

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 50 minutes (45 points)

Task 1. Items 1–15 (15 points)

For questions 1–15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there.

If a line is correct put a tick. Use letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

0	Learning a second language has long been regarded as both a challenging and rewarding endeavor, one that requires dedication, patience, and consistent effort.	V
00	Although many people believe that mastering a foreign language is only possible during childhood, research has been shown that adults can achieve high proficiency if they immerse themselves fully and practice regularly.	been
1	When students begin their language-learning journey, they often find that understanding grammar rules and memorizing vocabulary can be overwhelming, especially if their native language differs significantly from the target language.	
2	However, those who persevere and expose themselves to various contexts—such as reading literature, watching films, or engaging in conversations—tend to improve far more quickly than those who rely solely on formal instruction.	
3	It's interesting to note that while some learners acquire conversational skills within the months, attaining fluency in writing or understanding idiomatic expressions can take years of persistent practice.	
4	This is partly because language learning does not simply involve memorizing words but also brings understanding cultural nuances and subtle language patterns that native speakers use instinctively.	

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5	Furthermore, individuals who have learned more than one foreign language often report that acquiring additional languages becomes very easier over time.	
6	This phenomenon occurs because the brain develops enhanced cognitive flexibility, allowing learners to switch between languages and grasp new linguistic concepts more rapidly.	
7	Teachers who have observed their students closely to agree that motivation plays a vital role in language acquisition.	
8	If learners will set realistic goals and celebrate small achievements, they remain encouraged even when progress seems slow.	
9	Conversely, those who have become discouraged may abandon their studies prematurely, thus losing the opportunity to reap the long-term benefits.	
10	The advent of technology has also transformed that how languages are learned today.	
11	Thanks to language apps, online courses, and virtual exchange programs, whose students can practice listening and speaking with native speakers worldwide without leaving their homes.	
12	Although these tools are hardly valuable, they cannot completely replace face-to-face interaction, which offers spontaneous feedback and cultural immersion.	
13	While many people assume that language proficiency is solely about communication, it does also opens doors to better career opportunities and deeper cross-cultural understanding.	
14	For example, individuals who are bilingual or multilingual often find themselves more of competitive in global job markets and better equipped to navigate multicultural environments.	
15	In conclusion, although the path to mastering a second language is often being fraught with difficulties, those who commit themselves to sustained practice and authentic engagement ultimately discover that the rewards extend far beyond linguistic competence. The process fosters	

	intellectual growth, empathy, and a broader perspective on the world, enriching personal lives in ways that go well beyond language itself.	
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Task 2. Items 16–25 (10 points)

For items 16–25, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use from three to five words. The number of words is specified in the brackets. Do not use short forms. Please mind both grammar and spelling. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. The pool isn't deep enough to swim in.

too

The pool _____ swim in. (4 words)
0 is too shallow to

16. I started learning French one year ago.

for

I _____ learning French _____. (5 words)

17. She didn't arrive early enough to get a ticket.

too

She _____ to get a ticket. (5 words)

18. I don't like spicy food at all.

liking

I _____ spicy food. (4 words)

19. I'm sorry I didn't call you yesterday.

had

I _____ you yesterday. (4 words)

20. The exam was harder than I expected.

as

The exam _____ I expected. (5 words)

21. They delayed their trip because of the weather.

to

Their trip _____ the weather. (4 words)

22. I was surprised at how quickly he solved the problem.

such

He solved the problem, _____ quickly. (4 words)

23. They couldn't hear the announcement because it was too quiet.

loud

The announcement _____ to hear. (4 words)

24. I was surprised to find out she speaks six languages.

did

I _____ she speaks six languages. (4 words)

25. Don't forget to lock the door before you leave.

make

_____ the door before you leave. (4 words)

Task 3. Items 26–35 (10 points)

For items 29–38 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. advancements

In today's increasingly digitalized world, the overdependence on technology has become a problematic phenomenon. While technological (0) _____ undeniably facilitate communication and productivity, their inappropriate or excessive use may lead to various undesirable consequences that society must confront.	ADVANCE
One of the most undeniable drawbacks is the gradual deterioration of face-to-face communication skills, which are becoming noticeably undervalued in contemporary interactions. Individuals who excessively rely on digital devices often experience a lack of genuine (26) _____ connection, resulting in an unfortunate sense of isolation despite being constantly online. This paradoxical situation is unquestionably worrying for mental health experts.	PERSON

Moreover, the widespread misuse of technology can contribute to considerable inefficiencies in work environments. For instance, the constant (27) _____ to emails and social media may cause unavoidable distractions, thus reducing overall productivity	ACCESS
Employers have increasingly become concerned about the irresponsible use of office technologies that are deemed (28) _____ and unsatisfactory for achieving organizational goals.	PRODUCTIVE
In addition to social and professional complications, technology overuse is often unequivocally detrimental to physical (29) _____.	BE
Sedentary lifestyles, exacerbated by the habitual use of digital entertainment, encourage unhealthy behaviors such as irregular sleeping patterns and insufficient physical activity. The health consequences resulting from such lifestyles are undeniably unfavorable and potentially (30) _____.	REVERSE
Another less obvious but equally significant issue relates to cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The indiscriminate sharing of personal information and the underestimation of sophisticated cyber threats have made users inadvertently vulnerable to unauthorized data breaches and identity theft. This unfortunate reality necessitates an uncompromising (31) _____ to digital literacy and online safety measures.	COMMIT
Furthermore, an overreliance on artificial intelligence and automation poses a potential risk of (32) _____ various industries. Jobs that require creativity and emotional intelligence are frequently considered irreplaceable; however, the mistaken assumption that machines can replicate all human tasks could lead to widespread job displacement and social inequality.	HUMAN
Despite these challenges, the solution is not to reject technology outright but rather to seek a balanced and responsible approach. Encouraging (33) _____ usage and implementing clear boundaries can significantly mitigate the unfavorable effects mentioned above. Educational institutions and organizations alike should promote awareness regarding the indispensable skill of self-regulation in an increasingly connected world.	MIND
Importantly, the unintended consequences of technological dependence highlight the necessity for critical thinking and adaptability—qualities that cannot be fully automated or	ADVANTAGE

standardized. While technology is unquestionably indispensable in modern life, an uncritical acceptance without conscious evaluation may prove to be (34) _____ in the long run.	
In conclusion, although technology offers extraordinary opportunities for development and convenience, its overdependence has led to multifaceted negative repercussions. Addressing these issues requires a judicious and proactive approach, emphasizing both the advantages and limitations of modern innovations. Only through such balanced perspective can society navigate the complexities of the digital age (35) _____.	SUCCESS

Task 4. Items 36-45 (10 points)

For items 39-48, match the items 1–10 to the phenomena A–N. There are some extra phenomena which do not match.

36. Abraham Lincoln	A. This idea promotes that happiness and success can be achieved through excessive buying and debt.
37. "I is another."	B. A pivotal leader in the American civil rights movement, He is best known for his advocacy of nonviolent protest to end racial segregation and discrimination.
38. Madison, Wisconsin	C. Rimbaud's credo conveys that the poet's self is fragmented, and poetry is a means to express transcendent, often mysterious states beyond the poet's ordinary identity.
39. "Give me liberty or give me death!"	D. It reflects the idea that we relate to each other as authentic beings, without judgment, qualification, or objectification
40. Seattle, Washington	E. His political philosophy balanced deep convictions with practical pragmatism. He believed strongly in preserving the Union and was guided by a mix of idealism rooted in abolitionism and a pragmatic approach to politics.
41. Martin Luther King Jr	
42. "Birds of a feather flock together."	
43. "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."	

	F. the value system that considers possessions and physical comfort to be more important than spiritual, intellectual, or cultural values.
44. Harriet Tubman	
45. Materialism	G. It reflects the natural tendency of individuals to seek out companions who are like themselves, highlighting the social aspect of human nature. H. Known for her courageous work as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, helped dozens of enslaved African Americans escape to freedom. I. This powerful declaration from Patrick Henry's 1775 speech became a rallying cry for American independence, emphasizing the value of freedom at any cost. J. This city is named after a prominent Native American leader of the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes. K. He is known for his image as a champion of the common man, his polity emphasized populism, nationalism rooted in the southwestern frontier, and strong executive authority. L. Spoken during the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, this quote underscores the importance of unity among the American revolutionaries facing great risk. M. This city is named after the fourth President of the United States and the "Father of the Constitution" for his pivotal role in drafting and promoting the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. N. the idea that a person's inherent nature or character is unlikely to change, even if they try to appear different.

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