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#### KỲ THI KS MÔN CHUYÊN LỚP 11 + 12 NĂM HỌC 2023 - 2024 MÔN: TIẾNG ANH

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#### ĐỀ CHÍNH THỨC

#### I. LISTENING (50 points)

Part 1: You are going to hear wolf expert Shaun Ellis talking about his experience of living with wolves. Listen and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F). Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided.

- 1. Shaun has been interested in wolves since he was a young child.
- 2. Shaun's colleagues encouraged him to get closer to the wolves to really understand them.
- 3. Shaun and the wolves lived mainly on a diet of raw deer and elk.
- 4. Shaun felt no desire for human contact during his time with the wolves.
- 5. Shaun decided to leave the wolves because the wolves attacked him.

Your ansv	vers:			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Part 2: Yo	ou will hear a radi	o reporter called	Sally Nelson telli	ing a group of teenagers
about how	work-experience	schemes have hel	ped her in her ca	reer. Listen and answer
the question	ons. Write NO MC	ORE THAN THRI	EE WORDS AND	OOR A NUMBER taken

1. What was Sally's first job after graduating?

from the recording for each answer.

- 2. How did she feel on her first day at a radio station?
- 3. What did Sally most enjoy doing during her time in Brighton?
- 4. What did one of her colleagues in Brighton advise her to study at evening classes?
- 5. What does she identify as the main benefit of doing work experience?

## Your answers: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Part 3: You will hear part of a discussion between two language teachers, Jill Bradley and Gerald Downey, who are talking about English as a global language. Listen and choose (A, B, C or D) which best fits according to what you hear.

- 1. The new kind of English
  - A. allows learners to be mistaken for native speakers.
  - B. is used mostly among non-native speakers.
  - C. is generally found in course books.
  - D. was invented for use in business.

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		D. an emphasis on spoken language.			
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			D. by using non-verbal clues		
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	replace other lan	guages.	D. It belon	gs to them.	
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#### ĐỀ CHÍNH THỨC

Đề thi gồm 15 trang

II. LEXICO-GRAMMA	R (30 points)		
Part 1: Choose the corre	ct answer A, B, C, or D to	each of the following	g questions.
1. He may appear to be A. authentic	but in fact he's a	compulsive liar.	
A. authentic	B. genuine	C. natural	D. real
2. If you have stomach pro	blem it is best to avoid	food.	
2. If you have stomach pro	B. affluent	C. wealthy	D. lavish
3. Paradoxically, Harry's j	ourney to tour around Viet	nam did not	due to floods in
the central regions			
A. pull off 4. These graduates are con-	B. pan out	C. zip through	D. knuckle down
4. These graduates are con-	sidered to be the of	the crop and can get	jobs wherever they
want to.			
A. wheat	B. milk	C. cream	D. caviar
5. Most frequently, the ear	thquake lasts 30 to 60 seco	onds, so usually there	is no time to avert
the mortal once	the shaking starts.		
A. upkeep 6. A new government repo	B. upturn	C. upshot	D.upswing
6. A new government repo	ort delivers warnin	gs about climate chan	ge and its impacts
on the planet			
A. ominous 7. Profits this year are \$2.5	B. dire	C. fateful	D. acute
7. Profits this year are \$2.5	million\$4 mill	ion last year.	
A. as follows	B. as regards	C. as against	D. as seen
8. I hate the way Tony	around looking so s	elf-important.	
A. struts	B. scampers	C. slithers	D. slinks
9. Why not the r	neeting for Monday morni	ng?	
A. schedule	B. to schedule	C. scheduling	D. scheduled
10. It is a transitory work v	which lays the fo	or themes and styles for	ound in the theater
sixty years later.			
A. initiative 11. There to hav	B. ideology	C. groundwork	D. breakthrough
11. There to hav	e been thousands of new c	ompanies founded las	t year.
A. are reported	B. have reported	C. is reported	D. has reported
12. I was rather embarrasse	ed when John gave me sucl	h a(n) git	ft.
A. well-off	B. rich	C. extravagant	D. affluent
13. He wrote volumes of po			
A. presumed	B. subsumed	C. assumed	D. consumed
14. Whether you attend the	lecture or not is of little _	to me.	
A. consequence	B. result	C. care	D. circumstance
15. Having seen the film	that won the Oscar, I was	s disappointed as it v	vasn't all that it's
up to be.			
A. creased	B. cracked	C. lined	D. valued

16. I prefer to practi	ce the violin alone in my bedro	oom as having other n	nembers of the family
listen really	my style.		
A. restricts	B. impedes at that comedy show. I coul	C. obstructs	D. cramps
17. I was in	at that comedy show. I coul	d barely breathe it wa	is so funny.
A. stitches	B. pleats	C. shreds	D. tears
18. They live under	B. pleats a constant pressure of being _	and subsequ	ently replaced by
someone who is you	inger, faster and more accomp	lished.	
A. outcast	B. outshone strong movement now against	C. outstayed	D. outgrown
19. There is a very s	strong movement now against	sports like	hunting or shooting.
A. death	B. killing to see Bella- she's such a	C. blood	D. terminal
20. It's always nice	to see Bella- she's such a	of sunshine.	
A. light	B. ray	C. glow	D. beam
Part 2: Complete t	he sentences with the correct	form of the bracket	ed word in each
sentence.			
1. The smallest	could delay comple	etion of the project. (S	SLIP)
2. We stood there w	ratching the dra	ma with shock on our	faces. (FOLD)
3. The newspaper p	ublished a thorough	of the candidate	's claims. (FACT)
4. Members of the _	are generally so	worried about keepir	ng their jobs that they
will take wage cuts	and give up all employment rig	ghts. (PRECARIOUS	)
5. People were	by the pictures the	satellite sent back to	Earth. (AWE)
6. Diet and exercise	can influence a person's weigh	nt, but	is also a factor.
(INHERIT)			
7. She has a doctora	te in from the U	University of Utah. (N	METAL)
8. They showed a v	ideo of funny	from various movi	es. (TAKE)
9. He represents not	the continuing power of symb	olic b	ut its recession into
the dead past. (INV.	EST)		
	reas of ancient		y rare species are put
	tat loss and extinction. (WOOI	0)	
III. READING: (6			
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	industry, many in the art worl		
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	Movement in 1939, he remained		
	nism and Pop Art had taken th		
	n 1979 still drew 800,000 visit		O <sup>th</sup> -century artists, his
renown could be sai	d to be (6) only by Pic	asso's.	0 7 1 111000
	d as a (7) figure in Surr		
	to the United States and he beca		
cover of Time maga	azine in 1936. He was the firs	t in the group to (8)	rich from his
	his immense populari	ty, dabbling in (10)	business and
selling his works an	d image at great profit.		

1. A. came about	B. brought off	C. went on	D. got ahead
2. A. rise	B. lead	C. effect	D. source
3. A. cease	B. drop	C. lose	D. halt
4. A. evicted	B. rid	C. thrown	D. expelled
5. A. place	B. spot	C. space	D. role
6. A. overstepped	B. exceeded	C. towered	D. overpowered
7. A. chief	B. primary	C. central	D. focal
8. A. grow	B. make	C. go	D. move
9. A. delighted	B. rejoiced	C. thrilled	D. relished
10. A. fun	B. show	C. play	D. light
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## Part 2: Read the passage and fill each of the following numbered blanks with ONE suitable word.

Working out to music can improve the coordination of your mind and body (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ you are football crazy or keen on tennis. The idea of exercise to music is, however, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ new. For years, especially in Eastern Europe, the benefits of having instruction in ballet and classical dance, with their stress (3) \_\_\_\_\_ total body control and balance, have been recognized.

Figure-skating and ice-dance are usually performed to music and can be said to be specialized (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of this type of exercise. But ballet and classical dance can be applied to other sports that are also pleasing to the eye, such as gymnastics and skiing, both of which demand high (5) \_\_\_\_ of balance, coordination and suppleness.

In Western Europe and North America, a far (6) \_\_\_\_\_ interest has been shown in working out to classical music. Even participants in sports which (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to demand muscular strength more than (8) \_\_\_\_\_ other physical requirement have taken up exercise to music. Devotees of soccer, rugby and rowing now regularly train to music. Even those who take (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in weightlifting, which demands enormous physical strength, and participants in track and field events, find that exercise to music is beneficial and (10)

#### Part 3: Read the following passage and do the tasks that follow.

their movements more fluid.

The pursuit of knowledge

According to the great English lexicographer Samuel Johnson, knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves or we know where we can find information upon it (Boswell Life vol. 2 p, 383 18 April 1775). In the information-driven world we now inhabit, the latter has assumed a much greater level of importance.

At the time of the European Renaissance, which spanned the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, it was considered possible far the educated, well-read man, the so-called Renaissance man, to possess the sum total of human knowledge. Admittedly, the body of knowledge then available was restricted, being held firmly in check by several important factors; the paucity of books in circulation at that time; the difficulty of acquiring copies of the texts; the need to copy texts by hand; and the cost of doing so. The example of Lupus of Ferrieres' search for the *Ars rhetorica* of Fortunatus in the ninth century was repeated again and again throughout the Latin West until the momentous advent of printing in the middle of the fifteenth century. Printed books saw the end of some of the practical limitations placed on the spread of human knowledge. The first revolution in Information technology had begun.

Renaissance man was rapidly left behind by this development; and, henceforth, it would be increasingly difficult for the educated man to cope with the expansion of knowledge that flowed through Europe via the medium of movable type.

In today's world, the scenario could hardly be more different. The most well-read individual, whom we could legitimately call information man, or homo sciens, would certainly be considerably more knowledgeable than Renaissance man, Yet, because of the ever-expanding increase in the sum total of human knowledge over the latter half of the last millennium, and the changes in the world of technology, easy access to information has reduced the stature of the educated individual. All that he can hope to be now is an expert in a narrow field, not the all-knowing polymath of yesteryear.

It is not surprising to see people overwhelmed by the unlimited stream of information. There is simply too much of it to assimilate, and it is difficult to know what to do with the data once it is received; which brings us back to Johnson's words. But we need to add another dimension to his dictum, one which was probably true in his time, but is oven more pertinent today: people need to be able to live the knowledge they acquire and not just know it or know where to find it. Our deficiency in this regard is, perhaps, the most singular failure of the modern information age.

Acquisitiveness is a natural human Instinct. Children collect cards of footballers, or whatever is the latest fad, Stamps, coins and books are targets for children and adult collectors (dike, as their basic instincts are played upon and nurtured by market forces. The desire to gather knowledge is nothing new. What is astonishing, however, Is the way in which people treat the knowledge ones It has been collected. It is as if the collection were an end in itself: and herein lies the great deception, we have turned the world into a large machine of information, a veritable vortex into which we are ail being Inexorably sucked, People beaver away amassing raw data, labouring under the misapprehension that they are doing something worthwhile, when all that is really happening is the movement of information from one place to another, We should hardly be surprised that, as this becomes apparent, disillusionment and stress in the workplace are becoming sadly the all too common consequences.

The world is not really the richer for having the current wealth of knowledge at its fingertips. It is like standing amongst the wealth of the British Library, the Bibliothèque Nationals in Paris or other great libraries and not being able to read.

So what is to be done? Training in collecting and processing relevant information, followed by learning to collate, analyse and select or discard is the obvious solution, but there is such a dearth of people who know what to do that one remains pessimistic.

The pursuit of knowledge is sadly not all it is cracked up to be.

Questions 1-6: Complete the sentences below. Use NO M	TORE THAN FOUR WORDS
from the passage to complete each blank space.	
1) Samuel Johnson was an	

- 2) Renaissance man supposedly possessed all
- 3) The spread of knowledge changed with the all important
- 4) According to the writer, today's information man knows more than
- 5) The standing of the modern educated man has been diminished by \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) The polymath of the Renaissance is described as\_

Questions 7-10: Answer the questions below, Use NO MORE THAN FOUR WORDS from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in Boxes 8-10on your answer sheet.

- 7) How does the writer describe people's inability in the modern world to use the knowledge that they obtain?
- 8) What is the desire to collect things described as?
- 9) According to the author, what has the world turned into?
- **10)** What are the consequences in the workplace of moving large amounts of raw data around?

Questions 11-13: Do the statements below agree with the information in Reading Passage?

In Boxes 11-13, write:

Yes if the statement agrees with the information in the passage

No if the statement contradicts the information in the passage

Not Given if there is no information about the statement in the passage

- 11) As the world has a wealth of knowledge within easy reach, it is now richer,
- 12) Knowledge processing courses will soon be obligatory for all library workers.
- 13) The author believes that the pursuit of knowledge is worthwhile.

Part 4: In the passage below, seven paragraphs have been removed. For questions 1-7, read the passage and choose from paragraphs A-G the one which fits each gap. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided.

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There's no animal that symbolises rainforest diversity quite as spectacularly as the tropical butterfly. Anyone lucky enough to see these creatures flitting between patches of sunlight cannot fail to be impressed by the variety of their patterns. But why do they display such colourful exuberance? Until recently, this was almost as pertinent a question as it had been when the 19th-century naturalists, armed only with butterfly nets and insatiable curiosity, battle through the rainforests.

But here's the conundrum. "Classical mimicry theory says that only a single ring should be found in any one area," explains George Beccaloni of the Natural History Museum, London. The idea is that in each locality there should be just the one pattern that best protects its wearers. Predators would quickly learn to avoid it and eventually, all mimetic species in a region should converge upon it. "The fact that this is patently not the case has been one of the major problems in mimicry research," says Beccaloni.

Working at the Jatun Sach Biological Research Station on the banks of the Rio Napo, Beccaloni focused his attention on a group of butterflies called ithomiines. These distant relatives of Britain's Camberwell Beauty are abundant throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean. They are famous for their bright colours, toxic bodies and complex mimetic relationships.

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Even though all ithomiines are poisonous, it is in their interests to evolve to look like one another because predators that learn to avoid one species will also avoid others that resemble it. This is known as Müllerian mimicry. Mimicry rings may also contain insects that are not toxic but gain protection by looking likes a model species that is: an adaptation called Batesian mimicry.

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But why are there so many different mimicry rings? One idea is that species flying at the same height in the forest canopy evolve to look like one another. "It had been suggested since the 1970s that mimicry complexes were stratified by flight height," says DeVries. The idea is that wing colour patterns are camouflaged against the different patterns of light and shadow at each level in the canopy, providing the first line of defence against predators."

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"When I first went out to Ecuador, I didn't believe the flight height hypothesis and set out to test it," says Beccaloni. "A few weeks with the collecting net convinced me otherwise. They really flew that way." What he didn't accept, however, was the explanation about light patterns. "I thought if this idea really is true, can I can work out why it could help explain why there are so many different warning patterns in any not place. Then we might finally understand how they could evolve in such a complex way." The job was complicated by the sheer diversity of species involved at Jatun Sach.

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The attention to detail paid off. Beccaloni found that the mimicry rings were flying at two quite separate altitudes. "Their use of the forest was quite distinctive," he recalls. "For example, most members of the clear-winged mimicry ring would fly close to the forest floor, while the majority of the 12 species in the tiger-winged ring fly high up." Each mimicry wing had its own characteristic flight height.

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Then Beccaloni had a bright idea. "I started looking at the distribution of ithomiine larval food plants within the canopy," he says. "For each one, I'd record the height to which the host plant grew and the height above the ground at which the eggs or larvae were found. Once I got them back to the field station's lab, it was just a matter of keeping them alive until they pupated and then hatched into adults which I could identify."

#### Missing paragraphs:

- A. So strong is an experienced predator's avoidance response that even quite inept resemblance gives some protection. "Often there will be a whole series of species that mimic, with varying degrees of verisimilitude, a focal or model species," says John Turner from the University of Leeds. "The results of these deceptions are some of the most exquisite examples of evolution known to science." In addition to colour, many mimics copy behaviours and even the flight pattern of their model species.
- **B.** However, this being practice rather than theory, things were a bit fuzzy. "They'd spend the majority of their time flying at a certain height. But they'd also spend a smaller proportion of their time flying at other heights," Beccaloni admits. Species weren't stacked rigidly like passenger jets waiting to land, but they did appear to have preferred airspace in the forest. So

far, so good, but he still hadn't explained what causes the various groups of ithomiines and their chromatic consorts to fly in formations at these particular heights.

- C. In pursuit of a solution to the mystery of mimetic exuberance, Beccaloni set off for one of the mega centres for butterfly diversity, the point where the western edge of the Amazon basin meets the foothills of the Andes in Ecuador. "It's exceptionally rich, but comparatively well collected, so I pretty much knew what was there, says Beccaloni." The trick was to work out how all the butterflies were organised and how this related to mimicry.
- **D.** But the light patterns and wing patterns don't match very well," he says. And observations show that the insects do not shift in height as the day progresses and the light patterns change. Worse still, according to DeVries, this theory doesn't explain why the model species is flying at that particular height in the first place.
- E. These early explorers soon realised that although some of the butterflies' bright colours are there to attract a mate, others are warning signals. They send out a message to any predators: "Keep off, we're poisonous." And because wearing certain patterns affords protection, other species copy them. Biologists use the term "mimicry rings" for these clusters of impostors and their evolutionary idol.
- F. "They can comprise up to 85 per cent of the individuals in a mimicry ring and their patterns are mimicked not just by butterflies, but by other insects as diverse as damselflies and true bugs," says Philip DeVries of the Milwaukee Public Museum's Center for Biodiversity Studies.
- G. Not only were there 56 ithomiine butterfly species divided among eight mimicry rings, but there were also 69 other insect species, including 34 day-flying moths and a damselfly, all in a 200-hectare study area. Like many entomologists before him, Beccaloni used a large bag-like net to capture his prey. This allowed him to sample the 2.5 metres immediately above the forest floor. Unlike many previous workers, he kept very precise notes on exactly where he caught his specimens.

## Part 5: Read the following passage and choose the answer A, B, C, or D which fits best according to the text.

#### **Tattoos in Tribal and Ancient Cultures**

In today's culture, tattoos are very popular as a form of body decoration. As seen in their prevalence among rebellious teenagers, social outsiders, dangerous outlaws, and many other people, tattoos are viewed as luxurious fashion statements that possess a forbidden attraction – mainly a long as they main unseen. However, some people get tattoos in order to identify themselves with certain groups, such as military units, fraternities, or even criminal organizations, like the Japanese yakuza. Tattoos have been used in this manner throughout history by many different cultures in the world. In fact, they have always been an important functional and symbolic feature in most tribal and ancient cultures, whether they were used for identification, worship, therapy, decoration, or in other rituals.

The earliest written records describing tattoo usage date back to Ancient Egypt, from where the practice spread to Crete, Greece, Persia, and Arabia. However, tribal cultures throughout northern Europe, the western hemisphere, and east Asia had been applying tattoos for several thousands of years ago. One of the best pieces of evidence of this usage came from the excavation of Otzi the Ice Man, the oldest naturally preserved body discovered in Europe. Dating back to 3300 BC, this mummy had fifty-seven tattoos on its body, mostly located on

the inside of the left knee, ankles, and legs. In China and Russia, naturally mummified bodies that are just as old have been found to bear tattoos in similar spots. Based on the location of these tattoos, some researchers speculate that they were part of a therapeutic treatment for bones.

Ancient and tribal cultures used tattoos primarily for identification, though. A person's tattoo would indicate their tribe, family, or social status. For instance, the Norse, the Danes, the Saxons, and other Germanic peoples used tattoos to identify their particular clans. The Maori in New Zealand used tattoos to indicate the social ranking. In many southeast Asian tribes, as well as in American tribes like the Inuit, women used tattoos to indicate that they were eligible for marriage or already married. Tattoos were also very common among warriors who displayed bravery or ferocity in combat. Chickasaw warriors distinguished themselves with tattoos, and the Dayak tribes used them to boast of the people they killed in battle. In later military usage, ancient Greek spies had tattoos that related their military ranks to each other. Originally, Roman soldiers didn't have tattoos. However, after witnessing the fierceness of British tribes the fought, Roman soldiers began to get tattoos in order to emulate the enemy's ferocity.

Tribes also used tattoos for ritualistic purposes. South American tribes like the Mayans, Incas, and Aztecs regularly employed tattoos as part of their religious ceremonies. Tattoos were also used in many burial and mourning ceremonies. Hawaiians would tattoo their tongues three times to mourn the deaths of loved ones, and Mohave Indians would tattoo faces of the dead upon burial. Many tribes applied tattoos to young men and women as a fundamental rite of passage that would **inaugurate** their adulthood. In Tahiti, a girl's posterior would be tattooed completely black to show that she had reached puberty. In Samoa, an adolescent male was expected to endure the long, agonizing process of a full body tattoo in order to be accepted as a man. Many tribes also used tattoos as magical symbols and charms. In Borneo, an eye tattooed on the hand represented a spiritual guide. Burmese tribes used tattoos as protection against danger and pain during pregnancy. For these groups of people, ritualistic tattoos expressed a link to the spiritual world that was the foundation of most of these cultures.

In more modern cultures, where mysticism has been mostly rejected, tattoos have found somewhat different uses. Officially, many societies have applied tattoos to those who were considered outcast; convicts in medieval Japan and prisoners in Nazi concentration camps are two notable examples of this. Through such uses, tattoos began to acquire negative associations. Many modern societies harboured religious objections and ethnic prejudices that led them to interdict the art of tattoos in colonies where it had existed for thousands of years. Even though tattoos eventually became legal and permissible in many modern societies, they still retain a somewhat dubious distinction, and even today they are generally associated with outcasts, criminals, and impropriety.

- 1. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage?
- A. Tattoos are popular with rebellious people who like to remain unseen, like teenagers, outlaws, and outsiders.
- B. Tattoos have a rebellious attraction for many different kinds of people, but they usually must stay covered up.

- C. Tattoos are attractive to different kinds of people who want to display their rebellious instincts for everyone.
- D. Tattoos are such luxurious fashion statements that only a small number of people can get them, so they're rarely seen.
- 2. In paragraph 1, the author mentions the modern use of tattoos as a form of identification in order to
  - A. introduce their origins in older cultures
  - B. explain their associations with criminals
  - C. provide technical details on tattoos
  - D. condemn them as fashion statements
- 3. According to paragraph 2, some researchers believe that the tattoos found on mummies were used to
  - A. mark them as slaves

B. treat bone ailments

C. begin their adulthood

- D. assist them in worship
- 4. Based on the information in paragraph 2, what can be inferred about the origins of tattoos?
  - A. All ancient cultures copied the practice from Egypt.
  - B. Otzi the Ice Man is the first to have ancient tattoos.
  - C. It took thousands of years for tattoos to be used globally.
  - D. Tattoos developed independently in different cultures.
- 5. The word "them" in the paragraph 3 refers to
  - A. warriors
- B. themselves
- C. tattoos
- D. tribes
- 6. According to paragraph 3, why did the roman soldiers begin to get tattoos?
  - A. They were inspired by the ferocity of their tattooed enemies.
  - B. They wanted to boast of the enemies they killed.
  - C. They needed to identify their military ranks.
  - D. They used tattoos to treat their battle wounds.
- 7. In paragraph 3, all of the following are listed as things identified by tattoos in tribal cultures EXCEPT

A. marital status

B. tribal affiliation

C. social rank

D. criminal status

- 8. The word "inaugurate" in the paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to
  - A. prevent
- B. hide
- C. accelerate
- D. begin
- 9. Based on the information in paragraph 4, what can be inferred about tattoos in ancient and tribal rituals?
  - A. They were a luxury only a few priests had.
  - B. They were an essential part of most rituals.
  - C. They were common decorations, not serious.
  - D. They were only used in the rarest ceremonies.
- 10. Based on the information in the passage, what can be inferred about the use of tattoos in modern cultures?
  - A. Tattoos have been critical in identifying criminals.
  - B. Tattoos have been useful in stopping outlaw gangs.
  - C. Tattoos represent a sophisticated but rare art form.
  - D. Tattoos have lost their ritualistic significance.

Part 6: You are going to read extracts from an article about upcoming rock festivals. For questions 1-10, choose from the sections (A-D). The extracts may be chosen more than once.

#### According to the writer, which festival ...

- 1. attracts an impressive line-up without offering big incentives to performers?
- 2. changes more than the quality of the line-up should dictate?
- 3. has a knack for identifying promising new performers?
- 4. is enjoying a turnaround in fortunes?
- 5. is very keenly priced on principle?
- 6. is likely to produce a very intense atmosphere?
- 7. can no longer rely on a once loyal base of fans attending?
- 8. has an impressive list of performers but may lack the typical festival buzz?
- 9. is almost at full capacity?
- 10. features music from a range of genres?

#### A Grovestock

Grovestock has taken on a completely new guise, having reinvented itself this year in an effort to attract a more youthful audience, where, until now, of course, the lion's share of attendees have always been in the thirty-and-over age bracket. Indeed, it has, surprisingly, considering this is a venture into the unknown for the festival, been able to attract a stellar line-up this year, one which is surely the envy of many a similar festival around the country. This notwithstanding, however, the festival has failed to capture the attention or the imagination of its intended audience. Moreover, traditional devotees have turned the backs on the event in large numbers, feeling let down, underappreciated and ignored. On the upside, this has prompted heavy discounting of tickets and some would say they are now a steal. Therefore, I would argue that Grovestock 2.0 is very hard to dismiss if you are without something to do next weekend. It may be wanton in the atmosphere department if ticket uptake doesn't improve, but the impressive programme and the minimal wallet impact make it very hard to completely ignore – the last-minute-whim option of the week.

#### B Featherlina Music Fest

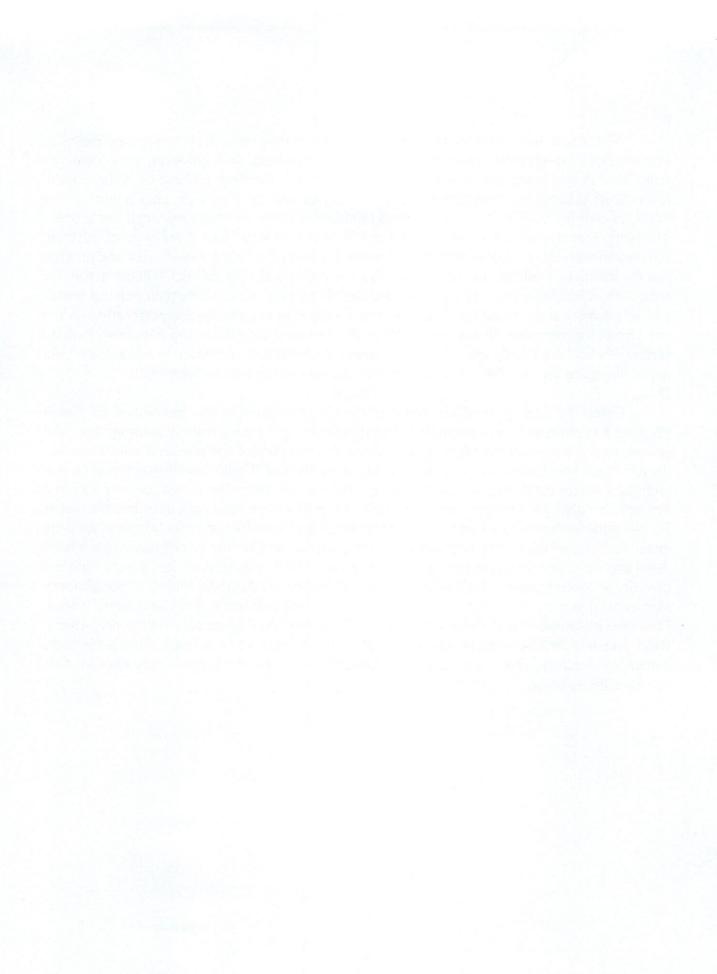
Rather than try to reinvent the wheel, Featherlina Music Fest has remain faithful to a tried and tested formula despite declining attendances in recent years, and this approach appears to have paid dividends because, if advance bookings are anything to go by, it is not just hardcore fans that will be glamping in the muck at this year's event, which looks set for a bumper turnout. Headlining the festival are newcomers to the rock scene, Headaway. Music aficionados may be more familiar with them in their former guise as unheralded punk outcasts, but their transition into the mainstream has been nothing short of extraordinary as they have taken the rock scene by storm with a string of catchy anthems this year. These local gals made good are supported by a strong line-up of somewhat lesser-known bands, which, that said, between them, can boast a not inconsiderable repertoire of sing-along hits of their own. Audience participation will be the order of the day. Expect the decibel levels to be very high! The only downside is tickets prices are commensurate with the expected decibel levels ... They are also vanishing rapidly, so don't procrastinate or mull this one over too long.

C Indie Fest

No festival does Indie rock better than the eponymous Indie Fest. Not by any means to everyone's liking given that the line-up is totally unheralded, this, however, is, to hardcore fans, the bait that continues to lure them back annually. The core fanbase of diehard Indie lovers is what keeps the cogs turning; and the fact that festival organisers have a deft eye for talent, unearthing soon-to-be megabands as though it were as simple as prizing a bottle open. The bottle that is Indie Fest, however, always promises to be a chaotic mélange of different flavours though (all rock true and true, of course), some of which seriously fizz and provide just the breath of fresh air the industry needs, whilst others simply fall flat. The attraction for fans, then, is in sampling all the flavours, and deciding which ones titillate their musical senses and which ones ought to be spat back out and confined to anonymity and performing on the pub circuit forever more. If you want to be where the talent get founds and found out, look no further. Tickets are keenly priced, but they come at a premium compared to what you would normally pay to see the likes of these bands on account of the festival's reputation.

D Retal

Given the line-up Retal can boast, it's hard to fathom why this fusion festival hasn't yet gone all commercial and attempted to squeeze every last penny from its adoring fans. Yet pricing remains reassuring competitive, making this my pick of the weekend's festivals. On the one hand, you'll have the soft, dulcet tones of the likes of Riddle Levellers serenading you with their sentimental ballads. On the other, hard rockers Gory Danes will deliver you to a veritable headbanger's utopia. Indeed, some of the performers have very questionable merits for inclusion in the rock category at all, but then Retal aims to live up to its billing as a fusion music festival, which it does with aplomb. Although the very keenly priced tickets have been disappearing faster than a speeding bullet, the farm Retal is hosted on has a near limitless capacity so there remains, thankfully, a generous supply of additional bullets in the armoury as it were. If you are a true music devotee, then this is one shot in the arm you definitely need. Fans love it because it has refused to sell out to Big Money. And given what it pays performers, Retal punches far above its weight in attracting the might of the industry. Bands typically demanding lucrative fees come here not because they want to, but because they have to. This is truly a dying breed of festival.



#### D. WRITING (60 pts)

### Part 1. Read the following extract and use your own words to summarize it. Your summary should be about 130-140 words long. (15 pts)

In the second half of the seventeenth century, Russian authorities began implementing controls at the borders of their empire to prevent the importation of plague, a highly infectious and dangerous disease. Information on disease outbreak occurring abroad was regularly reported to the tsar's court through various means, including commercial channels, military personnel deployed abroad, undercover agents, the network of Imperial Foreign Office embassies and representations abroad, and the customs offices.

If news of an outbreak came from abroad, relations with the affected country were suspended. For instance, foreign vessels were not allowed to dock in Russian ports if there was credible information about the existence of epidemics in countries from which they had departed. In addition, all foreigners entering Russia from those countries had to undergo quarantine. In 1665, after receiving news about a plague epidemic in England, Tsar Alexei wrote a letter to King Charles II in which he announced the cessation of Russian trade relations with England and other foreign states. These protective measures appeared to have been effective, as the country did not record any cases of plague during that year and in the next three decades. By the end of the seventeenth century, preventative measures had been widely introduced in Russia, including the isolation of persons ill with plague, the imposition of quarantines, and the distribution of explanatory public health notices about plague outbreaks.

During the eighteenth century, although none of the occurrences was of the same scale as in the past, plague appeared in Russia several times. For instance, in 1710, the plague reached Riga where it was active until 1711 and claimed 60,000 lives. Russian military chronicles of the time note that more soldiers died of the disease after the capture of Riga than from enemy fire during the siege of that city. Tsar Peter I imposed strict measures to prevent the spread of plague during such conflicts. Soldiers suspected of being infected were isolated and taken to areas far from military camps. In addition, camps were designed to separate divisions, detachments, and smaller units of soldiers.

However, although the Russian authorities applied such methods to contain the spread of the disease and limit the number of victims, all of the measures had a provisional character: they were intended to respond to a

specific outbreak, and were not designed as a coherent set of measures to be implemented systematically at the first sign of plague.

Part 2. (15 pts) The table below shows personal saving as a percentage of personal income for selected countries in 1970, 1990 and 2010.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write 150 -180 words.

Country	1990	2000	2010
Canada	5.6	11.5	1.9
France	18.7	12.5	13.6
Germany	13.8	13.8	11.8
Italy	29.5	17.6	11.4
Japan	17.6	12.1	13.6
UK	9.2	8.2	11.1
USA	8.2	5.5	4.0

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# Part 3. Essay writing (30 pts) Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organization. What could be the advantages and disadvantages of being self-employed? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own experience or knowledge. Write 300 - 320 words.

