TEACHING PORTFOLIO

Assessment

Tests are written from scratch to match the format learners will face, so practice under test conditions is practice for the real thing.

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GSAT-style midterm review exam (senior high, one-to-one)

A 100-point exam in six parts: vocabulary in context, word forms, vocabulary, phrases and grammar, a cloze test, a word-bank cloze and reading comprehension.

English Midterm Review Exam

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 100

Part I. Vocabulary in Context (20%)

The first letter of each missing word is given. Write the complete word. Change the form if needed.

1. A r_____ broke out after the match, and several shops were badly damaged.
2. Doctors usually need several tests to d_____ the cause of a long-lasting cough.
3. Campers who go deep into the w_____ should carry a map and enough water.
4. The bonus is a strong i_____ for the staff to finish the project ahead of schedule.
5. The old bridge was still i_____ after the earthquake; not a single stone had fallen.
6. Colds are highly c_____, so sick students should stay home.
7. The knight raised his s_____ to protect himself from the arrows.
8. Some animals show a_____ when a stranger walks into their territory.
9. The rare painting will be sold at an a_____ on Saturday to the highest bidder.
10. Visitors are told to b_____ of pickpockets in the crowded night market.
11. Our principal is so e_____ that her speeches always move the audience.
12. Milk and cheese are rich in c_____, which keeps our bones and teeth strong.
13. The island nation has full s_____ over its own waters.
14. It is unfair to e_____ young workers by paying them almost nothing.
15. The new law will p_____ drivers from using phones on the road.
16. Please n_____ the school office if you will be absent tomorrow.
17. Eating too much sugar can cause tooth d_____.
18. The files are c_____, so only the manager may open them.
19. Fruit is a_____ in this region, so it is sold very cheaply.
20. The company holds a m_____ on train tickets, so customers have no other choice.

9. (A) up (B) down (C) apart (D) out
10. (A) during (B) unless (C) while (D) although

Part V. Word Bank Cloze (10%)

Choose the word from the box that best fits each blank. Each word is used only once. Change nothing in the words.

(A) generations	(B) progress	(C) creation	(D) transfer	(E) dominate
(F) stretches	(G) subsequent	(H) complex	(I) halted	(J) stable

The Old Harbor Bridge, which (1) _____ across the river for nearly 400 meters, is one of the city's best-loved landmarks. Its designer, Marcus Hale, regarded it as the greatest (2) _____ of his career. Building began in 1925, but a flood (3) _____ the work for eight months. Even after work started again, (4) _____ was slow because the engineers had to (5) _____ the weight of the roadway to deeper, firmer, and more (6) _____ ground. The design itself was very (7) _____, using hundreds of steel parts that had to fit together perfectly. The bridge finally opened in 1931, and its two tall towers still (8) _____ the harbor skyline today. For three (9) _____, families have crossed it on their way to work and school, and (10) _____ repairs in 1968 and 2004 have kept it in excellent condition.

Answers: 1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____

Part VI. Reading Comprehension (30%)

Passage B

Today, a cup of tea is one of the most ordinary things in the world. Yet when tea first reached Europe in the early 1600s, it was sold in pharmacies as a medicine. Merchants claimed that it could cure headaches, calm the nerves, and even prevent disease. One advertisement of the period described it as a "cure-all" that no healthy person should be without.

Doctors were divided. Some recommended three or four cups a day to keep the mind awake, pointing to the drink's mild stimulating effect. Others dismissed these claims as untrue and said that tea made people weak.

The turning point came as ships brought larger amounts of tea from Asia. Prices dropped, and the drink spread from rich families to ordinary homes. It was not until the late 1700s that tea was widely viewed as a daily pleasure rather than a medicine. Its popularity kept growing, but its old reputation

WHY I DESIGNED IT THIS WAY

The exam follows the GSAT format, so the student practices the real task under real conditions, but every item and passage is new. Sections move from single words to whole texts, which shows me exactly where understanding breaks down: at the word, the sentence or the passage.

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