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Course : ENL2103: English For Academic Purpose

Date of Examination : August 01, 2018 (Wednesday)

Time : 8:00am – 10:00am Reading Time : Nil

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Special Instructions :

Answer **all FOUR (4)** questions. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

Materials permitted : Nil

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QUESTION 1

(20 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable transition words. Write A-D in your exam booklet.

1. My wife still prefers going to that restaurant _____ they charge very high for their food and drinks.
 - a) and
 - b) as
 - c) even though
 - d) because

2. We should start now _____ we want to finish clearing the store room by 5 o'clock.
 - a) in order to
 - b) if
 - c) but
 - d) although

3. The driver waited in the car _____ the party ended.
 - a) since
 - b) until
 - c) because
 - d) despite

4. "Remove that noisy man from the restaurant _____ he will disturb all the other customers," said the manager.
 - a) despite
 - b) although
 - c) until
 - d) or else

5. He asked for a glass of water _____ some crackers.
a) so that
b) or else
c) and
d) unless
6. She will not eat the steak _____ she is a vegetarian.
a) because
b) despite
c) unless
d) but
7. The printer has been working well _____ the technician came to fix it.
a) if
b) so that
c) since
d) or
8. We had to rearrange our work station _____ make room for the new staff.
a) unless
b) in order to
c) although
d) as
9. I felt dissatisfied _____ it was a successful event.
a) even though
b) because
c) or else
d) since
10. I started listening to rock music _____ I was in high school.
a) since
b) but
c) so that
d) in order to

11. One of the main compressors broke this morning, _____ several classrooms were really warm.
- then
 - so
 - although
 - as
12. _____ Asia has one of the highest numbers of workaholics; Asians always try their best to provide care for their old parents.
- even though
 - because
 - or else
 - in order to
13. There are ways you can make boring tasks more pleasant. _____, listen to music on the earphones while you work.
- nonetheless
 - likewise
 - for instance
 - therefore
14. _____ many educators and parents have praised the Harry Potter series, some religious parents have called for a ban on the books.
- in addition
 - such as
 - however
 - although
15. _____ how long you've been using tobacco, you can still overcome your addiction to smoking.
- regarding
 - although
 - no matter
 - however

16. She feels like giving up her job _____ the consequences she will face.
- although
 - much as
 - as a result
 - regardless of
17. My mother always believes in staying prepared for any emergencies. _____, our basement always has plenty of bottled water, canned goods and other emergency supplies.
- in addition
 - therefore
 - in conclusion
 - due to
18. The actress spent too much on unnecessary things for her wedding. _____, she is now in a big credit card debt.
- due to this
 - due to
 - so
 - however
19. _____ I love playing with children, I do not think I want to have my own.
- Nonetheless
 - Despite the fact
 - Despite
 - However
20. The young executive is never satisfied with what she has _____ having a great support system and career.
- Nonetheless
 - Despite the fact
 - Despite
 - However

QUESTION 2

(30 marks)

Provide a short summary for ALL the following passages. Each summary should be about **20 to 25 words**.

Passage 1

Alexander Graham Bell is the man credited with inventing the telephone. He was born in Scotland in 1847, but later moved to Canada, where he taught deaf people. His invention was based on his discovery that sound waves could travel through wire; once electricity was added to his listening contraption it was possible to extend the distances that the sound waves could be sent. He registered his invention in 1876, thereby, ensuring his position in history as the man who invented the telephone.

Adapted from: http://unienglish.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/RW_quote_summarise.pdf

Summary 1:

Passage 2

Martin Sheen was the seventh of ten children born to a Spanish immigrant father and an Irish mother. Despite intense parental disapproval he turned his back on entrance exams to university and borrowed cash from a local priest to start a fledgling acting career. His acting successes in films such as *Badlands* and *Apocalypse Now* made him one of the most highly-regarded actors of the 1970's.

Adapted from: IELTS Academic Reading 2, 2017.

Summary 2:

Passage 3

Why should we spend vast amounts to reach Mars when there is a very high chance of its not providing anything that would improve our lot here on Earth? Why not allocate those billions for "home improvement"? Think of the progress that could be made in curing cancer, AIDS, and other diseases; in cleaning our water, air, and soil; and in feeding hungry nations. Why confront the hazards of outer space when we should be fighting homelessness, poverty, and unemployment on Earth.

Adapted from: Oshima & Hogue (2006), Introduction to Academic Writing

Summary 3:

QUESTION 3**(20 marks)**Write out an outline for **ONE (1)** of the topics below

1. College students have to deal with many issues that contribute to stress. What are the factors that contribute to students' stress level?
2. People interact more on social networks nowadays. Do you agree that online friends are real friends?

*Follow the given outline format –*Thesis statement: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)Topic sentence 1: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

Supporting sentences:

A: _____ *Do not write here*

B: _____ *Do not write here*

C: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)

Topic sentence 2: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

Supporting sentences:

A: _____ *Do not write here*

B: _____ *Do not write here*

C: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)

Topic sentence 3: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

Supporting sentences:

A: _____ *Do not write here*

B: _____ *Do not write here*

C: _____ *Do not write here* (3 marks)

Concluding statement: _____ *Do not write here* (2 marks)

QUESTION 4

(30 marks)

Based on your outline in QUESTION 3, **develop an essay** between **350 to 400 words**.

~THE END~

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