

Write your answer in the numbered blanks below:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.

PART A. PHONETICS AND STRESS (1pt)

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest.

1. A. change B. preparation C. certificate D. related
 2. A. devotion B. information C. hesitation D. suggestion

II. Choose the word whose main stress syllable is put differently.

3. A. catastrophic B. fertilizer C. preservation D. electronic
 4. A. mausoleum B. magnificent C. excavation D. undergraduate

PART B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR: Choose the best option. (4pts)

5. Hue Imperial Citadel is the home of Vietnam's last royal dynasty..... our country from 1802 to 1945.
 A. ruled B. being ruled C. to rule D. which had ruled
6. Plants carbon dioxide from the air.
 A. absorb B. resource C. sort D. export
7. Spending a year working in the city helped tohis horizons.
 A. steal B. deal C. burden D. broaden
8. Amy: "Why don't we meet at the conference room or shall we just stay here?"
 -Tony: "....."
 A. He came to a seminar last week. B. Thanks, I've just finished my dinner.
 C. He attended a conference yesterday. D. It might be cozier here.
9.colleges anduniversities are the main institutions that provide tertiary education.
 A. The / Ø B. Ø / the C. The / the D. Ø / Ø
10. Nothing frightens you,?
 A. does it B. doesn't it C. do they D. don't they
11.for twelve hours, I felt marvelous.
 A. Having slept B. have slept C. Having been slept D. have been slept
12. After the Mongol invasion in 1241, a.....was built on the hills opposite the city.
 A. citadel B. wall C. building D. fence
13. It is **mandatory** for blood banks to test all donated blood for the virus. *The underlined word has the **CLOSEST** meaning to:*
 A. optional B. compulsory C. possible D. successful
14. Any passengers..... to Cambridge should sit in the first two carriages of the train.
 A. travelling B. travelled C. who is travelling D. to travel
15. They greeted the newcomers with friendly.....
 A. occupations B. salutations C. insults D. criticisms
16. My English teacher, Mrs. Brookes, was someone I had great respect.
 A. that B. whom C. for who D. for whom
17. **Cutting down on** energy use is the best way to help reduce global warming. *The underlined words have the **OPPOSITE** meaning to:*
 A. Shrinking B. Declining C. Decreasing D. Increasing
18. Hydroelectric power is produced by the fall of water in a dam.
 A. trapping B. trapped C. to be trapped D. that trapped
19. I for this company for more than thirty years, and I intend to stay here until I next year.
 A. am working / will retire B. am going to work / am retiring C. work / am going to retire D. have been working / retire
20.with my previous job, I would have won a higher promotion and I would not be in this unfortunate position now.
 A. Unless I had stayed B. If I stayed C. If had I stayed D. Had I stayed

PART C. READING (2pts)

I. Read the passage and choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

Taj Mahal, a mausoleum in Agra, India, regarded as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan had it built in memory of his wife, Arjumand Banu Bagam, known as Mumtaz Mahal (Persian for "Elect of the Palace"), who died in 1631.

Building commenced about 1632. The mausoleum was complete by about 1643 and the surrounding complex of buildings and gardens was complete by about 1653. Situated on the southern bank of the Yamuna River, the white marble mausoleum is composed of four identical facades, each containing a large central arch 33 m (108 feet) high. A large bulb-shaped dome, over 73 m (240 ft) tall, rises over the center, with four smaller domes surrounding it. The building is raised on a square podium with a **minaret** at each corner. It is flanked by two red sandstone buildings-a mosque and its replica, the *Jawab* (Answer), a building of which the main function is visual balance. Visitors approach the Taj Mahal through an imposing red sandstone gate, decorated with inscriptions from the Muslim holy book, the Qur'an (Koran). The gate and accompanying walls also contain a vast, geometrically laid out garden, 305

