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FIRST SEMESTER TEST 1

Duration: 60 minutes

I. LISTENING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Listen to the conversation between a student and an interviewer. Circle the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen TWICE.

- When did Kim and Mr Lee meet for the first time?
 - Before they wrote to each other about environmental issues.
 - After communicating with each other via email.
 - In the previous important interview.
- Why did Kim get chosen for the interview?
 - She had applied many times before.
 - She was one of the few candidates that applied.
 - She was passionate about environmental issues.
- Why does Kim care about the environment?
 - Because she grew up in a polluted area.
 - Because she loves the beach.
 - Because she knows how to positively affect our environment.
- What happens to Kim's clean-up campaign?
 - She still joins on weekends.
 - She is still the organiser.
 - It's still going strong without her.
- What is Kim's plan after joining our organisation?
 - She wants to tackle a different bigger issue.
 - She wants to continue her programme in Khanh Hoa.
 - She wants to organise a national clean-up programme.

TASK 2 Listen to some information about global warming and complete a student's note.

Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER** in each blank.
You will listen **TWICE**.

Student's note

GLOBAL WARMING

- Global temperature has risen **(1)** _____ Celsius every decade.
- Caused by human activities such as **(2)** _____.
- About **(3)** _____ per cent of people over 55 considered global warming the top priority.
- Some elderly people think it's unnecessary to change their environmentally unfriendly **(4)** _____.
- More and more **(5)** _____ have introduced policies to limit global warming.

II. READING (2.5 points)

TASK 1

Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B or C to each of the questions.

Carbon footprint is one of the main contributors to global warming. As mentioned in the media, members of the public are widely advised to reduce their carbon footprint and the specific steps to cut it down can be followed easily.

First, carbon dioxide is largely emitted from fossil fuel combustion in transportation, so people can shift away from petrol used cars to eco-friendly vehicles running on electricity or clean ethanol. Driving less is another way to lessen a significant amount of exhaust fumes. It's encouraged to ride electric bikes to work for short distances and take a train or a bus for long journeys. Second, lowering energy waste at home can make a big difference. Considering household appliances like lights or TVs, when **they** are not in use, homeowners should switch off them and better to remove their plugs from the sockets to save more energy. According to a report, homeowners can save between \$100 and \$200 each year by doing so. In addition, it's wasteful to set your fridge and freezer temperatures lower than necessary, staying between 35° and 38°F to keep fresh food and 0 degrees for freezers. Last but not least, about 268 million tons of trash a year is produced by the U.S. Reducing energy consumption by recycling, therefore, can help slash greenhouse gas emissions substantially. Besides, shoppers should take reusable bags or canvas to the stores and avoid single-use containers.

In short, through these simple tips and concerted efforts, this environmental issue is no longer pressing.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 - A. Easy ways to reduce the negative impacts of global warming.
 - B. Carbon emissions originating from the households.
 - C. Intelligent ways to consume environmentally friendly products.
 - D. Certain tips to lower people's carbon footprint.
2. What does the word **they** in line 11 mean?
 - A. Sockets.
 - B. Homeowners.
 - C. Household appliances.
 - D. Sources of energy.
3. According to the passage, why should people choose to use more green vehicles?
 - A. To contribute to the reduction in exhaust fumes.
 - B. To help reduce traffic congestion in the rush hour.
 - C. To lower the cost of energy.
 - D. To ensure their safety when travelling for long distances.

4. Which of the following statements is NOT given in the passage?
- A. The ideal temperatures to keep food fresh in the fridge.
 - B. The number of trash generated by Americans.
 - C. The prices of reusable bags or bottles.
 - D. The amount of money people can save when turning off household appliances.
5. Which of the following is TRUE about the passage?
- A. The public isn't responsible for reducing their environmental impact.
 - B. Driving less means getting rid of all the petrol cars.
 - C. Customers had better buy products made from plastic materials.
 - D. Unplugging the TV after watching programmes can help you put aside more money.

TASK 2 **Complete the reading passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.**

In many metropolitan areas, city planners are drawing up construction plans to turn their residence (1) _____ smart liveable cities. Besides applying the latest technological advances, adopting a green lifestyle is regarded as an important factor of their designing projects. For instance, Bristol in England now has a lot of cycle lanes separated from the traffic, and the city council have been (2) _____ possible measures to improve safety and facilities with the aim of becoming a cycle-friendly city in the future. Korean Songdo District is another example. (3) _____ of using rubbish trucks, it has a modern central rubbish collecting system that sucks waste out of each home. In this central depository, waste (4) _____ automatically treated, sorted and recycled efficiently. This contributes to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly community. In Singapore, growing vegetables in rooftop gardens is an option that can solve the problem of lack of (5) _____. This intelligent form of urban agriculture can meet citizens' need of eating clean food and help prettify tall buildings there.

III. WRITING (2.5 points)

TASK 1

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in brackets and do not change it. Write **NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS**.

Example:

0. I started taking a fitness course two months ago.

I _____ a fitness course for two months. (TAKEN)

Answer: 0. have taken

1. Mary last fiercely argued with her parents when she was in high school. (HAS)

Mary _____ argument with her parents since she was in high school.

2. Sam isn't interested in preparing for the ASEAN competition. (MAKING)

_____ the ASEAN competition doesn't interest Sam.

3. Many students were concerned about climate change, so they decided to take part in this environmental campaign. (CONCERNED)

_____, many students decided to take part in this environmental campaign.

4. Due to their reduction in the use of plastic items, the family was honoured in their own community. (REDUCING)

_____ items, the family was honoured in their own community.

5. Could you put away those documents over there? (MIND)

Would _____ those documents over there?

TASK 2

Write a proposal (120-150 words) for a new recycling programme at your school.

You can use the following questions as cues.

- How is the recycling system at your school?
- What are the benefits of recycling at schools?
- What does the school do?
- What do students do?

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. A. composer B. compliment C. community D. condition
2. A. digital B. liveable C. interactive D. recipe

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others. Circle A, B, C or D.

3. A. ingredient B. argument C. family D. energy
4. A. bacteria B. pedestrian C. temperature D. diameter

TASK 2 Choose the best option to complete each sentence. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. Wanting to strengthen the relation between countries, all the representatives support the new _____.
A. order B. responsibility C. contribution D. proposal
2. _____ differences exist between children and their parents, children and their grandparents, and between students and their teachers.
A. Generation B. Gender C. Gap D. Bridge
3. _____ natives are seen as people born after the Internet was developed in the early '80s.
A. Electronic B. Old C. Digital D. Young
4. City dwellers are able to lead an increasingly active lifestyle thanks to more _____ services for everyday life.
A. room B. poor C. exciting D. convenient
5. The city power grid operates _____ every day thanks to many technicians.
A. efficient B. efficiently C. efficiency D. efficiencies
6. The doctor advised us to _____ salt and sugar. We should also do exercise and eat more green vegetables.
A. cut away B. cut off C. cut down on D. cut out

TASK 3 Fill each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Tom is upset because he _____ (have to) finish all the homework before playing football with his friends.
2. Joe apologised for _____ (not submit) his assignment on time.
3. _____ (support) by his family, Daniel takes part in the student exchange programme.

4. _____ (celebrate) one's culture is the intention of this week's event.
5. One of the consequences of overusing fossil fuels is _____ (increase) the global temperature.
6. I got a Singapore scholarship last semester. Since then, I _____ (try) to maintain my good academic records to retain it.
7. Handing out leaflets, the environmentalists encouraged people _____ (use) public transportation.
8. My mom _____ (look) tired. She has been doing housework for 2 hours.
9. Finn _____ (suffer) from a sprained ankle after doing star jumps last night.
10. The cycle path _____ (become) unusable since the rain started yesterday.

KEY

I. LISTENING

TASK 1

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. C

Script:

Mr Lee: Hello, Kim. Sorry for being late. Have you been waiting long?

Kim: It's alright, Mr Lee. I've just arrived.

Mr Lee: It's great to finally meet you in person after communicating via email for so long.

Kim: It's an honour to be interviewed by you. My dream has always been volunteering for an international organisation.

Mr Lee: As you know, our programme is very popular. You stand out among other candidates thanks to your passion for environmental issues. Can you tell me where that's coming from?

Kim: Growing up in the coastal town of Khanh Hoa, I saw the negative impact of human activities on our environment. The beach near my house looked and smelt awful and the shore was covered with waste. Then I realised that I had to do something to save the beach landscape.

Mr Lee: You organised some clean-up activities in your community, right?

Kim: We used to pick up trash along the beach at weekends. Although I'm no longer the organiser, the campaign is still going strong.

Mr Lee: Amazing. You really made a big impact. What will you do if you join our organisation?

Kim: I want to continue to do what I've been doing but on a bigger scale. My goal is to start a national clean-up programme.

Mr Lee: Let's talk more about ...

TASK 2

1. 0.18 degrees
2. burning fossil fuels
3. 50
4. habits
5. countries and governments

Script:

Per decade since 1981, Earth's temperature has risen 0.18 degrees Celsius. This number may seem small to some people, but scientists know how disastrous this increase has been for our environment. This is called global warming and it is primarily caused by human activities, especially burning fossil fuels. Across the globe, we see the consequences such as natural disasters, ice melting and rising sea levels...

Although its importance can't be understated, there seems to be a generational difference regarding this issue. According to a survey, more than 70 per cent of young people considered

global warming the top priority while only about 50 per cent of people over 55 agreed with this statement. One of the main reasons is that some older people tend not to believe in the negative results of global warming and consider it a problem for the far future, so they don't think it's necessary to change their environmentally unfriendly habits.

However, the good news is that people's opinion on this issue is changing. With more scientific evidence and growing public support, global warming has become a top issue for many countries and governments. We're adopting more policies that help protect the environment and cut down on greenhouse gasses.

II. READING

TASK 1

1. D 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. D

TASK 2

1. into
2. taking
3. Instead
4. is
5. space

III. WRITING

TASK 1

1. has not had a fierce
2. Making preparations for
3. Concerned about climate change
4. Reducing the use of plastic
5. you mind putting away

TASK 2

Sample writing

Title: RECYCLING PROGRAMME

To: Principal Anderson

Prepared by: Green Club

Recycling reduces our carbon footprint and helps protect our natural resources. However, the recycling system at our school is outdated and trash collected at our school usually ends up in landfills.

Representing the Green Club, I propose a plan for a new recycling programme. A large percentage of school waste is recyclable so we can make a huge impact on the environment with this programme. At the same time, promoting the importance of recycling also encourages students to do it at home.

As part of this programme, recycling bins will be placed in classrooms and the number of trash bins around the campus should also increase. Once a month, Green Club will organise a recycling event where students can help separate recyclable materials.

I hope to receive your approval on this and start the programme as soon as possible.

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS

TASK 1

1. B 2. D 3. A 4. C

TASK 2

1. D 2. A 3. C 4. D 5. B 6. C

TASK 3

1. has to
2. not submitting
3. Supported
4. Celebrating
5. increasing
6. have tried
7. to use
8. looks
9. suffered
10. has become

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FIRST SEMESTER TEST 2

Duration: 90 minutes

I. LISTENING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Listen to some information about teenagers and exercise. Circle the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen TWICE.

1. How long do teenagers need to do exercise per day?
 - A. 60 minutes
 - B. 4 hours
 - C. 30 minutes
2. How do teenagers stay healthy?
 - A. Reduce their screen time
 - B. Have a good diet
 - C. Maintain a healthy weight
3. What is the benefit of regular physical activities?
 - A. Prevent some bad health conditions
 - B. Help develop good habits
 - C. Cause sleepiness
4. What should teenagers do when they don't have enough time to exercise?
 - A. Do more intense exercise the next day
 - B. Avoid individual sports like running or swimming
 - C. Do light exercise for 30 minutes instead
5. How do teenagers keep their regular exercise schedule?
 - A. Choose fewer intense workouts
 - B. Join a club
 - C. Exercise with their parents or friends

TASK 2 Listen to a student and his mother talking about his diet and complete the table. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER in each blank. You will listen TWICE.

Beef Production	
Create:	Greenhouse gases such as (1)_____
Impact on the environment:	Cause (2)_____
Indirect impact:	Cause (3)_____
Solutions:	Eating (4)_____ or plant-based foods instead

Buy meat from companies that use more
(5) _____ farming techniques

II. READING (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B or C to each of the questions.

The reason why humans attempt to protect endangered species may involve the balance of the natural ecosystem that has far-reaching effects on the development of human society. It has been scientifically proven that when a certain species is at risk, it's a warning bell that an ecosystem is extremely unbalanced. Sadly, humans are considered the main cause of the mass disappearance of many wildlife species. To meet our demand, we use natural resources excessively and destroy many forests where millions of species inhabit. In nature, everything is interconnected, so the loss of one species will lead to the loss of **others** and even an ecological imbalance of the whole region.

Many sources of rare flora and fauna are just obtained by having a well-balanced ecosystem. To assess the extinction risk of species, government agencies and conservation organisations used the IUCN Red List, consisting of more than 42,100 species threatened with extinction. There are nine groups of endangered species, four of which are in very serious trouble. Based on the list, governments and conservationists can take possible measures to safeguard and boost the populations of endangered species. These struggles against probable species extinction have got initial achievements. For example, by the 1980s the giant panda's numbers in the wild had declined to just over a thousand but now, thanks to China's steady efforts, the animal is no longer classified as 'endangered' according to the IUCN. This can be seen as a motivation for other conservation projects in the future.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 - A. The extinction of rare species in the wild
 - B. The imbalance of human society
 - C. The effect of conservation projects
 - D. The importance of saving endangered species
2. What does the word **others** in the first paragraph refer to?
 - A. Other forests
 - B. Other sources
 - C. Other species
 - D. Other regions
3. Why are humans responsible for the disappearance of many wildlife species?
 - A. Because of their overuse of natural resources and destruction of forests
 - B. Because of their exploitation of natural resources and hunt for food
 - C. Because of their destruction of natural resources and overuse of forest lands
 - D. Because of their unreasonable demand and devastation of rainforests
4. Which of the following is NOT true about the IUCN Red List?

- A. It is an assessment system for classifying endangered species.
 - B. There are over 42,100 species threatened with extinction on the list.
 - C. Four out of nine groups are categorised as least concerned.
 - D. It is used by government agencies and conservation organisations.
5. What had happened to the giant panda by the 1980s?
- A. There had been a considerable fluctuation in their populations.
 - B. There had been a dramatic decrease in their populations.
 - C. Their population had greatly increased.
 - D. Their populations had remained stable.

TASK 2 **Complete the reading passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.**

AEC, standing (1) _____ The ASEAN Economic Community, was formed in 2003 thanks to the great efforts of the ASEAN leaders. Its primary goals are to create a single market and product base, promote fair economic development as well as be fully integrated into the global (2) _____. Since its establishment, this organisation has rewarded many important achievements in economics such as facilitating trade in goods and services as well as protecting and enhancing investment among the (3) _____ states in the bloc. Particularly, as of 2020, AEC is basically tariff-free on schedule and still has been well on its (4) _____ to fulfilling all its objectives. Now there are still some remaining issues for AEC 2025 (a blueprint setting out strategic measures), including the delays in trade liberalisation in services, elimination of non-tariff barriers and trade facilitation, (5) _____ requires further cooperation between ASEAN governments in years to come.

III. WRITING (2.5 points)

TASK 1

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in brackets and do not change it. Write **NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS**.

Example:

0. I started taking a fitness course two months ago.

I _____ a fitness course for two months. (TAKEN)

Answer: 0. have taken

1. This is the first time Della has grown vegetables in the rooftop garden. (NEVER)

Della _____ in the rooftop garden before.

2. It is inconvenient for John to commute to work in the heart of the city. (COMMUTING)

_____ in the heart of the city is inconvenient for John.

3. Farmers used chemical pesticides too much and contributed to polluting the water of the nearby river. (OVERUSING)

_____ contributed to polluting the water of the nearby river.

4. The avalanche made it impossible for us to go skiing last week. (PREVENTED)

The avalanche _____ last week.

5. My brother had better reduce the time of playing online games. (CUT)

The time of playing online games _____ my brother.

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS (2.5 points)

TASK 1 Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. A. heat B. leaflet C. leadership D. spread
2. A. opromote B. oppose C. ollute D. globolise

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others. Circle A, B, C or D.

3. A. consequence B. relation C. pollutant D. emission
4. A. politics B. experience C. atmosphere D. citadel
5. A. proposal B. skyscraper C. privacy D. compliment

TASK 2 Choose the best option to complete each sentence. Circle A, B, C or D.

1. - Do you live with your grandparents, Hoa?
- I did in the past but I have lived with my parents _____ we moved to the city.
A. when B. after C. since D. until
2. Without drastic changes, the city will fail _____ its rapidly growing population in the next decade.
A. sustain B. to sustain C. sustaining D. sustained
3. Lifting weights is a great way to build your strength; _____, you should do it properly to avoid injuries.
A. therefore B. otherwise C. however D. consequently
4. Valuing _____ above all else, Liam's parents grounded him for a month.
A. honesty B. honest C. dishonesty D. dishonest
5. Obeying the new law, corporations must cut their carbon dioxide _____ in half by the end of the year.
A. pollutants B. absorbance C. emissions D. temperatures
6. After suffering a fall, my father _____ treatment for three months before working again.
A. must receive B. must be receiving C. must be received D. must have received
7. Walking home from work, Helen stopped _____ ingredients for a new recipe.
A. buy B. buying C. to buy D. to be bought
8. Not managed properly, _____ can lead to many respiratory diseases.

- A. impact B. greenhouse C. fuel D. soot
9. Owen's article about the generation gap _____ popular after a celebrity shared it on social media.
A. is becoming B. had become C. will become D. became
10. After doing some research, Kate is thinking of giving up meat _____ the fact that she loves eating it.
A. owing to B. despite C. instead of D. in light of
11. This is a(n) _____ organisation so volunteers can speak any language they master.
A. multilingual B. non-governmental C. educational D. political
12. Since she was 11, Jenny has taken part _____ this volunteering programme every year.
A. out B. of C. in D. to
13. Cutting down too many trees should be illegal _____ deforestation is a huge contributor to climate change.
A. even though B. so that C. because D. when
14. This sustainable city project has been in development _____ two years without any progress.
A. since B. in C. during D. for
15. Born and raised in America, John celebrates and values _____.
A. individualism B. individualist C. individualistic D. individuality

TASK 3 Fill each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. _____ (pressure) by many city dwellers, the mayor cancelled the skyscraper project.
2. One of the aims of this competition is _____ (develop) leadership skills among students.
3. Despite coming down with the flu, he keeps on _____ (work out).
4. It _____ (seem) impossible to avoid conflict now that Kevin brings up his controversial view.
5. Motorcyclists must not enter cycle paths unless they want _____ (fine).
6. _____ (destroy) for farming activities, the forest cannot provide enough food for the wild species living there.
7. As of now, many utilities have to _____ (upgrade) before this place is liveable.
8. Moving in with his extended family, Dan has to adapt himself to _____ (have) a lack of privacy.
9. A few decades ago, life expectancy _____ (be) lower than it is today.
10. _____ (elect) as the president, Mrs Jones inspired many women to get

into politics.

11. The project leader can't find his workers since they _____ (have) a lunch break somewhere.
12. The global average temperature _____ (not stop) rising since 1981 despite efforts to limit global warming.
13. Last Friday, all students _____ (celebrate) the end of the cultural exchange week.
14. The community garden _____ (look) amazing thanks to the hard work of everyone in the neighbourhood.
15. _____ (capture) by solar panels, sunlight can be turned into a source of renewable energy.

KEY

I. LISTENING

TASK 1

1. A 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. C

Script:

Did you know that teenagers should spend at least 60 minutes daily participating in physical activities? In today's world where 4-6 hours of screen time is very common, less than 30% of teenagers spend the recommended time exercising. Besides a good diet, regular physical activities are an essential part of keeping teenagers healthy as they can improve teens' physical and mental health. Exercising helps maintain your fitness and reduces the risk of many health conditions such as heart disease, obesity, and diabetes... If you have trouble falling asleep, daily physical activities can benefit your sleeping pattern. Starting exercising in their teenage years, many people successfully established the habit of working out, which is key to a healthy lifestyle. Types of exercises suitable for teens include running, swimming, cycling and playing sports... When short of time, you don't have to spend an hour doing intense physical activities. Instead, 30 minutes of light exercises like walking, climbing stairs, and doing push-ups and sit-ups is acceptable. If you have a hard time committing to a regular schedule, try choosing activities that you enjoy or asking your parents and friends to join in.

TASK 2

1. methane
2. climate change
3. deforestation
4. fish
5. sustainable

Script:

Mom: Hey Noah, would you like some beef stew for dinner tonight?

Noah: Can we have something else? I'm thinking of cutting down on my meat consumption, specifically beef.

Mom: Why do you want to do that?

Noah: Beef production has negative impacts on our environment and I want to be more responsible with my choices.

Mom: How can cows harm the environment?

Noah: A result of cows' digestive process is methane. It's a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

Mom: I didn't know that.

- Noah: *The production of beef also indirectly leads to deforestation. To meet the increasing global demand for meat, forests are being cut down to make space for cattle farms.*
- Mom: *You're a teenager, Noah. You need all the nutrients to support your growing body and that includes protein.*
- Noah: *There are other high-protein foods that require fewer resources to produce. I can replace meat with fish or plant-based foods like soya, and peanuts.*
- Mom: *You mean everyone should cut out meat from their diet?*
- Noah: *Not really, mom. There are a lot of sustainable farming techniques so we should buy meat from companies that value our environment.*
- Mom: *OK, I see.*

II. READING

TASK 1

1. D 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. B

TASK 2

1. for
2. economy
3. member
4. way
5. which

III. WRITING

TASK 1

1. has never grown vegetables
2. Commuting to work
3. Overusing chemical pesticides, farmers
4. prevented us/ ourselves from going skiing
5. should be cut down by

TASK 2

Sample writing

RENEWABLE ENERGY: PROS AND CONS

Shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy is crucial to the fight against climate change and the build of a more sustainable future. So what are the benefits? Are there any disadvantages?

Renewable energy won't run out. The process of turning natural resources such as the sun, wind, and water flow into energy also releases fewer pollutants. Cutting down greenhouse gas emissions will lead to a less polluted and cleaner environment.

However, renewable energy technologies are very expensive and using them requires significant investment. These energy sources can also be unreliable as weather conditions can affect the energy supply. Storing energy is one of the solutions to this problem. Though, the cost of energy storage of high capacity is still too high.

In conclusion, renewable energy is not the perfect solution to climate change. Although there are some drawbacks, these disadvantages can be addressed as new technologies develop.

IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS

TASK 1

1. D 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. A

TASK 2

1. C 2. B 3. C 4. A 5. C
6. A 7. C 8. D 9. D 10. B
11. A 12. C 13. C 14. D 15. A

TASK 3

1. Pressured
2. developing/ to develop
3. working out
4. seems
5. to be fined
6. Destroyed
7. be upgraded
8. having
9. was
10. Elected
11. are having
12. has not stopped
13. celebrated
14. looks
15. Captured