

ENGLISH TEST

for

VNU-HCM GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

This test is to measure your English proficiency for your study program. It consists of three sections with a total of approximately 110 minutes.

Language Structures and Expressions (20 minutes) Section 1:

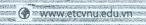
Section 2: Reading Comprehension (60 minutes)

Section 3: Listening Comprehension (30 minutes)

Each section has specific directions. Be sure you understand what you are to do before working on each section.

Do not write your answers on the test booklet. All your answers must be blackened on your answer sheet.

ALL TEST BOOKLETS WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER THE TEST.







SECTION 1: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND EXPRESSIONS

The section of Language Structures and Expressions tests your English grammar skills. This section includes fifteen questions in two parts. Each question has four answer choices. Select the best answer choice and blacken your choice on your answer sheet. You have twenty minutes to complete this section of the test.

Part One tests your recognition of the grammatical errors in language structures.

Part Two tests your use of English grammar in language expressions.

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PART ONE: ERROR IDENTIFICATION

Directions:	Each	of the	following	sentences	has	ONE	error	(A,	В,	C,	or D).	Find in	t and	blacken
your choice	on you	ır ansv	ver sheet.											

1.	Anne's family is planning ar	n interesting hikin	g trip to the Mount W	<u>'hitney</u> next <u>winter</u>	vacation.
	Α	В	C		D
2.	The kids really liked the boo	ks <u>that</u> I chose <u>fo</u>		mised <u>keeping</u> tho	se books
	carefully.	A	В	С	
3.	Tim is <u>a very</u> responsible st	udent. <u>He</u> has <u>ne</u> B	ver been lately to cla	ss so far.	
4.	Mary and Jane have been t	alked to <u>each oth</u> A B	<u>er</u> for 3 hours, but <u>th</u>	ere is no sign that	they will <u>sto</u> D
5.	When you see Joanna, plea	se give <u>her</u> my c B	omments <u>with</u> her pe C	erformance in the la	ast exam. D
6.	Peter's father gave <u>him</u> a ca	at, <u>that</u> is <u>nearly</u> p B C	oure white, <u>on his 12th</u>	birthday.	
7.	Jack is going to tell me som	e news which <u>are</u> B	e about <u>the time</u> whe	n he <u>worked</u> for the D ·	at company.
8.	As the bread winner of his fa	amily, John has to	work <u>a lot of</u> : three s	hifts a day <u>for</u> six d D	ays a week.
9.	Never trust <u>Mary brother</u> <u>be</u>	<u>cause</u> he always B	tells lies and does te	errible things <u>to</u> his D	friends.
10.	Yesterday Bob <u>cooked</u> a big A	dinner <u>for</u> his fri B		ot so delicious <u>as</u>	
	^	D	С		D



PART TWO: RESTATEMENTS

Directions: Which of the following best restates the given sentence? Find it and blacken your choice on your answer sheet.

11. To me, his life story is more amazing than any other one.

- (A) Most other people's life stories are not so interesting as his.
- (B) His life story is the most amazing one that I have ever heard.
- (C) I like his amazing life story more than other people's.
- (D) Even though his life story is amazing, others' are even more.

12. Peter said, "Mom, can I raise a cat in our apartment?"

- (A) Peter told his mother that he wanted her to raise a cat in their apartment.
- (B) Peter asked his mother for permission to raise a cat in their apartment.
- (C) Peter asked if his mother could raise a cat in their apartment.
- (D) Peter said that his mother allowed him to raise a cat in their apartment.

13. They discussed the project very carefully because they did not want a failure.

- (A) The project was discussed very carefully so as not to have a failure.
- (B) Not wanting a failure, they discussed a careful project.
- (C) They had the project discussed very carefully because they did not want a failure.
- (D) The project was discussed very carefully so that there would be no failure.

14. Perhaps we'll buy a new apartment because the kids need their private rooms.

- (A) Buying a new apartment is a good possibility if the kids need their private rooms.
- (B) Because the kids need their private rooms, it is possible that we'll buy a new apartment.
- (C) It is unlikely that we'll buy a new apartment if the kids need their private rooms.
- (D) We'll surely buy a new apartment because the kids need their private rooms.

15. You should gather more information; otherwise, you can make a wrong decision.

- (A) If I were you, I would gather more information to avoid making a wrong decision.
- (B) If you gathered more information, you would not have made a wrong decision.
- (C) If you had gathered more information, you would have avoided making a wrong decision.
- (D) If you gather more information, you will surely avoid all wrong decisions.



SECTION 2: READING COMPREHENSION

The Reading section tests your English reading skills. This section includes four reading passages and forty questions. Each question has four answer choices. Select the best answer choice and blacken your choice on your answer sheet. You have sixty minutes to complete this section of the test.

The first passage tests your grammar and vocabulary.

The last three passages test your comprehension of the passages.

You may take notes and use your notes to answer the questions.

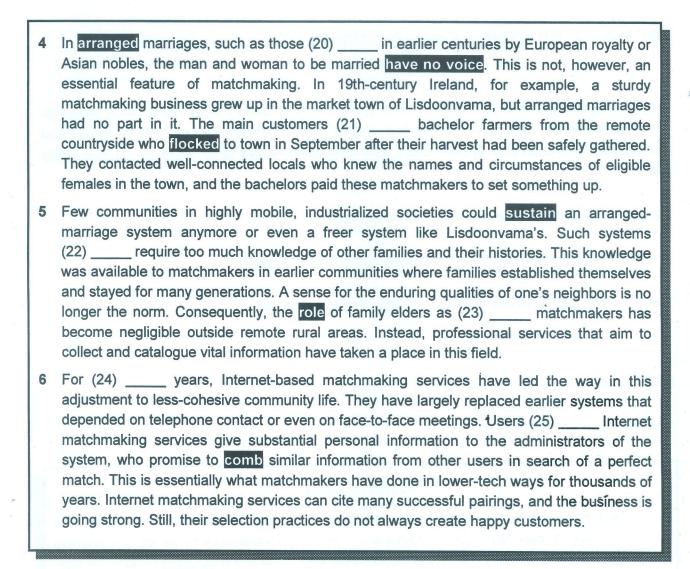
PART ONE

Read the passage carefully.

MATCHMAKING

- Among human cultures, few practices are (16) _____ as the ceremonial wedding of a woman and a man. Marriage is serious business, much too serious to be left to extremely young men and women. Surely the elders know best. This is the impulse behind the age-old practice of matchmaking.
- The basics of matchmaking are simple. After (17) _____ information about marriageable men and women (or boys and girls), a matchmaker decides which would be a good match. Sometimes the matchmaker represents the male or his family and therefore assesses available females. Sometimes the matchmaker represents the female side and looks at available males. In still other cases, the matchmaker is an independent judge, representing neither side but hoping to make a choice (18) _____ will satisfy both.
- We have already hinted at one motivation for matchmaking the belief that the people getting married are too young to make a wise decision. Especially in cultural traditions that encouraged marriages between 11- or 12-year-old children, this belief was probably true. Even with older teens or people in (19) _____ early 20s, a society might encourage matchmaking in the belief that young people, blinded by the sexual attractiveness of a potential mate, cannot shrewdly choose someone who would make a good lifelong partner after the beauty of youth fades away.





Task 1: Choose the best option A, B, C, or D for each gap.

40	(A)	(D) : I	(0)	
16.	(A) more widespread	(B) so widespread	(C) as widespread	(D) most widespread
17.	(A) collecting	(B) has collected	(C) being collected	(D) have collected
18.	(A) where	(B) what	(C) that	(D) who
19.	(A) their	(B) his	(C) her	(D) our
20.	(A) has practiced	(B) practices	(C) being practiced	(D) practiced
21.	(A) have been	(B) were	(C) was	(D) has been
22.	(A) simply	(B) simple	(C) simplicity	(D) simplify
23.	(A) a	(B) ∅ (no article)	(C) the	(D) an
24.	(A) a little	(B) much	(C) a few of	(D) many
25.	(A) on	(B) in	(C) of	(D) with

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Task 2: Choose the best option A, B, C, or D for each gap.

20.	closest in meaning to	4 is closest in meaning to				
	(A) basis (B) support (C) driving force (D) compulsion	(A) are not allowed to make a decision(B) are unable to make a sound(C) cannot speak(D) are totally carefree				
27.	The word judge in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to	32. The word flocked in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to				
	(A) evaluator (B) controller (C) checker (D) tester	(A) came in great numbers(B) pursued(C) followed each other(D) imitated				
28.	The word blinded in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to	33. The word sustain in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to				
	(A) bored to tears(B) lacking in determination(C) deprived of judgment(D) pushed to extremes	(A) push (B) promote (C) continue (D) develop				
29.	The word partner in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to	34. The word role in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to				
	(A) spouse(B) roommate(C) co-worker(D) family member	(A) level (B) act (C) function (D) title				
30.	The word <u>arranged</u> in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to	35. The word comb in paragraph 6 is closest in meaning to				
	(A) decided by others(B) secretly performed(C) publicly approved(D) premature	(A) understand(B) gather a lot(C) search carefully for(D) make the hair neat				



PART TWO

Read the passage carefully.

- 1 Families in almost every country are changing. This is true in rich countries and poor ones. It is true in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe. All over the world, families are getting smaller. In North Africa, in the past, many people lived in extended families. Fifty to a hundred people lived together in a group of houses. These were all family members grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, children, and grandchildren. However, now this traditional family is breaking into smaller groups.
- The traditional Japanese family was also an extended family a son, his parents, his wife, his children, and his unmarried brothers and sisters. Three generations lived together. However, this tradition is changing. Now most families are nuclear families parents and their children and most Japanese parents have only one or two children. These families have new problems. Many men and women spend a lot of time at work. They do not spend much time together as a family. This can be very difficult. Some young women do not want this kind of marriage. They get a job and live with their parents. They say, "I don't need to get married."
- In Europe, in traditional families, the woman stayed home with the children, and the man had a job. However, families all over Europe are changing. The number of divorces is going up. In Germany, 41 percent of all marriages end in divorce. In Finland, that number is 56 percent. Many Europeans do not get a divorce, but they do not get married, either. In much of Europe, many people live alone.
- 4 In France, more than 26 percent of women between age 30 and 34 live alone, and more than 27 percent of men of the same age live alone. The number of single-parent families is going up, too. In Denmark, 60 percent of all first-born children have parents who are not married.



Choose the best option A, B, C, or D.

- 36. What is the passage mainly about?
 - (A) Reasons for changing families.
 - (B) The change of families worldwide.
 - (C) The loss of tradition in Japanese families.
 - (D) Increasing divorces in Europe.
- 37. Why does the author mention Fifty to a hundred people in paragraph 1?
 - (A) To indicate the average number of family members in the past.
 - (B) To describe the size of extended families in North Africa in the past.
 - (C) To prove that North African families are very big.
 - (D) To point out that North African people like to share their living places.
- **38.** According to paragraph 2, what is TRUE of today's Japanese families?
 - (A) Wives prefer to work outside the home.
 - (B) All parents want only one or two kids.
 - (C) Men do more housework than women.
 - (D) They mostly consist of two generations.

- **39.** What does the word their in paragraph 2 refer to?
 - (A) Children.
 - (B) Parents.
 - (C) Generations.
 - (D) Families.
- **40.** According to paragraphs 3 and 4, in which place are divorces more than a half of marriages?
 - (A) All over Europe.
 - (B) Finland.
 - (C) Germany.
 - (D) France.
- 41. What does the phrase the same age in paragraph 4 refer to?
 - (A) 30 and 34.
 - (B) 34.
 - (C) From 30 to 34.
 - (D) 30.



PART THREE

Read the passage carefully.

- 1 The Age of Exploration lasted from the early part of the fifteenth century to the early years of the seventeenth century. During that time, adventurers from throughout Europe sailed around the world. The majority of these men came from Spain, Portugal, and England. One of the greatest of all English adventurers during this time was Sir Francis Drake. He lived from 1540 to 1596. Drake accomplished a number of feats that led him to be highly revered in England, yet he was considered a pirate by people in other countries, particularly Spain.
- 2 After the New World was discovered by Christopher Columbus, the Spanish led the way in establishing colonies there. They were particularly dominant in Central America and South America. Their soldiers, called conquistadors, effectively defeated the Aztec and Inca empires. On account of their strength in the New World, the Spanish acquired a great amount of treasure. Thus, there were constantly ships filled with treasure sailing across the Atlantic Ocean to Spain.
- Many sailors from other countries tried to capture these ships. Drake was one of these men. In 1573, he and his crew engaged in an act of piracy against a convoy of Spanish ships. They managed to capture the ships near Panama. Seizing their treasure of gold and silver, Drake and his men returned to England. This act brought him to the attention of Queen Elizabeth. She sponsored another expedition of Drake's that sailed to the New World in 1577. Drake had five small ships and nearly 200 men. They raided Spanish holdings in South America and then sailed into the Pacific Ocean. There, Drake captured two Spanish treasure ships before sailing west across the Pacific. In September 1580, one of Drake's ships and fifty-six men reached home after having circumnavigated the world.
- 4 Drake was knighted by the queen in 1581. By then, he was considered the best and most daring sailor in England. In 1585, war broke out between England and Spain. Three years later, King Philip II of Spain sent an enormous fleet, called the Spanish Armada, to defeat England. Drake was made second in command of the English fleet that emerged victorious against the Spanish. A few years later, in 1595, Drake returned to the New World. This time, however, his luck ran out. He caught a disease and died in Panama in January 1596.



Choose the best option A, B, C, or D.

42. Th	ne passage is mainly about	45. In paragraph 3, the word they refers to
(A (B (C (D 13. Th	a) piracy and ships of treasure in the Age of Exploration Sir Francis Drake and Christopher Columbus in the 15 th century new lands conquered by pirates in the Age of Exploration a famous English adventurer in the Age of Exploration we writer uses the word yel in paragraph in order to compare the recognition of Drake in Spain and that in Portugal contrast the image of Drake in	(A) sailors (B) men (C) ships (D) Drake and his crew 46. According to paragraph 3, Drake finished sailing around the globe in (A) 1577 (B) 1573 (C) 1581 (D) 1580
(C	England and that in other countries) confirm that Drake was highly appreciated in many countries except Spain) suggest that Drake had not yet been known by Spain can be inferred from paragraph 2 that	 (A) Drake died in poor health and poverty (B) caused the war between England and Spain to break out (C) Drake was treated as a hero in England (D) King Philip II of Spain wanted to kill Drake
	Spanish ships carried a lot of treasure from England to Spain	48. According to paragraph 4, in the war between Spain and England, Drake
(C	the Aztec and Inca empires Central America and South America shared the Spanish colonies Spanish colonists were less powerful	 (A) was the second leader of the English fleet (B) sailed to the New World and died of disease there
	in Marth America	(C) did not win any battle against Spain

in North America

(D) was a commander controlling the war



PART FOUR

Read the passage carefully.

- 1 People have taken advantage of wind energy for years. Images of milling corn and transporting water present a familiar picture of English countryside, and in the past innumerable wooden mills could be located around England. Now countries are planning for when fossil fuels run out, and they are considering wind again to supply us with a future energy source. Using energy from the wind is also an easy and efficient method for countries to fulfill their commitments concerning emissions of greenhouse gases. Many European states, with their long winters and little sunshine, now favour wind power over solar-based methods of producing power.
- Nature provides us with indications for the best sites for wind turbine installation. Wind force and direction can be observed via/through leaning trees. This can most frequently be seen in open countryside and areas near coastlines, and it is here, particularly in elevated spots clear of trees or buildings which obstruct the current of air, that wind farms have mostly been erected. Massive wind turbines, twice the size of conventional turbines, are also being developed for use offshore as it is there that the strongest and most constant winds are found.
- Believing that wind energy has no disadvantages is easy it is clean, efficient, and comparatively inexpensive and it creates no pollutants or emissions during operations. The electricity generated in the first 6 to 9 months of operation by a typical wind turbine will usually meet its manufacturing costs. However, wind farms are frequently regarded as a type of visual pollution because of their common locations on hilltops. It is inescapable that sites with the most wind are usually the most beautiful, and because they are built in wild, remote and untouched settings, their impact is all the more noticeable. This is one of the most controversial questions when deciding on wind farm locations. Thus, the siting of wind farms ought to be done with the greatest sensitivity. When turbines are due for decommissioning, the entire structure can be wholly recycled or removed, and the cost of total site restoration can usually be completely met by the scrap value.
- Wind turbines' blades are made of glass fibre or wood epoxy, and they can be of a diameter of 30 to 60 metres. The blades of the wind turbine generator are turned by the wind. The blades are joined to the hub that is in turn connected to the gear shaft. When the wind blows, the blades and hub turn the shaft that revolves within the generator; that then produces electricity. The power created is dependent on the blade size and the swept area. The speed of the wind and its availability are also key variables to be considered. The electricity is then moved to the grid either for regional use or for the supply of power to a stand-alone facility.

European operational capability was 2,500 megawatts in total by the end of 1995. By the end of 1996 it had increased to 3,400 MW and at the end of 1997 to 4,600 MW. There were steady increases in growth (40% per annum) over the following 6 years, and the forecast is that this growth rate will persist.

Choose the best option A, B, C, or D.

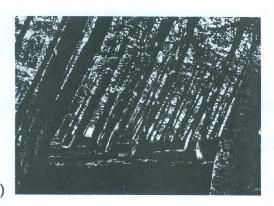
- 49. What is the passage mainly about?
 - (A) Considerations of locations of wind farms.
 - (B) A green source of energy and its production.
 - (C) Advantages of wind energy over other resources.
 - (D) The use of wind energy in daily life and production.
- 50. In paragraph 1, what does the word us imply?
 - (A) Mankind.
 - (B) Countries producing wind energy.
 - (C) Countries with fossil fuels used up.
 - (D) The writer and readers.
- **51.** Which sentence below best expresses the idea of the highlighted sentence in paragraph 2?
 - (A) The force of the wind can help observers to decide its direction.
 - (B) Leaning against trees, observers can decide the wind force and direction.
 - (C) To have a good observation of the wind force and direction, we should learn from trees.
 - (D) Trees can be used as good indicators of the strength and the direction of the wind.

- 52. The word they in paragraph 3 refers to
 - (A) sites
 - (B) locations
 - (C) hilltops
 - (D) wind farms
- **53.** The writer uses the word can in paragraph 4 in order to _____.
 - (A) compare the sizes of the two wind turbines' blades
 - (B) indicate the difference in the sizes of wind turbines' blades
 - (C) confirm he/she is not very certain of the blades' sizes
 - (D) show the possibility of wind energy production
- **54.** Which of the following is NOT true of European production of wind energy in paragraph 5?
 - (A) Wind energy was first produced in Europe in 1995.
 - (B) Growth rate of wind energy production was constant during 1998-2003.
 - (C) More wind energy was produced in 1997 than in 1996.
 - (D) Productivity increased with time.

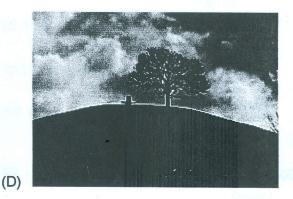


55. According to the passage, which of the following location is ideal for a wind farm?











SECTION 3: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

The Listening section, consisting of conversations and lectures, tests your English listening skills. There are twenty-five questions in three parts, which are based on either stated or implied information in the passages.

Each passage will be played <u>twice</u>. The questions will follow each passage. Each question has four answer choices. Select the best answer to each question and blacken your choice on your answer sheet.

You may take notes while you listen and use your notes to answer the questions.

After all the parts have been played, you will have two minutes to transfer your answers to your answer sheet.



PART ONE

Directions: In Part 1 you will hear ten conversations between two people. After the second listening of each conversation, you will hear a question and there are four possible answers provided. Select the best answer to each question.

- 56. (A) They care more about bad news.
 - (B) They never like good news.
 - (C) They do not know how to solve problems.
 - (D) They prefer solutions.
- 57. (A) It has 100 rental chairs.
 - (B) It has 400 USD unpaid from the last event.
 - (C) It will have a seminar on Wednesday.
 - (D) It requires a check for 400 USD.
- **58.** (A) He does not know anything about computers.
 - (B) He wants the woman's friend to buy him an adapter.
 - (C) He does not want to travel with his laptop.
 - (D) He wants to use his laptop in Poland.
- **59.** (A) Get some items in the art store.
 - (B) Go and buy two large poster boards.
 - (C) Visit an art store.
 - (D) Go to the dentist's.
- **60.** (A) She gives an excuse for not joining the conference call.
 - (B) She does not like conference calls.
 - (C) She often goes out and rarely gets back on time.
 - (D) She prefers to work with the vice president.

- 61. (A) He likes interesting people.
 - (B) He is a serious learner.
 - (C) He only wants perfect things.
 - (D) He is a medical student.
- 62. (A) She may be feeling sleepy today.
 - (B) She usually gets five hours of sleep.
 - (C) She never sleeps late at night.
 - (D) She often has extra work to do.
- 63. (A) To attend a department meeting.
 - (B) To buy some furniture.
 - (C) To organize a sale.
 - (D) To rent an apartment.
- **64.** (A) The police were rewarded 15.000 USD.
 - (B) The robbers are unprofessional.
 - (C) 550.000 USD was robbed.
 - (D) The robbers have not been arrested yet.
- **65.** (A) She often chats too much over the phone.
 - (B) She has something wrong with her memory.
 - (C) She has been late for meetings six times.
 - (D) She has missed two meetings this week.



PART TWO

Directions: In Part 2 you will hear a conversation. After the second listening, there are seven questions. Select the best answer to each question.

66. The conversation mainly discusses ____ 69. Weekend trips are an extra activity of the club. (A) contacts of several clubs' organizers (B) how to gain membership in some (A) film clubs (B) art (C) the general information about several (C) chess clubs (D) climbing (D) the schedule of several clubs' activities 70. There are members in the chess club. 67. The man wants to join a club because (A) 40 (B) 125 (A) he wants to socialize with other people (C) 85 (B) he heard that many famous people (D) 55 are there (C) he does not know what to do in his 71. It can be inferred from the conversation that the ____ club is the biggest one. free time (D) he wants to find out his strengths and (A) art weaknesses (B) film (C) climbing 68. If the man wants to play chess, he will join (D) chess a club on ____ 72. The woman _ (A) Thursdays (B) Mondays (A) is the organizer of the film club

(C) Wednesdays

(D) Tuesdays

(B) is one of the Math tutors

(C) is the secretary of the chess club

(D) belongs to the climbing club



PART THREE

Directions: In Part 3 you will hear a conversation. After the second listening, there are eight questions. Select the best answer to each question.

- 73. What is the conversation mainly about?
 - (A) A coffee shop business plan.
 - (B) Management procedures in a coffee shop.
 - (C) Co-managers' responsibilities in a coffee shop.
 - (D) Reasons for opening a coffee shop.
- **74.** What kind of business is said to be in the 50% of businesses that fail?
 - (A) Big corporations.
 - (B) Limited companies.
 - (C) Family businesses.
 - (D) Small enterprises.
- **75.** Which area is probably related to Reason 1?
 - (A) Quality control.
 - (B) Sales.
 - (C) Accounting.
 - (D) Marketing.
- 76. What is required to win competition?
 - (A) Take their customers.
 - (B) Have innovative ideas.
 - (C) Have huge investments.
 - (D) Follow their practice.

- 77. For Reason 3, what is suggested by a speaker?
 - (A) Launch a marketing campaign.
 - (B) Look for some professional support.
 - (C) Remove poor advertising strategies.
 - (D) Develop their own strategies.
- 78. What is discussed regarding Reason 4?
 - (A) How to hire good staff.
 - (B) How to deal with rude staff.
 - (C) Loss of customers.
 - (D) Staff's behavior.
- 79. What is probably TRUE of the speakers?
 - (A) They will open a very big coffee shop.
 - (B) They just graduated from college.
 - (C) They are all good at math.
 - (D) They had different majors at college.
- 80. What is the speakers' chosen location?
 - (A) Near a busy crossroads.
 - (B) Downtown.
 - (C) Next to a car showroom.
 - (D) On the highway.

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.