

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM

Write your answers on the answer sheet!

I COMPREHENSION

Listening

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1 Listen to a story of the Scottish traditional clothes. Match the titles (A–F) with the appropriate extracts (1–5). There is one extra title. You will hear the recording twice. You have 1 minute to study the questions in both tasks.

A The selection of colours	Extract 1 ___
B Tartan in the contemporary world	Extract 2 ___
C The origin of the name	Extract 3 ___
D The making of tartan	Extract 4 ___
E The right to wear tartan	Extract 5 ___
F The clan division	

2 Read the sentences below. Listen to the extract again. For each sentence circle the correct answer, a, b or c.

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1 The tartan design
a originally came from France.
b never combines two colours.
c is popular in Scottish skirt making.

2 The Highlands is the region where
a the clans live now.
b early Scotsmen in the ancient Mediterranean lived.
c Celts of Western Europe used to live in the Middle Ages.

3 Clans used
a one colour to symbolise one family.
b dyes from vegetables or trees.
c only bright colours in their tartans.

4 The labels of numerous whisky bottles pictured
a the Jacobite rebellion leaders.
b chiefs of the chosen clans.
c King George IV.

5 Queen Elizabeth II

a likes Scottish dancing but not the Scottish dress.

b demands the Highland dress from the Scottish officials.

c wants new plaids to be given new names.

Reading

1 Read the text below and put the sentences (A–F) in the gaps (1–5). There is one extra sentence. _____/5

A That can be impolite or mean 'Go away', in other countries.

B The other person doesn't know you are holding your thumbs.

C However, gestures can be misunderstood in cross-cultural situations.

D That means that part of learning a language is learning the gestures, too.

E They shake their head from side to side which means 'no' in most other countries.

F If a person does not look an American in the eye, he may not trust the person or feel uncomfortable during the conversation.

Body language

'Actions speak louder than words', we say in English. This is certainly true when judging someone's character. Sometimes, instead of words, we use actions or gestures to say something. 1 _____ Americans, like other nationalities, have their own 'body language' which may not be so easy to learn.

Body language is part of 'kinesics' – the study of facial expressions, eye contact, gestures and even the way you stand or sit. Psychologists, linguists and communication experts say that body language sends a 'silent' message to others. For example, direct eye contact is very important for Americans. 2 _____ Of course, body language differs across cultures. In many cultures, especially in the Far East, looking down or lowering the eyes is a sign of respect. In these cultures, Americans might seem too bold or aggressive with their direct eye contact.

In some countries, like France, Holland and the United States, making a gesture with the palm of the hand facing up, bending the fingers back two or three times, means 'Come here'. 3 _____ In Italy and Tunisia, for example, the same gesture must be made with the hand facing down to say 'Come here'.

Gestures can cause serious misunderstandings. For example, Bulgarians are well-known for their 'yes' gesture. 4 _____ To show 'no', Bulgarians make a movement with the head which looks like 'yes' to people not from Bulgaria.

Some Polish gestures can be easily misunderstood in other cultures. In Poland, when you want to wish someone good luck, you hold your thumbs inside your hand, making a fist. 5 _____ He might think you are making a fist and it looks like you are an enemy.

2 Read the text below and put one word in each gap (1–5).

____/5

- 1 _____ 4 _____
2 _____ 5 _____
3 _____

China – an incredible land

With a land area of 9.5 million square kilometres, China is the world's third largest country. But in terms of population (1.2 billion) it is second to none. The Chinese call their country Chung Kuo which means 'Middle Country' or 'Central Country' in their language. They are extremely proud (1) _____ their country and they have every reason to be.

With a recorded history of nearly 4,000 years, Chinese civilisation is among the oldest on Earth. The Chinese invented paper, printing, gunpowder and porcelain and (2) _____ first to use silk. China has given the world beautiful literature, painting and architecture as well as the wise thoughts of the philosophers Lao-tze and Confucius. The arts were well-developed in China long before Rome was founded. Many centuries ago, Chinese medicine was making use of preparations and techniques only just now being discovered and acknowledged in the West. It is no wonder then (3) _____ most people did not believe the reports of the famous thirteenth-century Italian traveller, Marco Polo, when he told of the Great Wall, the fabulous architecture, impressive inventions and other wonders he had seen in China.

Although eating habits vary greatly throughout this huge country today, in general Chinese food is very good, carefully prepared and served to appeal to the senses of sight, smell and taste. The Chinese people love gathering together to enjoy good food, drink and company at the New Year, at weddings and occasions like the Lantern Festival. Today, Chinese food (4) _____ become very popular in many countries and using sticks for eating rice is an obligatory skill in the eyes of many people.

What is especially valuable is that (5) _____ the western style pop culture gradually seeping through, the Chinese have remained a very family-oriented nation where the elderly are respected for their wisdom and experience.

II USE OF ENGLISH

1 Read the text carefully and choose one option which completes each gap correctly. ____/5

I fell in love (0) with Francisca two years ago on my business trip to Rome. I was just trying to put my hand luggage into an overhead (1) _____ when a beautiful flight attendant offered to help me. I (2) _____ for her the moment I set my eyes on her. Luckily, Francisca agreed (3) _____ that evening in Rome. That's how it all started. Since she was Italian we could see (4) _____ only four, five times a year but we kept in touch by phone and email. Last year she came to Poland for two weeks. At first we had a wonderful time together, but then the things went wrong and we decided to break up. (5) _____ this unhappy ending we have been good friends till today.

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| 0 a) <i>with</i> | b) to | c) in |
| 1 a) container | b) drawer | c) locker |
| 2 a) fell | b) turned | c) took |
| 3 a) that she met me | b) to meet me | c) meeting me |
| 4 a) us | b) ourselves | c) each other |
| 5 a) Despite | b) Although | c) Unless |

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. ____/5

- 0 My students' political awareness (aware) was very impressive.
- 1 I'm sure scientists will soon _____ (success) in finding a cure for this illness.
- 2 I have never been on such a long and _____ (exhaust) journey.
- 3 Ann is not a bad girl, she started stealing food out of _____ (desperate).
- 4 You were very rude yesterday. How could you say so many _____ (kind) things to her?
- 5 My grandfather got a medal for his _____ (brave) during World War II.

3 Choose the best option and circle A, B, C or D as in the example 0. _____/20

0 A horse has got _____ legs.

- A** for **B** fore **C** fort **D** four

1 I couldn't take any pictures because I _____ my camera at home.

- A** 'd left **B** 'm leaving **C** to leave **D** 've left

2 In the evenings, we used to sit around the piano and our mother _____ our favourite songs.

- A** played **B** would play **C** plays **D** will play

3 I _____ David Copperfield for two weeks but I haven't finished it yet.

- A** 've read **B** 've been reading **C** read **D** 'm reading

4 "I'd like to introduce _____. My name is Dahlia Ross."

- A** myself **B** yourself **C** me **D** ourselves

5 All the children _____ presents by Father Christmas.

- A** give **B** were giving **C** gave **D** were given

6 The thief _____ by a security camera.

- A** was watching **B** was be watched **C** was been watched **D** was being watched

7 She went to the salon _____.

- A** to make her hair cut **B** to be her hair cut **C** to do her hair cut **D** to get her hair cut

8 We _____ to Italy for our holidays next June. I've already booked a hotel in Florence.

- A** 'll go **B** 're going **C** go **D** went

9 Iguacu is the largest waterfall in _____ South America.

- A** the **B** — **C** a **D** any

10 She's very young to be Prime Minister. She's only in her _____ thirties.

- A** later **B** late **C** lately **D** latest

11 That _____ Brad Pitt — not in this small town!

- A** mustn't be **B** mightn't be **C** can't be **D** shouldn't be

- 12 George hates everything. He must be very _____.
A mature B comfortable C miserable D particular
- 13 If I hadn't got married when I was eighteen, I _____ to university to study agriculture.
A 'd go B 'd have gone C 'll go D was going
- 14 Mrs Fielding said she _____ help me with singing.
A would B need C ought D is able
- 15 At the job interview, they asked me where I _____ for the last two years.
A have been working B 'll work C had been working D 'm working
- 16 Don't stop _____ you have finished the test!
A first B since C until D to
- 17 _____ she is only 13, she is an expert violinist and has played with orchestras on TV!
A Because B Although C Despite D Even
- 18 I wish I _____ understand Spanish!
A could B can't C able D can
- 19 I feel so sleepy! I _____ such a big lunch!
A mustn't have eaten B shouldn't have eaten C wouldn't have eaten D couldn't have eaten
- 20 I still remember _____ Paris in 1999. It is such a beautiful city.
A to visit B visited C visiting D visit

III WRITING

____/10

“Online shopping.”

- What is your opinion about online shopping?
- Is it fashionable nowadays?
- Do you do your shopping online? Why/Why not?
- What are the products you would never buy online? Why?

Write about 80 - 100 words. Do not exceed the word limit and answer ALL the questions.

