeting already-disturbed land, new turbines and solar panels won't need to destroy more natural habitat.

3. Get \$700 billion to finance nature.

Problem:

Our economies depend on healthy, supportive natural systems. In fact, around half of the gross world product is dependent on nature. Globally, we're already spending up to \$143 billion USD each year on activities that benefit nature, but we need more. A *lot* more. We need to spend at least \$722 billion (and as much as \$967 billion) USD every year, putting the nature finance gap at \$579-824 billion USD.

How to fix it:

We need to close the funding gap—and spend at least \$700 billion USD on nature every year—to reverse the decline in biodiversity by 2030. Fortunately, this number is only 1% of annual gross global product, or about what the world spends on soft drinks.

How we're taking action right now:

Through our Nature Bonds program, we're taking a holistic approach to leverage debt refinancing for effective, durable conservation and climate action. We work with governments to help them refinance debt and generate new funding to invest in conservation, and in climate mitigation and adaptation measures. Like in Barbados, where we worked with the government, partners from the financial and conservation sectors, and local communities to develop a set of commitments for durable conservation that is tailored to meet the country's specific needs.

We truly do have the power to build a future in which nature and people can thrive together.

A more sustainable path is possible. But we need to rally individuals, governments, companies and communities around the world to take action with us over the next decade. When we're at the table with leaders around the world, it gives us great strength to show how many people are with us.

(Adapted from: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/our-science/three-ways-to-save-our-planet/>)

Question 31. *What is the main idea of the passage?*

- A. Global leaders must prioritize nature conservation to ensure a prosperous and inclusive future.
- B. Global leaders must act collaboratively to address significant environmental challenges facing the Earth.
- C. There must be an urgent need for increased clean energy production and sustainable agricultural practices.
- D. There are three specific strategies to combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

Question 32. *What is one solution proposed to address the issue of agricultural expansion and its impact on nature?*

- A. Produce food where it's most likely to thrive, using less water and land
- B. Expand agricultural practices into untouched natural habitats
- C. Continue current large-scale agricultural practices without modifications
- D. Increase fertilizer use to maximize crop yields

Question 33. *Why is reducing carbon emissions crucial, according to the passage?*

- A. To meet the targets outlined in the Paris Climate Agreement
- B. To increase global energy demand
- C. To maintain the profitability of fossil fuel industries
- D. To accelerate the rate of climate change

Question 34. *How does the passage suggest addressing the funding gap for nature conservation?*

- A. By leveraging debt refinancing through programs like Nature Bonds
- B. By redirecting funds from other sectors to nature conservation
- C. By relying solely on government funding
- D. By decreasing investment in renewable energy projects

Question 35. *According to the passage, what is a key aspect of the approach taken by the Nature Bonds program?*

- A. Encouraging countries to accumulate more debt
- B. Focusing solely on financial profit rather than conservation goals
- C. Working with governments to refinance debt for conservation and climate action
- D. Investing exclusively in climate mitigation measures

PHẦN II: TỰ LUẬN (3.0 ĐIỂM)

I. Complete the blank in each of the following questions with the correct form of the word given in brackets after each. Question 00 has been done as an example.

Question 00: The _____ of the sunset took my breath away. (BEAUTIFUL)

Sample answer: beauty

Question 36. The _____ task of stacking boxes on the shelves became increasingly monotonous as the hours dragged on. (REPEAT)

Question 37. His _____ nature often led to missed opportunities, for he always kept wavering between different options. (DECIDE)

Question 38. Recognizing the need for change, the government introduced an _____ to improve public transportation. (INITIATE)

Question 39. There are various _____ within the healthcare field, ranging from doctors and nurses to pharmacists and medical technicians. (OCCUPY)

Question 40. The _____ in the room have seen every setback as an opportunity for growth, inspiring others with their unwavering faith in a brighter future. (OPTIMISTIC)

YOUR ANSWERS:

36. _____

37. _____

38. _____

39. _____

40. _____

II. Complete the second sentence in such a way that it has a similar meaning to the first one in each of the following pairs of sentences.

- Do not make any changes to the word given in brackets.

- Use between THREE and SIX words including the word given.

Question 00 has been done as an example.

Question 00: Return the money to me by Monday, or I'll take you to court. (UNLESS)

You will _____ return the money by Monday.

Sample answer: be taken to court unless you

Question 41. Women are spending more money on clothes than in the past. (INCREASE)

There has _____ of money women are spending on clothes.

Question 42. Not many buses run on Sundays here. (SMALL)

Only _____ run on Sundays here.

Question 43. The stranded travelers needed assistance to find their way back home. (NEED)

The stranded travelers _____ assistance to find their way back home.

Question 44. Please don't bother me when I am working. (BOTHERING)

I'd rather you _____ when I am working.

Question 45. I have heard that they are moving to another city soon. (SUPPOSED)

They _____ to another city soon.

YOUR ANSWERS: (Between THREE and SIX words)

41. _____

42. _____

43. _____

44. _____

45. _____

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