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ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAM — MODEL TEST

GRADE 9
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TOTAL POINTS: 50

DURATION: 120 min.

Part I: Grammar (20 POINTS)

Directions: Circle the letter of the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

1. By the time we arrived, the presentation _____.

- A) already started
- B) had already started
- C) has already started
- D) would already start

2. Select the sentence with correct punctuation.

- A) The lecture was fascinating; however, it was too long.
- B) The lecture was fascinating, however; it was too long.
- C) The lecture was fascinating however; it was too long.
- D) The lecture was fascinating however, it was too long.

3. He denied _____ the confidential documents to the press.

- A) to leak
- B) leaked
- C) having leaked
- D) leak

4. She speaks French fluently, but she sounds as though she _____ in Paris all her life.

- A) lived
- B) has lived
- C) had lived
- D) had been living

5. The report is believed _____ by several senior researchers.

- A) to edit
- B) to have edited
- C) to have been edited
- D) being edited

6. _____ his lack of experience, he managed to negotiate an excellent deal.

- A) Although
- B) Despite
- C) In spite
- D) Nevertheless

7. Choose the correct sentence.

- A) After reviewing the evidence, the lawyer called a witness.
- B) After reviewing the evidence the lawyer called a witness.
- C) After reviewing, the evidence the lawyer called a witness.
- D) After, reviewing the evidence the lawyer called a witness.

8. "Could you tell me where the station is?" she asked.

She asked me where _____.

- A) was the station
- B) the station was
- C) is the station
- D) the station is it

9. If the company _____ earlier, it wouldn't be facing bankruptcy now.

- A) acted
- B) has acted
- C) would act
- D) had acted

10. Not until the manager intervened _____ the seriousness of the issue.

- A) did they realize
- B) they realized
- C) they had realized
- D) had they realize

11. I'd rather you _____ that topic during the meeting tomorrow.

- A) avoid
- B) had avoided
- C) will avoid
- D) avoided

12. "Why don't we postpone the meeting?" he said.

He suggested _____ the meeting.

- A) to postpone
- B) postpone
- C) postponing
- D) postponed

13. "I'll send you the report tomorrow," she said.

She promised _____ the report the following day.

- A) sending me
- B) to send me
- C) she would send
- D) send me

14. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A) The book, that you lent me, was fascinating.
- B) The book that, you lent me, was fascinating

- C) The book, which you lent me was fascinating.
D). The book which you lent me was fascinating.

15. The proposal, _____ was rejected last week, will be revised.

- A) that
B) what
C) which
D) whose

16. Choose the correct option.

- A). My brother, who lives in Madrid, is a lawyer.
B) My brother, who lives in Madrid is a lawyer.
C) My brother who lives in Madrid is a lawyer.
D) My brother who lives in Madrid, is a lawyer.

17. By the time the negotiations conclude, both sides _____ compromises for months.

- A) will make
B) will have made
C) will have been making
D) would have made

18. Under no circumstances _____ confidential information to external contractors.

- A) employees should disclose
B) should employees disclose
C) employees disclose
D) disclose employees should

19. No sooner _____ the announcement than investors began withdrawing their funds.

- A) had the CEO made
B) the CEO had made
C) did the CEO make
D) the CEO made

20. Scarcely _____ the lecture when the fire alarm sounded.

- A) had begun the professor
B) the professor had begun
C) had the professor begun
D) the professor began

Part II: Reading Comprehension (10 POINTS)

Directions: In this section, you will read a passage. This passage is followed by ten questions relating to its content. Circle the choice that best answers the question.

[The following article was published in ScienceNews website.]

Scientists Celebrate Record-Breaking Achievements in 2025

In 2025, researchers around the world announced a series of remarkable scientific achievements that pushed the boundaries of human knowledge and technology. According to a summary of the year's discoveries, scientists documented extraordinary natural events and innovative breakthroughs that captured global attention.

One of the most astonishing findings was the confirmation of the longest lightning bolt ever recorded on Earth. This "megaflash" stretched an incredible 830 kilometres, surpassing the previous record by more than 100 kilometres. Megaflashes like this occur very rarely and offer new insights into the behaviour of thunderstorms and atmospheric electricity.

In addition to weather-related phenomena, the scientific community marked a significant milestone in genetic research. For the first time, researchers reported the creation of genomes entirely generated with the help of artificial intelligence, demonstrating how computational tools can accelerate and improve biological discoveries. These AI-generated genomes may advance the study of genetics by providing models that help scientists understand complex biological systems more efficiently.

Astronomers also celebrated breakthroughs in space science, including the observation of some of the most energetic events in the universe. Studies of black hole collisions revealed new details about how these massive objects interact and merge, emitting powerful gravitational waves detectable across vast distances. These observations are essential for understanding the dynamics of the cosmos and the evolution of galaxies.

Experts say the record-breaking discoveries of 2025 reflect both the breadth of scientific inquiry and the practical benefits of international collaboration. Research into extreme weather phenomena, advanced genetics, and cosmic events illustrates not only the diversity of scientific goals but also the growing role of technology in expanding what humans can observe and measure. While some breakthroughs deepen our understanding of natural processes on Earth, others open the door to future innovations in medicine, space exploration, and environmental science.

As scientists continue to build on these achievements, the discoveries of 2025 are expected to influence research agendas, inspire students, and inform public policy in science and education for years to come.

1. What was one of the most notable weather-related discoveries in 2025?

- A. The coldest temperature ever recorded
- B. The fastest tornado ever measured
- C. The longest lightning bolt ever recorded
- D. The largest hurricane in history

2. How much longer was the 2025 lightning bolt compared to the previous record?

- A. About 50 km
- B. About 100 km
- C. About 200 km
- D. About 500 km

3. What role did artificial intelligence play in genetics?

- A. It replaced human researchers entirely
- B. It monitored black holes in space
- C. It measured lightning bolts in experiments
- D. It generated complete genomes to aid research

4. Why are black hole collisions significant for astronomers?
- A. They provide insights into cosmic dynamics and galaxy evolution
 - B. They help predict Earth's weather
 - C. They explain human genetics
 - D. They are a new source of energy for technology
5. Which of the following best describes the overall theme of the article?
- A. The challenges of international collaboration in science
 - B. The history of space exploration in the 21st century
 - C. Natural disasters and their impact on human society
 - D. Record-breaking scientific achievements and their importance
6. According to the text, what is one benefit of AI-generated genomes?
- A. They can stop extreme weather events
 - B. They prevent black holes from forming
 - C. They help scientists understand complex biological systems more efficiently
 - D. They predict lightning strikes
7. Which area of science was **not mentioned** in the article?
- A. Genetics
 - B. Meteorology
 - C. Space science
 - D. Quantum computing
8. What is meant by the phrase "*open the door to future innovations*" in the context of the article?
- A. Prevent new discoveries
 - B. Allow opportunities for new developments
 - C. Close access to research areas
 - D. Block scientific progress
9. What do the discoveries of 2025 suggest about the role of technology in science?
- A. Technology is essential for expanding observation and measurement capabilities
 - B. Technology has a minor role in scientific research
 - C. Technology replaces all human researchers
 - D. Technology has only limited use in space science
10. According to the article, why is international collaboration important?
- A. It ensures that only wealthy countries benefit from discoveries
 - B. It reduces the need for technological tools
 - C. It speeds up research by sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise
 - D. It prevents competition between scientists

Part III: Reading and Writing (20 Points)

Directions: Read *War Photographer* by *Carol Ann Duffy*. Write a response of approximately 500 words analyzing the poem's central idea. Support your arguments with direct quotations from the poem and discuss any poetic devices and figurative language. Organize your response into clear paragraphs, and use correct grammar, spelling, and varied vocabulary.

War Photographer by *Carol Ann Duffy* (1985)

In his dark room he is finally alone
with spools of suffering set out in ordered rows.
The only light is red and softly glows,
as though this were a church and he
a priest preparing to intone a Mass.
Belfast. Beirut. Phnom Penh. All flesh is grass.

He has a job to do. Solutions slop in trays
beneath his hands, which did not tremble then
though seem to now. Rural England. Home again
to ordinary pain which simple weather can dispel,
to fields which don't explode beneath the feet
of running children in a nightmare heat.

Something is happening. A stranger's features
faintly start to twist before his eyes,
a half-formed ghost. He remembers the cries
of this man's wife, how he sought approval
without words to do what someone must
and how the blood stained into foreign dust.

A hundred agonies in black and white
from which his editor will pick out five or six
for Sunday's supplement. The reader's eyeballs prick
with tears between the bath and pre-lunch beers.
From the aeroplane he stares impassively at where
he earns his living and they do not care.

Part I answers (max 20)

1. **B** — had already started
2. **A** — The lecture was fascinating; however, it was too long.
3. **C** — having leaked
4. **D** — had been living
5. **C** — to have been edited
6. **B** — despite
7. **A** — after reviewing the evidence, the lawyer called a witness.
8. **B** — the station was
9. **D** — had acted
10. **A** — did they realize
11. **D** — avoided
12. **C** — postponing
13. **B** — to send me
14. **D** — the book which you lent me was fascinating.
15. **C** — which
16. **A** — my brother, who lives in Madrid, is a lawyer.
17. **C** — will have been making
18. **B** — should employees disclose
19. **A** — had the CEO made

20. C — had the professor begun

Part II Answers (max 10)

1. c — The longest lightning bolt ever recorded
 2. B — About 100 km
 3. D — It generated complete genomes to aid research
 4. A — They provide insights into cosmic dynamics and galaxy evolution
 5. D — Record-breaking scientific achievements and their importance
 6. C — They help scientists understand complex biological systems more efficiently
 7. D — Quantum computing
 8. B — Allow opportunities for new developments
 9. A — Technology is essential for expanding observation and measurement capabilities
 10. C — It speeds up research by sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise
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Part III Assessment Criteria (max. 20)

Understanding & Interpretation: Demonstrates sophisticated, nuanced, and insightful interpretation, engaging critically with complexity and ambiguity.

Analysis, Authorial Choices & Use of Evidence: Presents sustained and sophisticated analysis of authorial choices with precise, seamlessly integrated evidence supporting insightful interpretations.

Organization & Coherence: Exceptionally coherent and persuasive structure with fluid development of ideas and strong development of ideas and strong argumentative control.

Language & Academic Style: Demonstrates highly articulate, sophisticated academic writing with precision, maturity, and consistent command of register.