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## OPTION A

### PART 1: ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

**Write an argumentative essay on the following topic ( 275-300 words):**

#### **Mobile Phones and Social Skills: A Generational Divide**

"Has the pervasive use of mobile phones led to a decline in social skills among younger generations compared to older generations?" ( **4 POINTS**)

### PART 2: LANGUAGE TEST

#### **Task 1: Cloze test (1 point)**

**For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS in the PROVIDED SPACE.**

Jan Vickers now runs a successful bicycle company in the town. He set it (1)\_\_\_\_\_ ten years ago to cater (2)\_\_\_\_\_ students and he has done extremely (3)\_\_\_\_\_. He did a lot of rental business with the tourist trade (4)\_\_\_\_\_ local hotels. In his first year of operations he made a loss, but his sales figures for his second year showed (5)\_\_\_\_\_ upturn and he has never looked back (6)\_\_\_\_\_. Indeed you could say that business is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ booming as he has just won an important new contract with a chain of fitness centres. There was stiff (8)\_\_\_\_\_ but Jan (9)\_\_\_\_\_ in a bid which was more attractive than anything that rival companies could offer. So the deal was struck. As a result Jan's company is planning to create 20 new jobs. When asked to explain the secret of his success, Jan puts it down (10)\_\_\_\_\_ his company's emphasis on after-sales service.

(English Collocations in Use)

**Task 2. Vocabulary (2 point)**

**Choose and write the word which best completes each sentence in the PROVIDED SPACE.**

1. Despite his extensive experience and qualifications, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the position he applied for.  
A) secure  
B) grasp  
C) seize  
D) capture
2. The artist's new installation is a \_\_\_\_\_ amalgamation of various styles and techniques, challenging conventional boundaries.  
A) whimsical  
B) monotonous  
C) lackluster  
D) coherent
3. The committee's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ and left no room for negotiation or further discussion.  
A) transparent  
B) arbitrary  
C) conclusive  
D) dubious
4. Her writing style is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ use of metaphor, making her prose both vivid and thought-provoking.  
A) sparing  
B) pervasive  
C) literal  
D) tentative
5. The scientist's hypothesis was met with \_\_\_\_\_ skepticism from her peers, who questioned the validity of her data.  
A) unequivocal  
B) negligible  
C) rampant  
D) tentative
6. The ancient ruins were \_\_\_\_\_ by the ravages of time, yet they still stood as a testament to the civilization that built them.  
A) obliterated  
B) eroded

- C) preserved  
D) tarnished
7. In her autobiography, she offers a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ account of her childhood, filled with both joyous and harrowing memories.
- A) candid  
B) fabricated  
C) monotonous  
D) elusive
8. The project was \_\_\_\_\_ due to unforeseen circumstances, and its completion date had to be postponed indefinitely.
- A) expedited  
B) hindered  
C) augmented  
D) facilitated
9. His \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor made him a favorite among colleagues, who appreciated his calm and reassuring presence.
- A) volatile  
B) affable  
C) belligerent  
D) aloof
10. The policy was designed to \_\_\_\_\_ innovation and encourage employees to think creatively and independently.
- A) stifle  
B) foster  
C) suppress  
D) constrain
11. The novel's \_\_\_\_\_ narrative structure can be challenging for some readers to follow.
- A) linear  
B) convoluted  
C) straightforward  
D) simplistic
12. His \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving often leads to innovative and unconventional solutions.
- A) methodical  
B) haphazard  
C) erratic

D) creative

13. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ strategy has allowed it to dominate the market for over a decade.
- A) tentative
  - B) insipid
  - C) aggressive
  - D) obsolete
14. Her \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to the cause inspired many others to join the movement.
- A) tepid
  - B) unwavering
  - C) sporadic
  - D) indifferent
15. The professor's lecture was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ references, making it difficult for the uninitiated to understand.
- A) esoteric
  - B) mundane
  - C) accessible
  - D) pedestrian
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of the landscape left all the visitors in awe.
- A) stark
  - B) ephemeral
  - C) mediocre
  - D) sublime
17. His \_\_\_\_\_ for detail is evident in every aspect of his work.
- A) disregard
  - B) propensity
  - C) penchant
  - D) aversion
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the policy change was felt across the entire organization.
- A) insignificance
  - B) magnitude
  - C) triviality
  - D) pettiness
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### Task 3. Word Formation (1 point)

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS in the PROVIDED SPACE.

#### MODERN CULTURE

When people talk about contemporary culture they are just as (1) ..... (LIKE) to be talking about fast cars, trainers or high heels as they are to be talking about Shostakovich or Shakespeare.

Goods have become as (2) ..... (MEAN) a measure and marker of culture as the Great and the Good. The word 'Culture' can now cover just about anything. Culture is no longer merely the beautiful and singular.

It wasn't until the late twentieth century that a (3) ..... (SCHOOL) interest in objects began to replace the traditional the traditional interest in -isms, with historians, (4) ..... (LITERATE) critics and philosophers all suddenly becoming fascinated by the meaning of objects, large and small. Is this a sign, perhaps, of a society cracking under the strain of too many things?

Our current (5) ..... (OBSESSIVE) with material culture , one might argue, is simply a (6) ..... (RESPOND) to the Western crisis of abundance. There are obvious problems with this materialist (7) ..... (CONCEPT) of culture. If our experience of everyday life is so (8) ..... (SATISFY) , then how much more so is the (9) ..... (SPECIATE) of our everyday things under scrutiny?

Food for (10) ..... (THINK) , I would say...

### Task 4. Keyword transformation (1 point)

Complete the second sentence so that its meaning is as similar as possible to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

1. I was under the impression that he would pay for dinner.

**EXPECTED**

I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

2. Visitors who do not have passes are not allowed to enter the testing facility.

**OFF**

The testing facility \_\_\_\_\_ without passes.

3. My brother's advice was to stay calm during my driving test.

**HEAD**

My brother \_\_\_\_\_ during my driving test.

4. When Dean lost his brand new iPhone, he became frantic.

**BESIDE**

Dean \_\_\_\_\_ losing his brand new iPhone.

5. He didn't manage to park the car, so he failed the driving test.

**HAVING**

\_\_\_\_\_ the car, he failed his driving test.

6. Cancelling his membership is the only thing we can do.

**OPTION**

We \_\_\_\_\_ his membership.

7. There is a chance he hasn't checked his emails.

**MAY**

He \_\_\_\_\_ his emails today.

8. Winter will be here shortly and the days will become depressingly short.

**UPON**

Winter \_\_\_\_\_ and the days will become increasingly short.

9. Before Sir Edmund Hillary, no one had climbed Mt Everest.

**FIRST**

Sir Edmund Hilary \_\_\_\_\_ Mt Everest.

10. Giving you that information is not something I can do.

**LIBERTY**

I \_\_\_\_\_ you that information.

**Task 5 : Phonetics (1 point)**

**A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American or Standard British English will be accepted. Bear in mind that ambiguous transcriptions will not be allowed. (0.5 points)**

1. Mischievous
2. Draught
3. Thorough
4. Antarctic
5. Bouquet

**B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. (0.5 points)**

Adele was actually in America at the time.