

**BỘ GIÁO DỤC VÀ ĐÀO TẠO  
ĐỀ THI CHÍNH THỨC**

**KỶ THI CHỌN HỌC SINH GIỎI QUỐC GIA  
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**SỐ PHÁCH**

- Thí sinh không được sử dụng tài liệu, kể cả từ điển.
- Giám thị không giải thích gì thêm.

**I. LISTENING (3 points). HƯỚNG DẪN PHẦN THI NGHE HIỂU**

- Bài nghe gồm 3 phần, mỗi phần được nghe 2 lần, mỗi lần cách nhau 30 giây, mở đầu và kết thúc mỗi phần nghe có tín hiệu.
- Mở đầu và kết thúc bài nghe có tín hiệu nhạc. Kết thúc bài nghe thí sinh có 3 phút để hoàn chỉnh bài.
- Mọi hướng dẫn cho thí sinh (bằng tiếng Anh) đã có trong bài nghe.

**Part 1: Questions 1- 10**

**Listen to the New Year's events programme at Arundel Castle and Park and fill in each gap with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER.**

EVENT	TICKET LINE AND CONTACT	TIME	PRICE
<b>History workshop in Arundel Castle for 7-11 year olds</b>	Tel.: (1) ..... Michael Stanton	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am – 4 pm	£12.50 per child
<b>Spring opening of the Castle</b>	Tel: 883136 Helen Sabine	Sunday (2) ..... Castle Grounds: 11 am -5 pm Castle Buildings: 12:00 – 4:00 pm	Grounds & Castle Keep: £6.50 all. Castle Rooms: Adults: £11 Children: (3) £.....
<b>Civil War re-enactment</b>	Tel.: (4) ..... Patrick Hurst	Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 2:30 pm – 5.30 pm	(5) £.....
<b>Summer Faye</b>	Tel.: 883194 Susan Wright	August Saturday (6) ..... 10:00-7:30 pm	Tickets £ 3.00. Adults and children
<b>Medieval</b> (7) .....	Tel.: 882675 Jerry Millington	(8) ..... Saturday in the month April-August 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Adults £ 5.00 Children £ 2.00

**How to find us:**

- We are situated off the main south coast road, the A27, between Chichester and Brighton. Arundel is served by regular bus and train services, which are a pleasant (9) ..... walk from the castle.
- To find out more about other events, call: (10).....
- Email: [info@arundelcastle.org](mailto:info@arundelcastle.org) Website: [www.arundelcastle.org](http://www.arundelcastle.org)

33. My sunburnt nose made me feel rather \_\_\_\_\_ for the first few days of the holiday.  
 A. self-confident B. self-centred C. self-conscious D. self-evident
34. The peace of the public library was \_\_\_\_\_ by the sound of a transistor radio.  
 A. smashed B. fractured C. shattered D. demolished
35. Why don't you have a night out? It would take your \_\_\_\_\_ off your worries.  
 A. thoughts B. heart C. head D. mind
36. In the hands of a reckless driver, a car becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ weapon.  
 A. lethal B. fatal C. mortal D. venal
37. What the company needs is a \_\_\_\_\_ actor who can take on a variety of roles.  
 A. variable B. changeable C. diverse D. versatile
38. With their modern, lightweight boat, they soon \_\_\_\_\_ the older vessels in the race.  
 A. outstripped B. caught up C. overran D. exceeded
39. He \_\_\_\_\_ so much harm on the nation during his regime that it has never fully recovered.  
 A. made B. inferred C. induced D. inflicted
40. The new law on motorcyclists' wearing safety helmets has come \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to power B. effective C. to existence D. into force
41. It's a shame they didn't pick you, but it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ out the possibility that you might get a job in a different department.  
 A. rule B. strike C. cancel D. draw
42. The dealer wanted 400 pounds, I wanted to pay 300 pounds, and we finally agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ the difference.  
 A. divide B. split C. drop D. decrease
43. You'll feel better after you've taken a \_\_\_\_\_ of cough medicine.  
 A. ration B. helping C. dose D. portion
44. There's a small hard \_\_\_\_\_ on my wrist. I think I'd better see the doctor.  
 A. swelling B. lump C. bruise D. rash
45. All the way along the winding street \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. he came B. came he C. did he come D. comes he

**Your answers**

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| 31..... | 36..... | 41..... |
| 32..... | 37..... | 42..... |
| 33..... | 38..... | 43..... |
| 34..... | 39..... | 44..... |
| 35..... | 40..... | 45..... |

**Part 2: The passage below contains 10 errors. IDENTIFY and CORRECT them. Write your answers in the space provided in the column on the right. (0) has been done as an example.**

Women see their doctor (0. in) average five times a year in the UK comparing with men who visit their doctor about three times. Two out of three women leave their GB's surgery clutch a prescription. Yet women have been taking tablets with knowing what effect they may have in their body, because of scientific anomaly - most drugs are tested into men. In addition, there are well-known examples of the way drugs and other substances work different in women. The different balance on fat and muscle of men's and women's bodies affect the speed with which alcohol is absorbed and breaking down, for example. It is predicted that natural remedies will continue to gain in popularity as women, in particular, become more aware of the possible side - effect of the powerful drugs currently prescribed.

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**Part 5: Fill in each blank with a suitable PREPOSITION. Write your answers in the numbered blanks provided below the passage.**

(76) \_\_\_\_\_ the whole, Flora was content (77) \_\_\_\_\_ her life. (78) \_\_\_\_\_ day she was a librarian in a large city library, but in her spare time she lived in a world of dreams. Her secret, all-devouring passion was reading – novels (79) \_\_\_\_\_ particular – and she had read almost all the classics that the library had (80) \_\_\_\_\_ stock. She read voraciously, (81) \_\_\_\_\_ her lunch hour, her tea break, and the long evenings (82) \_\_\_\_\_ home. She would even read (83) \_\_\_\_\_ her way home, walking slowly (84) \_\_\_\_\_ her book open. The small flat where she lived (85) \_\_\_\_\_ herself was piled high (86) \_\_\_\_\_ books. She knew her favourites (87) \_\_\_\_\_ heart, empathizing with the characters and thinking (88) \_\_\_\_\_ them as real people. (89) \_\_\_\_\_ short, she had found that books fulfilled her emotional needs better than people did, and (90) \_\_\_\_\_ any case, she had now completely forgotten how to relate to people other than characters in novels.

**Your answers**

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| 76..... | 81..... | 86..... |
| 77..... | 82..... | 87..... |
| 78..... | 83..... | 88..... |
| 79..... | 84..... | 89..... |
| 80..... | 85..... | 90..... |

**Part 6: Insert A, AN, THE or  $\Phi$  (zero article) where necessary. Write your answers in the numbered spaces provided under the passage.**

Probably the most important piece of (91) \_\_\_\_\_ electrical equipment to become widely used in the last twenty years is (92) \_\_\_\_\_ dishwasher. Washing up by hand is not only a time consuming task (it can take longer than eating (93) \_\_\_\_\_ meal itself), but also (94) \_\_\_\_\_ extremely boring one, particularly when you are on your own, and it also ruins your hands. Dishwashers come in (95) \_\_\_\_\_ range of different sizes and models to suit your purse, (96) \_\_\_\_\_ size of your family, and (97) \_\_\_\_\_ layout of your kitchen. They can be stood on (98) \_\_\_\_\_ floor or on (99) \_\_\_\_\_ worktop, or they can be mounted on (100) \_\_\_\_\_ wall.

**Your answers**

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| 91..... | 96.....  |
| 92..... | 97.....  |
| 93..... | 98.....  |
| 94..... | 99.....  |
| 95..... | 100..... |

**III. READING (4 points)**

**Part 1: Choose the word that best fits each of the blanks in the following passage. Circle A, B, C, or D to indicate your answer. (0) has been done as an example.**

**TALKING RUBBISH**

Reduce! Re-use! Recycle! The message hits Canadian (0) consumers through all the media. As newcomers from Sri Lanka, we compare the situation here with the one back home. We may not be the most environmentally (101) \_\_\_\_\_ citizens in the world but, compared with this, we do not have a rubbish problem - yet.

Like many shoppers in Colombo, my partner Shahid and I used to have a cane basket we (102) \_\_\_\_\_ with us to the Sunday market or *po/a* every week. No environmentalist could

complete transformation of motive. We work for things basically unconnected with that work- usually money, prestige, success, security. We will learn for learning's sake alone: a rose is a rose because it is and not what we can get out of it. Nor need any cynic doubt that we shall not wish to work without there being any obvious end in view. Already, adult education classes are overcrowded - one friend of mine teaching French literature says she could have had 10 pupils for every one she has.

Nevertheless, we still live in a very competitive society and most of us will need to reshuffle the furniture of our minds in order to gear our children towards a future in which outer rewards - keeping up with the Joneses - become less relevant than inner and more individual spurs. The existence of competition has always meant doing things because they win us some essentially unconnected advantage but the aim of the future must be to integrate the doing with its own reward, like virtue.

Oddly enough it is in America, that citadel of competitiveness, that the first experiments in this change of mind are taking place. In that New World, there are already organizations set up to examine ways in which competitiveness can be replaced by other inner-directed forms of rewards and pleasures. Take one interesting example in a foundation whose aim is to transform competitiveness soon. A tug-of-war, as we all know, consists of one team pitting its strength against another team. The aim is to tug the opposing team over a line and by doing so, win.

In the brand-new non-competitive version, things are very different. There are still two teams on either end of a rope but now the aim is not to win but to maintain the struggle. As the two teams tug, any individual on either team who senses a coming victory must get to the winning end of the rope and rush over to lend his weight to the other side, thus redressing the balance, and keeping the tug-of-war going as long as possible. If you actually imagine doing this, the startling fact that emerges is that the new game offers more possibilities of individual judgement and skill just because victory is not the aim and the tug-of-war is ended only by defeat of those judgements and skills. What's more, I think most people would get more pleasure out of the neo-tug than the old winners-take-all concept.

So could it be for learning. Most of us, at some time or another, have glimpsed one of the real inner pleasures of education - a sort of one-person chase after an elusive goal that pits you only against you or, at the very most, against the discoveries of the greatest minds of other generations. On a more humble level, most of us have already got some pleasurable hobby that we enjoy for its own sake and become expert in for that enjoyment. In my own stumbling efforts, since last year, to learn the piano, I have seen the future and it works.

*(From an article by Jill Tweedie in the Guardian)*

116. In the future envisaged by the writer, \_\_\_\_\_
- A. there would be no need to deal with money
  - B. there would be no need to communicate in writing
  - C. there would be few employment prospects
  - D. there would be few educational prospects
117. According to the writer, the most difficult adjustment for us to make will be \_\_\_\_\_
- A. working without the hope of material reward
  - B. getting used to having more free time
  - C. seeing education as being its own reward
  - D. learning essentially impractical subjects
118. Our duty towards our children will be to \_\_\_\_\_
- A. prepare them to set their own goal
  - B. encourage them to be more ambitious
  - C. improve their chances of employment
  - D. teach them basic moral values in life

the almost universal use of "eh?" as a tag question, as in "That's a good movie, eh?" "Eh" is also used as a filler during a narrative, as in "I'm walking home from work, eh, and I'm thinking about dinner. I finally get home, eh, and the refrigerator is empty."

[7] The traditional view holds that there are no dialects in Canadian English and that Canadians cannot tell where other Canadians are from just by listening to them. The linguists of today disagree with this view. While there is a greater degree of homogeneity in Canadian English compared with American English, several dialect areas do exist across Canada. Linguists have identified distinct dialects for the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland, the Ottawa Valley, southern Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, the Arctic North, and the West.

121. According to the passage, how did Canadian English become a distinct variety of North American English?

- A. Linguists noticed that Canadians spoke a unique dialect.
- B. A large group of Loyalists settled in one region at the same time.
- C. Growth of the middle class led to a standard school curriculum.
- D. Canadians declared their language to be different from U.S. English.

122. The word "**norms**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. patterns
- B. words
- B. history
- D. ideas

123. The phrase "**a great deal in common with**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. different words for
- B. the same problems as
- C. many similarities to
- D. easier pronunciation than

124. In paragraph 2, what point does the author make about Canadian English?

- A. Canadian English is more similar to American than to British English.
- B. American and British visitors define Canadian English by their own norms.
- C. Canadian English has many words that are not in other varieties of English.
- D. Canadians speak English with an accent that Americans cannot understand.

125. The phrase "**the two varieties**" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. People who live outside North American
- B. Canadian English and American English
- C. General Canadian and North American
- D. British English and Canadian English

126. The word "**spot**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. describe
- C. prefer
- B. ignore
- D. find

127. Which sentence below best expresses the essential information in the underlined sentence in paragraph 4? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Canadian English has been strongly influenced by both British and American English.
- B. Canada is the only nation where people can deliberately choose which pronunciation they prefer.
- C. Canadians have tried to distinguish themselves as a nation, and this effort is shown in their pronunciation.
- D. Many newcomers to Canada must work hard to master the national style of pronouncing English.

142. The northwest of Britain has more rain each year than the southeast  
The annual.....
143. The secretary didn't reply me for ten days.  
No reply from .....
144. The policeman's prejudice against foreigners could not be recorded in the official files.  
The fact that .....
145. The two sides never looked likely to reach an agreement.  
At no time .....

**Part 2. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar its possible in meaning to the original sentence. Use the word given and other words as necessary. Do not change the form of the given word.**

146. These days, she is very cheerful. (SPIRITS)  
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147. Carol claimed that she hadn't understood my request. (MADE)  
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148. The total came to just under \$4,000. (WORKED)  
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149. A treaty will very probably be signed soon. (ALL)  
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150. He's very good at tennis and he's also a very good footballer. (ADDITION)  
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**Part 3: The table below shows the results of an airline survey in 2006 of economy class travellers. The numbers indicate how many male or female passengers in each age group rated a particular feature as their most important in-flight consideration.**

**Write a report describing the information shown. You should write about 150 words.**

In-flight feature ranked first	Females		Males	
	Age 25 – 45	45+	Age 25 – 45	45+
SEAT/ LEG ROOM	25	40	27	46
MEALS/ DRINKS	18	22	10	22
ATTENDANT SERVICE	32	34	35	26
MOVIES/ INFLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT	25	4	28	4
<b>TOTALS INTERVIEWED</b>	100	100	100	100

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