

**SOAL TRY OUT UJIAN NASIONAL BAHASA INGGRIS
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LISTENING SECTION

In this section of the test, you will have the chance to show how well you understand spoken English. There are four parts to this section, with special directions for each part.

Part I

Questions 1 to 4

Directions:

In this part of the test, you will hear some dialogues spoken in English. The dialogue will be spoken twice. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers are saying.

After you hear a dialogue and the question about it, read the five possible answers and decide which one would be the best answer to the question you have heard. Now listen to a sample question.

You will hear:

Man : It's been raining recently.

Woman: It's better than we haven't got any water at all.

Man : You're right. Especially farmers. They get benefit of it.

Woman: But, we hope the rain won't be too much. It causes flood.

You will also hear

Narrator: What are the speakers mainly talking about?

You will read in your test book:

- A. Rain
- B. Flood
- C. Water
- D. Farmers
- E. Neighbors

The best answer to the question “What are the speakers mainly talking about?” is choice “A”(Rain) . Therefore, you should answer choice “A”

1.
 - A. Living in overseas
 - B. Improving English
 - C. The woman’s English skill
 - D. The seven volumes of Harry Porter
 - E. The man’s impressive English skill

2.
 - A. She will buy some pots
 - B. She will buy some land.
 - C. She agrees to grow plants.
 - D. She will think about the man’s plant.
 - E. She has some ideas how to grow plants.

3.
 - A. Sad
 - B. Excited
 - C. Reluctant
 - D. Surprised
 - E. Disappointed

4.
 - A. Send the essay.
 - B. Check his essay.
 - C. See the woman’s essay.
 - D. Check the woman’s essay.
 - E. Give the essay to the committee.

Part II

Questions: 5 to 7

Directions:

In this part of the test, you will hear several questions or statements spoken in English followed by five responses, also spoken in English. The questions and responses will be spoken twice. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers are saying. You have to choose the best response to each question or statement.

Now listen to a sample question:

You will hear:

Man : I've been waiting for ages.
Woman: I'm really sorry. I was trapped in traffic jam.
Man : Besides, I have cancelled my other agenda.
Woman:

Narrator : What is the woman's response to the man's statement.

You will also hear:

- A. No problem.
- B. I don't mind
- C. Please take me in.
- D. Please forgive me.

The best response to the statement "Besides, I have cancelled my other agenda." is choice "D" (Please forgive me). Therefore, you should answer choice "D"

- 5. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.
- 6. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.
- 7. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Part III

Questions 8 to 11.

Directions:

In this part of the test, you will hear some dialogues or monologues spoken in English. The dialogues or monologues will be spoken twice. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers are saying. After you listen to the dialogue or monologue, look at the five pictures provided in your test book, and decide which one would be the most suitable with the dialogue or monologue you have heard.

8.



D



E



9.

A



B



C



D



E



10.

A



B



C



D



E



11.

A



B



C



D



E



Part IV
Questions 12 to 15

Directions:

In this part of the test, you will hear several monologues. Each monologue will be spoken twice. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers are saying. After you hear the monologue and the question about it, read the five possible answers and decide which one would be the best answer to the question you have heard.

12.

- A. Two days
- B. Three days
- C. Four days
- D. Five days
- E. Six days

13.

- A. On Monday
- B. On Tuesday
- C. On Wednesday
- D. On Saturday
- E. On Sunday

14

- A. The wife's mouth and the husband's nose were huge.
- B. The wife's mouth and the husband's nose were very small.

- C. The wife's mouth was huge while the husband's nose was long.
- D. The wife's mouth was small while the husband's nose was huge.
- E. The wife's mouth was huge while the husband's nose was small.

15.

- A. He made a fake nose from a wax crayon.
- B. He made a fake nose from plastic.
- C. He put his head down.
- D. He colored his nose.
- E. He painted his nose.

This is the end of the listening section

READING SECTION

This text is for questions 16 and 17.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret to announce that our Davy Jones Aquarium Pump, Model no. 686, has been found to be defective. It is possible that it could deliver a fatal shock. Please return your pump as soon as possible to the store where you purchased it.

16. What is the announcement about?

- A. A store which sells an aquarium pump
- B. Returning a defective aquarium pump
- C. Promoting an aquarium pump
- D. Delivering an aquarium pump
- E. Davy Jones aquarium pump

17. We can conclude that the company is

- A. rich
- B. large

- C. generous
- D. defective
- E. responsible

This text is for questions 18 and 19.

24 Clinton St. FL. 12240

February 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Pendennis,

You asked me how to become a writer. I know of no better advice than Epictetus' "if you wish to be a writer, write."

You tell me you "want" to write, you "know" you could write, people "love it" when you tell stories.

When you have actually written something, when you are writing day in and day out, week in and week out, contact me again and we can talk about fine turning what you are doing.

Sincerely,

Grace Kelly

18. What is the letter about?

- A. Contacting a writer
- B. How to love writing
- C. A writer, called Epictetus
- D. Suggesting how to be a writer
- E. Telling an experience as a writer

19. How is Grace Kelly characterized?

- A. old
- B. kind
- C. talkative
- D. offensive
- E. defensive

This text is for questions 20 and 21.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

PT KIE INDONESIA is seeking for new associate:

Company Center Instructor

- Female, 25-45 years old
- D3 degree minimum
- Have experience in child nurturing/education
- Willing to be placed in BSD Tangerang

As the representative to manage our Kumon Company Center, attractive remuneration will be given with many chances of training and self development.

Walk-in interview:

Date : 5 and 6 February, 2015 (choose one of the dates)

Time : 10.00 am – finished

Place: PT KIE INDONESIA - Head Office

Jln. Ahmad Yani No. 37 Utan Kayu Selatan

Jakarta Timur 13120

Phone: 021-85901772

Bring along your resume on the interview

20. What does the company advertise?

- A. A head office
- B. A job vacancy
- C. Teaching facilities
- D. Attractive remuneration
- E. Kumon Company Center

21. What time must a candidate come for interview?

- A. 5 am
- B. 6 am
- C. 8 am
- D. 10 am
- E. 11 am

This text is for questions 22 to 24.

A grizzly bear killed a 57-year-old man hiking in Yellowstone National Park with his wife Wednesday. It's the first fatal bear mauling in the park since 1986.

The bears involved in Wednesday's encounter have not been captured, and park officials said they did not immediately have enough information to determine what measures, if any, they might take in the aftermath of the attack.

According to the AP, Yellowstone National Park is home to at least 600 grizzly bears, though some say the population is over 1,000. While the attack is the first fatal mauling in the park since 1986, it's the third in the region in little over a year.

A National Park Service statement said the couple surprised the mother grizzly while with her cubs, and that the grizzly fatally mauled the man in "an attempt to defend a perceived threat to her cubs."

22. From the text, we know that

- A. there were often fatal accidents in Yellowstone Park
- B. a bear killed an old man at Yellowstone Park
- C. the grizzly bear and her cubs were attacked
- D. unexpected incident happened in the zoo
- E. the old woman got a tragic incident

23. Why did the grizzly bear attack the old man?

- A. The old man disturbed the bear's cubs
- B. The grizzly bear wanted to eat the old man
- C. The bear thought the man threatened its cubs
- D. The bear defended itself from enemy's attack
- E. The old man and his wife took the cubs of the bear

24. "The bears involved in Wednesday's encounter have not been captured, ..." (Paragraph 2)

The underlined word is closest in meaning to

- A. seen
- B. found
- C. killed
- D. sought
- E. caught

This text is for questions 25 to 27.

If we talk about the Wonders of the World buildings, then we will see Eiffel Tower as one of them. However many of us do not know the tower's past history on why it was built. Everything has the reasonable background, especially for the tower which is to be one of the most recognized buildings in the world.

Primarily, the Eiffel Tower was built for the World Exhibition. It was called Paris Exposition in 1889. The exhibition was organized to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution. The purpose of building Eiffel Tower in such structure was to show to the world France's advancement of technology and beauty. The Eiffel Tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel. It seemed that then the name of the tower was derived from the designer's last name, "Eiffel"

Another reason on why the tower was built was for scientific progress. Although few realized it, the Eiffel Tower would become the prominent structure in terms of science and technology. Many experiment with temperature, pressure and pendulums were performed atop the unique famous building.

Additionally the Eiffel Tower was used for radio transmission tower. Many experiments were conducted atop the Eiffel Tower for radio transmission advancement. Once the Eiffel Tower was proposed to be demolished but it was spared because the tower had the promising future as a radio tower.

25. The text tells about

- A. the reasons why Eiffel Tower was built
- B. Eiffel Tower as the World building
- C. the structures of Eiffel Tower
- D. the beauty of Eiffel Tower
- E. French Revolution

26. Why was Eiffel Tower mainly built?

- A. It was for celebration.
- B. It was for Paris Exposition.
- C. It was built for the World Exhibition.
- D. It would become the prominent structure.
- E. It was built to commemorate the French Revolution.

27. The purpose of the text is

- A. to tell how the Eiffel Tower was designed
- B. to tell when the Eiffel Tower was built
- C. to tell why Eiffel Tower was first built
- D. to tell how Eiffel Tower was built
- E. to describe the Eiffel Tower

This text is for questions 28 to 30.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common cause of intellectual deterioration in middle-aged and elderly North Americans, affecting more than two and one-quarter million men and women over the age of 65. The usual symptoms of AD are memory loss and a progressive loss of mental faculties. Presently, there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Once a person is affected by Alzheimer's, it becomes more difficult for the brain to perform its main functions. These changes in the brain are so intense and crippling that a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease usually dies within 10 years.

For a long time the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease (memory loss, slurred speech, and confusion) were thought to be the natural side effects of getting old. AD went unrecognized because victims often seemed physically healthy; it was just their memory and general mental performance that were affected.

28. 'AD went unrecognized because victims often seemed physically healthy.'

(Paragraph 3).

The closest meaning of the underlined word is

- A. worrying
- B. dangerous
- C. unfamiliar
- D. unnoticeable
- E. uninteresting

29. What is the text about?

- A. Alzheimer disease
- B. The danger of disease
- C. Elderly North American
- D. The cause of Alzheimer disease
- E. Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease

30. "... , it becomes more difficult for the brain to perform its main functions."

(Paragraph 2)

What does the underlined word refer to?

- A. cause
- B. brain
- C. disease
- D. memory
- E. symptom

This text is for questions 31 to 34.

Thunderstorm, also known as an electrical storm or a lightning storm, is a form of weather characterized by the presence of lightning and its effect: thunder. It is usually accompanied by heavy rain and sometimes snow, hail, or no precipitation at all. Thunderstorms may line up in a series, and strong or severe thunderstorms may rotate.

Warm air has a lower density than cool air, so warm air rises within cooler air, similar to hot air balloons. Clouds form as warm air carrying moisture rises within cooler air. As the warm air rises, it cools. The moist water vapor begins to condense. When the moisture condenses, this releases energy that keeps the air warmer than its surroundings, so that it continues to rise. If enough instability is present in the atmosphere, this process will continue long enough for cumulonimbus clouds to form, which support lightning and thunder.

All thunderstorms, regardless of type, go through three stages: the cumulus stage, the mature stage, and the dissipation stage. Depending on the conditions present in the atmosphere, these three stages can take anywhere from 20 minutes to several hours to occur.

The first stage of a thunderstorm is the cumulus stage, or developing stage. In this stage, masses of moisture are lifted upwards into the atmosphere. The trigger for this lift can be insolation heating the ground producing thermals, areas where two winds converge forcing air upwards, or where winds blow over terrain of increasing elevation. The moisture rapidly cools into liquid drops of water, which appears as *cumulus* clouds. As the water vapor condenses into liquid, latent heat is released which warms the air, causing it to become less dense than the surrounding dry air. The air tends to rise in an *updraft* through the process of convection (hence the term convective precipitation). This creates a low-pressure zone beneath the forming thunderstorm. In a typical thunderstorm, approximately 5×10^8 kg of water vapor are lifted, and the amount of energy released when this condenses is about equal to the energy used by a city (US-2002) of 100,000 during a month.

31. What does the text mainly tell?

- A. Warm air
- B. Water vapor
- C. Thunderstorm
- D. The mature stage
- E. The cumulus stage

32. “The moist water vapor begins to condense.” (Paragraph 2)

What does the underlined word mean?

- A. expand
- B. produce
- C. disappear
- D. evaporate
- E. concentrate

33. “This creates a low-pressure zone beneath the forming thunderstorm.” (Paragraph 4)

What does the underlined word refer to?

- A. The air
- B. Dry air
- C. Warm air
- D. Thunderstorm

E. Convection process

34. What is the writer's intent to write the text?

- A. To tell the danger of thunderstorm
- B. To explain how thunderstorm occurs
- C. To tell different kinds of thunderstorm
- D. To explain when thunderstorm happens
- E. To explain areas where thunderstorm takes place

This text is for questions 35 to 38.

Students' cheating is one of the biggest problems faced by teachers nowadays.

Despite the fact that teachers advise their students not to do dishonest acts during tests, some students still do cheating. There are many kinds of cheating that students do during the test or examination, such as looking other students' work, put some notes under their clothes, write notes or formulas on their desks, make hand signals or go to rest rooms to get the answers from their friends, and you name it.

In my view, students who do cheating are committing a crime. It is a sort of taking something illegally. This crime causes negative results to the students. Students who always cheat deteriorate their mental capacity. Cheating acts also create dependence. They weaken their self confidence. Instead of preparing for the coming test, they are busy to organize notes on a piece of paper. If this awful habit continues, the students will lose their opportunity to develop their intellectual and mind.

Therefore, school should consider cheating as a very serious problem. School board and administration should go hand in hand to overcome this matter. Honesty must be put in school's vision. Harsh punishment must be applied to students who commit this crime.

35. What is mainly discussed in the text?

- A. School policy
- B. Harsh punishment
- C. Mental deterioration
- D. Different ways of cheating
- E. Cheating, a very serious problem

36. "They weaken their self confidence." (Paragraph 3)

What does 'they' refer to?

- A. Tests
- B. Papers
- C. Results
- D. Students
- E. Cheatings

37. What will the school do to eliminate students who commit cheating?

- A. Create a good vision
- B. Select honest students.
- C. Make harsh punishment
- D. Make students confident
- E. Administer the school affair

38. 'Students who always cheat deteriorate their mental capacity.' (Paragraph 3)

The underlined word means

- A. support
- B. worsen
- C. cause
- D. create
- E. find

This text is for questions 39 to 42.

A few years ago, distance learning was seen as an inferior way but nowadays even famous and established traditional colleges and universities are providing distance learning courses and it is generally considered a way to improve one's life.

However, people still argue whether distance learning give more advantage or disadvantage. Some of them who see the benefit of distance learning will say that distance learning needs no commuting. Of course it saves money and time that students would take. Furthermore, distance learning can be done at any student's convenience. Mostly of the classes of distance learning are asynchronous. It means that students do not have to attend a lecture at a fixed particular time and place. Students can review the assignments and do their homework during off-hours or from home. Additionally, distance learning gives more accessibility. No one can deny it. People with limited mobility may encounter the problem when they take traditional class. With the online class system, the problem is absent.

Despite the many advantages, the other people will see that distance learning is costly and needs complex technology. To attend online learning, student must have a computer with possibly access to the Internet. Admitted or not, such technology devices are not always available for common students. Another disadvantage of distance learning is that it does not provide immediate feedback. Unlike traditional classroom, students have to wait for the feedback and comment until the instructor has review the works and sent response to them. Most of the time students will study alone. Distance learners may feel isolated or miss that social physical interaction that comes with attending a traditional classroom.

Regarding the individual's learning style, some students are able to learn when there is a live interaction between them and the available of accompanying teacher while others don't really need it. So before deciding a choice of attending distance learning or not, each student needs to do a fair analysis regarding the kind of person he or she is.

39. What subject is discussed in the text?

- A. The benefit of distance learning
- B. The problem of distance leaning
- C. The shortcoming of distance learning

- D. The pros and cons of distance learning
- E. The appropriateness of distance learning

40. 'People with limited mobility may encounter the problem when they take traditional class.'
(Paragraph 2)

What does the underlined word mean?

- A. face
- B. think
- C. enter
- D. refuse
- E. complain

41. How many advantages of distance learning are mentioned in the text?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five
- E. Six

42. What is the writer's stance on distance learning?

- A. It needs consideration before taking distance learning.
- B. It is advisable for everyone to take distance learning.
- C. It is not recommended for newly graduated students.
- D. It is too expensive to take distance learning.
- E. It is accessible for everyone.

This text is for questions 43 to 46.

The theme of *Mengejar Matahari* is simple; it's about love. Love-with its bittersweet story-becomes the highlight that enriches the movie plot. The reason is quite obvious, love theme always attracts more audience to come to the cinema.

Mel (Marcella Zalianty), a copywriter in an advertising agency, has a life that's focused on her job. Although Mel is engaged to Joe (Philip Yusuf), Didi (Renia)-her close friend-questions if Joe is really Mel's kind of guy. Later in the story, Mel finds out that Joe has been going out with another girl all this time. Then Mell meets Are (Bucek Deep), a young artist who writes, own a bookstore, and makes brownest! Are even has a small brownest store that Mel loves to visit. Are's artistic attitude and Joe's betrayal have clearly affected Mel's life.

The movie is worth watching during week ends with our peers or members of families.

43. The text is mainly about

- A. Mel's life
- B. brownest store
- C. Mel and Joe's love

- D. the review of a movie
- E. the script of an Indonesian film

44. *Mengejar Matahari* was made because

- A. love story is usual
- B. the theme is simple
- C. many people like stories
- D. many people like to go to cinema
- E. love story attracts more audience

45. "Love-with its bittersweet story-becomes the highlight that enriches the movie plot."
(Paragraph 1)

The underlined word is closest in meaning to

- A. omits
- B. delays
- C. defends
- D. prevents
- E. develops

46. On the writer's view, how is the movie?

- A. Flat
- B. Boring
- C. Suprising
- D. Interesting
- E. Disappointing

47. Arrange the following sentences to be a correct and meaningful paragraph.

1. In one beautiful morning, Polly pedaled her bicycle swiftly as Mother trotted alongside her.
2. They were on their way to the park for their weekly outing.
3. Polly's bicycle barely stopped as she jumped off.
4. Mother had to hurry to keep up with Polly.
5. A tall, green Elm bowed its head to Polly and her mother as they passed.
6. They had arrived at the special place in the park where the giant silver slide lived.
7. She ran over to the slide.

Which of the following arrangements is correct?

- A. 1-2-4-6-3-5-7
- B. 1-3-6-2-4-5-7
- C. 1-4-2-6-3-5-7
- D. 1-5-6-2-4-3-7
- E. 1-6-3-2-4-5-7

Questions 48 to 50 are based on the following cloze test.

Nicknamed the *City of Angels*, Los Angeles is a global city, with strengths in business, international trade, entertainment, culture, media, fashion, science, sports, technology, education, medicine and research. It has been ...**(48)** sixth in the Global Cities Index and 9th Global Economic Power Index. The city is home to renowned institutions ...**(49)** a broad range of professional and cultural fields and is one of the most substantial ...**(50)** engines within the United States. The Los Angeles combined statistical area (CSA) has a gross metropolitan product (GMP) of \$831 billion (as of 2008), making it the third-largest in the world, after the Greater Tokyo and New York metropolitan areas.

48.

- A. rank
- B. ranks
- C. ranked
- D. ranking
- E. being ranking

49.

- A. finding
- B. covering
- C. exposing
- D. delivering
- E. promoting

50.

- A. economy
- B. economic
- C. economist
- D. economics
- E. economically