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LISTENING SECTION (25 PTS)
LANGUAGE USE SECTION (25 PTS)
READING SECTION (25 PTS)
WRITING SECTION (25 PTS)

LISTENING SECTION

PART A. Listen to the lecture on the rise of urban rewilding and circle the correct answer. (5x3=15pts.)

1. What is the speaker's main purpose in this talk?

- a) To argue that all traditional city parks should be permanently closed
- b) To explain the principles, benefits, and challenges of urban rewilding
- c) To warn residents about the dangers of extreme weather events in cities
- d) To compare the cost of landscaping across different European capitals

2. According to the speaker, what is a major drawback of traditional urban green spaces?

- a) They attract dangerous wildlife to residential neighborhoods.
- b) They demand substantial resources and do not significantly support biodiversity.
- c) They are too expensive for ordinary citizens to visit.
- d) They are completely resistant to extreme weather conditions.

3. Removing concrete riverbanks in European cities has helped to _____.

- a)** prevent structural damage caused by heavy rainfall and flooding
b) reduce the overall population of local insect species
c) increase the speed of urban transportation
d) encourage residents to move away from densely populated centers

4. Why do some urban residents initially react negatively to rewilding projects?

- a) They believe that native plants are more expensive to purchase.
- b) They mistake natural, unmanaged growth for a lack of city maintenance.
- c) They are prohibited from entering parks with wildlife corridors.
- d) They prefer concrete structures over any form of greenery.

5. Which statement best summarizes the speaker's concluding attitude toward urban rewilding?

- a)** It is an impractical concept that cannot function in modern metropolises.
b) It should immediately replace all existing buildings and roads.
c) It is a realistic approach to creating climate-resilient and biodiverse urban environments.
d) It is only beneficial if restricted entirely to private balconies and rooftops.

- a) To request a complete change of his academic advisor
- b) To complain about the grading criteria of his preliminary draft
- c) To ask for financial funding for his renewable energy project
- d) To report difficulties with low participation in his research survey

- a) They provide insufficient detail compared to quantitative surveys.
- b) Energy consultants are usually unwilling to participate in interviews.
- c) Transcribing and thematically coding the data requires considerable time.
- d) Qualitative research is not accepted for final-year graduation projects.

- a) Submit an amendment form to the department head
- b) Go through a full review with the university ethics committee
- c) Re-register for the entire research course next semester
- d) Publish his initial survey results in an academic journal

- a) Conduct at least twenty face-to-face interviews
- b) Hand in the methodological amendment by Friday
- c) Find a co-author from the local business sector
- d) Complete the entire literature synthesis by the end of this week

- a) Send reminder emails to the businesses that ignored his survey**
- b) Book a recording studio on campus for the interviews**
- c) Request an additional meeting with the head of the department**
- d) Prepare the interview questions and file the required amendment**

LANGUAGE USE SECTION

Choose the correct option (25x1=25 pts.)

11. Evidence indicates that the underground chamber, which was uncovered by a group of geologists last spring, _____ for centuries by a thick layer of volcanic ash. Currently, it _____ that the chamber was originally used to store grain during times of famine.

- a)** have been sealed / has now been assumed **b)** had been sealing / now assumes
c) had been sealed / is now assumed **d)** have sealed / is now assumed

12. Although the fast-food chains of the 1990s _____ as a symbol of American culture worldwide, many nutrition studies now imply that these products _____ to rising obesity rates among children.

- a)** were often viewing / contribute
c) have often viewed / are contributed
- b)** are often viewed / contributed
d) are often viewed / were contributed

13. During the annual budget meeting, the finance committee strongly recommends _____ every department submit an itemized spending report to justify next year's allocation. At this stage, it is still being discussed _____ the board will approve emergency funding or postpone the decision until the next fiscal quarter.

- a) whether / that** **b) if / what** **c) that / whether** **d) how / if**

14. "The dam failed during the flood because the drainage system installed was very inadequate."
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Choose the sentence that logically completes the context.

- a)** If the dam had been designed with a better drainage system, the dam would not have failed.
b) Even if the drainage system had been better, the dam could have failed.
c) If the drainage system were better, the dam wouldn't fail.
d) If the dam had been built with a better drainage system, the dam would not fail.

15. Many successful athletes appear _____ their personal records much faster than expected. However, coaches note that _____ to prioritize recovery time often leads to chronic injuries.

- a)** having broken / to have neglected
b) to have broken / neglecting
c) breaking / to neglect
d) to be broken / neglecting

16. "The engineering company built a bridge with a unique vibration-dampening system. This innovation significantly increased the structure's resistance to earthquakes."

Select the option that correctly combines these sentences.

- a)** The engineering company built a bridge with a unique vibration-dampening system, that significantly increased the structure's resistance to earthquakes.
- b)** The engineering company built a bridge with a unique vibration-dampening system, which innovation significantly increased the structure's resistance to earthquakes.
- c)** The engineering company built a bridge with a unique vibration-dampening system, significantly increasing by it the structure's resistance to earthquakes.
- d)** The engineering company built a bridge with a unique vibration-dampening system, which significantly increased the structure's resistance to earthquakes.

17. The research crew expressed significant frustration regarding _____ clearance to the restricted testing facility, as they had expected _____ with all the necessary certifications by the agency before their arrival.

- a)** to not be granted / to be equipping
b) not having granted / having been equipped
c) not being granted / to equip
d) not having been granted / to have been equipped

- 19.** "Because the project manager discovered that the safety reports contained several serious calculation errors, she immediately suspended the operations at the new plant to prevent a potential disaster."

a) Having been discovered that the safety reports contained several serious calculation errors, the project manager suspended the operations at the new plant immediately to avoid a disaster.

- b)** Discovered the several serious calculation errors in the safety reports, the project manager suspended the operations at the new plant to prevent a potential disaster.

- c)** Having discovered several serious calculation errors in the safety reports, the project manager immediately suspended the operations at the new plant to prevent a possible disaster.

- d)** To discover that the safety reports contained several serious calculation errors, the project manager immediately suspended the operations at the new plant to prevent a possible disaster.

20. If the city administration _____ more decisively to the early signs of the housing crisis last year, the tenants _____ the severe rent increases they are currently experiencing.

- a)** had reacted / wouldn't be facing
c) reacted / wouldn't face

21. Elena: I was quite surprised when she mentioned the upcoming layoffs during the department meeting.

Marco: Really? Did she actually clarify

Elena: Unfortunately, no. I hope it won't be us.

- a) when the layoffs would be announced
b) why the layoffs would be necessary
c) what departments would be affected
d) who would be affected by the layoffs

22. During the press conference, the spokesperson emphasized that although _____ that the data was leaked intentionally, it is urgent that the internal investigation _____ before any accusations are made.

- a) people rumored / should have completed
b) it has widely rumored / will be complete
c) many rumor / to be completed
d) it is widely rumored / be completed

23. The city council finally reached an agreement to renovate the public library system, _____ surprised many residents who had expected further budget freezes. This decision will primarily benefit the downtown branch, _____ long-planned digital archive project has been on hold for nearly three years due to a lack of funding.

- a) that / which** **b) which / whose** **c) what / who** **d) where / whom**

24. _____ the intricate technical specifications of the software, the new intern felt a growing sense of uncertainty regarding the long-term reliability of the platform at first. Due to _____ that the most critical bugs have finally been fixed to ensure stability, she has now expressed a cautious confidence about the upcoming launch.

- a)** By not entirely grasped / to realize **b)** Not entirely grasping / realizing
c) Although not entirely grasp / having realized **d)** Not having entirely grasped / realized

Priya: Exactly, and _____ any input from staff before the rollout has only deepened the resentment.

- 32.** After _____ for her contributions to the field of marine conservation, the biologist admitted _____ incredibly humbled to have been able to collaborate with such a dedicated team of volunteers.

- 33.** "It is widely believed that the recent increase in sleep disturbances among adults has been caused by the excessive use of blue-light-emitting screens before bedtime."

a) Many researchers widely believe that the excessive use of blue-light-emitting screens is causing an increase in sleep disturbances before bedtime.

34. _____ entering the restricted chemical storage area for the first time, the technician carefully reviewed the emergency procedures and put on the hazmat suit. She wanted to ensure that every step was fresh in her mind, _____ she was fully aware of the potential risks involved in the handling process.

- 35.** Last night, the supervisor told the crew, "Don't leave the storage room unlocked" and she asked, "Will you be able to complete the inventory check tonight?"

The supervisor told the crew _____ the storage room unlocked and she asked _____ the inventory check that night.

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READING SECTION

Part A. Read the text and choose the correct answer. (5x2 = 10 points)

Coral Reefs

Coral reefs, often called the rainforests of the sea, are among the most complex and closely studied ecosystems on Earth. Although a reef may appear peaceful from the surface, it is constantly changing due to intense biological activity, chemical exchange, and environmental pressure. This narrow band of living coral is often only a few meters thick, yet it supports nearly a quarter of all marine species found in the ocean. Scientists study coral reefs because they help explain how energy moves through marine food webs. One of their most noticeable features is their branching structure. Coral polyps are tiny organisms surrounded by a hard limestone skeleton, formed through a process called calcification. In this process, polyps absorb calcium from seawater, build protective skeletons, and slowly expand the reef outward. This continuous cycle creates a layered, growing structure across the seafloor. Although each polyp lives only a limited lifespan, millions of them exist within a single reef. By studying these patterns, scientists gain insight into nutrient cycling and the behavior of organisms under extreme environmental stress.

Another important feature of coral reefs is bleaching events, which appear as paler and weaker areas on the reef's surface. They occur when rising water temperatures cause corals to expel the colorful algae living within their tissues. Because less nutrition reaches these corals, they appear lighter compared to their surroundings, even though they may still be alive. Bleaching events can last from weeks to years and vary in severity over time. They follow an increasingly frequent pattern, during which ocean temperatures rise and fall. When temperatures spike, more bleaching occurs. Bleaching is also connected to powerful events such as tropical storms and prolonged marine heatwaves. Tropical storms physically **jeopardize** reef structures, while marine heatwaves stress coral tissue over extended periods. When these events strike reef systems, they can disrupt fish populations, coastal economies, and tourism industries. However, they can also trigger recovery efforts and scientific innovation. Because of these effects, scientists carefully monitor bleaching activity to better understand and predict reef health.

Modern technology has greatly improved the study of coral reefs. Scientists now use satellites, underwater drones, and advanced imaging tools to observe reefs safely and in detail. Direct observation is not always possible because of a reef's remote depth and fragility, so specialized diving and remote sensing equipment are used to reduce disturbance. By comparing long-term data, researchers can identify patterns in reef health and make predictions about future conditions. This is important because many coastal communities, including fishing industries and tourism economies, can be affected by reef decline. In addition, studying coral reefs helps scientists understand how marine ecosystems adapt and how biological processes behave under extreme conditions. Even with advanced technology, many aspects of coral biology are still not fully understood, so research continues. In conclusion, the coral reef is an active and constantly changing ecosystem that plays a key role in shaping the behavior of our oceans and their impact on life on Earth.

36. Which statement best captures the overall focus of the passage?

- a) Coastal tourism depends entirely on reef preservation.
- b) Bleaching is the only threat coral reefs currently face.
- c) Coral reefs are a continuously shifting, biologically active system.
- d) Marine drones have solved most problems in reef research.

37. Based on the passage, what is most likely true about bleaching events?

- a) They happen at fixed, predictable intervals each year.
- b) They occur independently of ocean temperature changes.
- c) Their frequency appears to be tied to changing waters.
- d) They make coral polyps grow at a faster rate.

39. What is the writer's tone throughout the text?

40. Choose the correct meaning for "jeopardize" in the second paragraph.

- Part B. Read the text and choose the correct answer. (5x2 = 10 points)**

Color is an essential part of modern visual communication, especially in a world where people spend a large amount of time viewing content on digital devices. Every day, individuals encounter color choices while using apps, websites, packaging, and printed materials. Although many people focus mainly on the content itself, they often overlook the importance of color selection. However, color can strongly influence how a message is interpreted, how professional it appears, and how comfortable it is for viewers to process information. As a result, color psychology has become an important aspect of both digital communication and graphic design.

Colors are not simply decorative elements added to a design for visual appeal. They directly affect mood, comprehension, and the overall user experience. A poorly chosen color scheme may reduce clarity or make information more difficult to process, whereas an appropriate palette can improve focus and make complex layouts easier to navigate. Researchers have shown that viewers often form quick opinions about designs, and color contributes significantly to these impressions. In professional environments, color selection can even influence whether a design appears formal, reliable, creative, or modern.

There are two primary categories of colors commonly used today: warm and cool tones. Warm colors, including red and orange, are associated with energy and urgency. These tones are often preferred for call-to-action buttons and promotional material because many viewers find them attention-grabbing. The intensity is believed to draw the eye quickly toward important elements. In contrast, cool colors such as blue and green produce a calmer visual effect. Because of their soothing quality, they are frequently used in backgrounds and interfaces where prolonged viewing comfort is important.

● In recent years, digital platforms have encouraged designers to create color systems for specialized purposes. Some palettes are specifically designed to improve accessibility for people who experience color vision deficiencies. These palettes may use higher contrast or distinct shade separation to diminish visual confusion. Other color systems are intended to save visual space in compact mobile layouts. In addition, some companies experiment with color combinations that may evoke specific emotional responses while maintaining overall clarity.

Color selection can also influence emotion and perception. A muted, cool palette may evoked the impression that a brand is calm and trustworthy, while a bold, warm palette may produce a more energetic atmosphere. Marketing experts often rely on color to strengthen brand identity and shape consumer reactions. However, experts warn that using too many contrasting colors in one design can reduce clarity and distract viewers from the message. For this reason, specialists generally recommend limiting the color palette and maintaining consistency throughout a design.

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42. Why are cool colors often preferred for backgrounds?

43. What is one reason designers choose colors carefully?

44. What is the writer's attitude toward color in design?

45. What does the word "*evoke*" mean in the 4th paragraph?

PART C. Choose the correct option. (5x1=5 pts.)

a) recall **b) standardize** **c) postpone** **d) abandon**

a) scatter **b) gather** **c) hesitate** **d) dismiss**

a) prosperity **b) breakdown** **c) negotiation** **d) abundance**

a) prevent **b) cultivate** **c) tolerate** **d) predict**

a) obstacle **b) database** **c) artifact** **d) routine**

WRITING SECTION

PART A. Choose ONE of the topics below and write a PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY. (250-300 words) (25 pts)

In your essay

- explain the main problem(s) with possible causes and effects
- suggest realistic and effective solutions,
- support your ideas with reasons, examples, facts, or personal experiences.
- *In your essay, you can benefit from prompts in the boxes below or use your own ideas.*

Topic I. The use of social media is increasing rapidly among teenagers. What problems might this create for teenagers and parents, and what solutions can schools provide?

Possible Solutions
Digital literacy programs (teaching safe and responsible online habits)
Mental health support services (counseling and peer support groups)
Stronger school-parent communication (workshops and regular guidance sessions)

Topic II. Traffic congestion is increasing in many major cities. What problems does this create for commuters and city residents, and what solutions can local governments provide?

Possible Solutions
Expanded public transportation (new bus and metro lines)
Incentives for alternative transport (subsidies for cycling and carpooling)
Improved urban planning (dedicated lanes and reduced city-center vehicle access)

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Intro		
Criteria	Description	Points
Hook /Background	An engaging and relevant opening is provided. The background clearly describes the problem, explains why it is important, and leads logically to the thesis statement.	___/3
Thesis Statement	Thesis statement clearly introduces the three solutions that will be discussed in the body paragraphs. Predictors are stated clearly.	___/2

Concluding paragraph		
Criteria	Description	Points
Restatement of Main Idea	Student restates the main idea of the introduction using different words.	___/1
Summary of Key Point	Student summarizes the key issues mentioned without adding new information.	___/1
Final Thought / Recommendation	Student provides a clear closing sentence (advice, warning, or suggestion).	___/1

- **Off-topic content should be evaluated only under language use section.**