

**THE SECOND-MID TERM ENGLISH TEST**  
**GRADE 10 – Time allowance: 45 minutes**

**I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions. (2 sentences – 0.5 point)**

- Question 1: A. originate    B. bridegroom    C. complicated    D. superstition  
 Question 2: A. application    B. suggestion    C. invention    D. calculation

**II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions. (2 sentences – 0.5 point)**

- Question 3: A. education    B. disadvantage    C. diversity    D. conservation  
 Question 4: A. busy    B. career    C. progress    D. mistake

**III. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (7 sentences – 1.75 points)**

- Question 5: The food is \_\_\_\_\_ than the last time I ate it.  
 A. badder    B. bad    C. worse    D. worst
- Question 6: Did Jane get \_\_\_\_\_ job she applied for?  
 A. the    B. a    C. an    D. Ø
- Question 7: Our government has done a lot to **eliminate** gender inequality.  
 A. cause    B. get rid of    C. add    D. allow
- Question 8: You \_\_\_\_\_ more careful when you go to Detroit at night because there are a lot of drive-by shootings.  
 A. might be    B. should be    C. may be    D. can be
- Question 9: I don't think mothers should be discouraged \_\_\_\_\_ outside the home.  
 A. to working    B. to work    C. working    D. from working
- Question 10: In the UK, 18-year-olds tend to receive a silver key as a present to \_\_\_\_\_ their entry into the adult world.  
 A. symbol    B. symbolic    C. symbolize    D. symbolist
- Question 11: There is a wedding \_\_\_\_\_ for all guests after the wedding ceremony.  
 A. propose    B. proposal    C. receptive    D. reception

**IV. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions. (5 sentences – 1.25 points)**

Being a country of different cultural races, there is a great variety of wedding styles in the United States. However, the majority of weddings nowadays still follow a number of traditions. One of the traditions which **dated back** to the nineteenth century is about what a bride should wear on her wedding day. It is commonly believed that on her wedding day, the bride should carry with her "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue". This is because each of these things has a special meaning for the bride on this big day.

When a bride wears "something old", it reminds her of her family and the past. Thus, some brides may wear their mother's wedding dress or a piece of her jewelry. "Something new" that the bride wears means good luck and hope for a happy future with her husband. This new item is usually a pair of new shoes, or it can be a wedding dress or something else.

When the bride wears "something borrowed", it symbolizes the help and support she gets from her friends and her family whenever she needs. An example of "something borrowed" can be a married friend's bridal veil or friend's handkerchief. "Something blue" means trust and faith between the bride and the groom. Nowadays, some brides are creative with this item. For example, they may have their fingernails painted blue. Nevertheless, the most popular blue item is the garter that the bride wears on her leg. Things are changing fast;

however, the rituals about what the bride should wear on her wedding day remain kept strictly by a lot of women in the USA.

Question 12: What might the bride wear to remind her of her family and the past?

- A. Her mother's wedding dress
- B. A pair of new shoes
- C. A friend's handkerchief
- D. A glue garter

Question 13: Which item symbolizes good luck and hope for a happy future ?

- A. Something old
- B. Something new
- C. Something borrowed
- D. Something blue

Question 14: When the bride wears something borrowed, what does it symbolize ?

- A. Her past memories.
- B. Her wish for a better future.
- C. Support from her family and friends.
- D. The trust and faith between the bride and the groom.

Question 15: Why do some brides have their fingernails painted blue ?

- A. To show the importance of something blue they wear.
- B. Because so many brides paint their fingernails a blue colour.
- C. To show how creative some brides are.
- D. To explain why some brides don't wear blue garters.

Question 16: The word "***dated back***" in paragraph 1 is the closest in meaning to

- A. grew well
- B. began
- C. changed
- D. varied

***V. Read the following passage and fill in blank with one suitable given word. There are more words than needed. (6 sentences – 1.5 points)***

***break                      right                      family                      goals                      and***  
***affects                      growing                      discrimination                      global***

Gender equality is a (17) ..... priority of UNESCO and is linked to UNESCO's efforts to promote the (18) ..... to education and support the achievement of the Education For All (EFA) and broader development (19) .....

Gender inequality in education takes many forms depending on the context. Though gender inequality (20) ..... girls and boys, women and men alike, girls and women are still more often disadvantaged. Gender (21) ..... in education is both a cause and consequence of broader forms of gender inequality in society.

To (22) ..... the cycle, UNESCO is committed to promoting gender equality in and through education systems. The organization also encourages mainstreaming gender issues in education at all levels from early childhood to higher education.

***VI. Identify the errors in the following sentences and correct them. (6 sentences – 1.5 points)***

Question 23: We must stop discrimination on people coming from the rural area.

Question 24: Women in rural areas might be forced to work both at home but in the fields.

Question 25: Guests in Mr. Smith's wedding are crowded than in Mr. Long's wedding.

Question 26: Any kind of violence must not be allow at school.

Question 27: In an ideal world, would everyone get treated equal?

Question 28: They are being building a new stadium near the station.

**VII. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word given in capitals. (6 sentences – 1.5 points)**

Question 29: ..... still plays an important part of life in Vietnam.  
**(SUPERSTITIOUS)**

Question 30: There are numerous rituals related to ..... activities.  
**(DAY)**

Question 31: Working as a volunteer provides you with opportunities to know more about cultural .....  
**(DIVERSE)**

Question 32: It can not be denied that superstitious ..... exist in many culture.  
**(BELIEVE)**

Question 33: Your ..... which affects your speaking achievement, can be improved by taking advantage of some types of software.  
**(PRONOUNCE)**

Question 34: The United Kingdom has made a ..... progress in gender equality.  
**(REMARK)**

**VIII. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (6 sentences – 1.5 points)**

Question 35: No cars in the world are more expensive than Japanese ones.  
→ Japanese cars are .....

Question 36: Each student must write an essay on gender equality.  
→ An .....

Question 37: No one in the team can play better than John.  
→ John is .....

Question 38: They have not seen me for many months.  
→ The last time .....

Question 39: By law, all rear-seat passengers are obliged to wear seat-belts (Using “have”)  
→ By law, seat-belts..... all rear-seat passengers.

Question 40: Dan thinks English food is better than French food (Using “prefers”)  
→ Dan.....French food.

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Question 9: D. from working  
Question 10: C. symbolize  
Question 11: D. reception  
Question 12: A. Her mother's wedding dress  
Question 13: B. Something new  
Question 14: C. Support from her family and friends.  
Question 15: C. To show how creative some brides are.  
Question 16: B. began  
Question 17: global  
Question 18: right  
Question 19: goals  
Question 20: affects  
Question 21: discrimination  
Question 22: break  
Question 23: discrimination on → discrimination against  
Question 24: but in → and in  
Question 25: crowded → more crowded  
Question 26: be allow → be allowed  
Question 27: equal → equally  
Question 28: are being → are  
Question 29: SUPERSTITION  
Question 30: DAILY  
Question 31: diversity  
Question 32: beliefs  
Question 33: pronunciation  
Question 34: remarkable  
Question 35: Japanese cars are the most expensive (ones) in the world.  
Question 36: An essay on gender equality must be written by each student.  
Question 37: John is the best player in the team.  
Question 38: The last time they saw me was many months ago.  
Question 39: By law, seat-belts have to be worn by all rear-seat passengers.  
Question 40: Dan prefers English food to French food.