

ĐỀ THI THỬ ĐỢT 2

Môn thi: **TIẾNG ANH (chuyên)**  
Thời gian: **150 phút** (không kể thời gian giao đề)  
Ngày thi: **09/4/2023 – 16/4/2023**  
Đề thi gồm có **06** trang

HỖ TRỢ

Fanpage The Gifted Battlefield: [LINK](#)  
Fanpage TGB Airlight: [LINK](#)

- Thí sinh **KHÔNG** được sử dụng tài liệu, kể cả từ điển.
- Giám thị **KHÔNG** giải thích gì thêm.

I. LEXICO – GRAMMAR (4.7 points)

Part 1. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to each of the following questions. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

- Due to the recent economic crisis, Luciana's business venture is now hanging by a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. stick                                      B. thread                                      C. rope                                      D. hair
- The houseowner was alerted to the trespassers' presence because of a \_\_\_\_\_ floorboard.  
A. cracking                                      B. creaking                                      C. crunching                                      D. groaning
- 'Behavior' is just the American spelling \_\_\_\_\_ of 'behaviour'.  
A. variant                                      B. change                                      C. difference                                      D. merge
- Alisha \_\_\_\_\_ have told Bill how mad she was at him, though I don't know exactly what she said.  
A. may                                      B. should                                      C. perhaps                                      D. must
- Would you be \_\_\_\_\_ an eye on my little sister while I'm away?  
A. too good as to keep                                      B. so good as to keeping  
C. so good as to keep                                      D. too good as keeping
- You know, my oldest daughter has never been particularly quick on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. upside                                      B. upturn                                      C. uptake                                      D. upkeep
- It had been a while before I returned to my old school, so I was shocked at how \_\_\_\_\_ and filthy it looked.  
A. downcast                                      B. run-down                                      C. badly-off                                      D. enervated
- Edward felt sick \_\_\_\_\_ heart when his boyfriend walked out \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
A. in – on                                      B. of – at                                      C. at – on                                      D. in – from
- Four students drowned when the yacht \_\_\_\_\_ in a sudden storm.  
A. capsized                                      B. overflowed                                      C. upset                                      D. inverted
- Her grandfather is confined \_\_\_\_\_ a wheelchair due to a past traffic accident.  
A. at                                      B. in                                      C. to                                      D. with
- Choose the phrase (A, B, C or D) which is synonymous with the underlined phrase in the italicized sentence below:  
*We decided to brave the elements and go on a picnic.*  
A. put aside our work                                      B. ignore the weather                                      C. face the difficulties                                      D. bury the axes
- Humanitarian groups are campaigning against the county's plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the judicial execution.  
A. reverse                                      B. replenish                                      C. reinstate                                      D. recruit
- Charlie has won a handful of scholarships \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. not only because of her academic but her artistic ability                                      B. result from her ability in art and academic  
C. for both her artistic ability in addition to her academic                                      D. because of her artistic and academic ability
- Veronica could not pluck up the courage to look at his face, \_\_\_\_\_ starting a conversation.  
A. not to say                                      B. let alone                                      C. even if                                      D. what not
- Oh, Maggie is never afraid of risking her \_\_\_\_\_ as long as she achieves what she wants.  
A. head                                      B. hand                                      C. leg                                      D. neck
- Anna always asks her friends for help, yet never once has she done them a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. go                                      B. take                                      C. turn                                      D. hand
- \_\_\_\_\_ comes a time when you realize what you need is right in front of you.  
A. It                                      B. They                                      C. Will                                      D. There
- I would rather you \_\_\_\_\_ smoke here – I'm expecting a baby in four months.  
A. would not                                      B. did not                                      C. do not                                      D. can not

19. Lucas is such a well-mannered student. He never boasts about his scores and always \_\_\_\_\_ his hard work.  
 A. plays down                      B. keeps down                      C. brings down                      D. turns down
20. As you are not a domestic student, we're afraid you are \_\_\_\_\_ for the financial aid.  
 A. illegible                      B. legible                      C. ineligible                      D. illegal

**Part 2.** Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each gap. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

The role of translation enabling literature to pass beyond its natural frontiers is receiving growing recognition. In view of the general increase in this (1) \_\_\_\_\_, it is not surprising that many people with literacy interests and a knowledge of languages should think of adopting translating as a full-time (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Some advice may usefully be given to such would-be translators.

The first difficulty the beginner will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is the unwillingness of publishers to entrust a translator to anyone who has not already (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a reputation for sound work. The least publishers will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ before commissioning a translator is a fairly lengthy (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the applicant's work, even if unpublished. Perhaps the best way the would-be translator can begin is to select some book of the type which they feel competent and eager to translate, translate a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ section of the book and then submit the book and the translation to a suitable publisher. If they are in luck, this may result in a commission to translate the book. More probably, however, publishers will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the book as such but if they are favorably (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by the translation, they may very possibly commission some other books of a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ nature which they already have in mind.

- |                  |               |              |                |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. A. category   | B. field      | C. group     | D. class       |
| 2. A. employment | B. occupation | C. work      | D. line        |
| 3. A. encounter  | B. involve    | C. reveal    | D. introduce   |
| 4. A. found      | B. set        | C. formed    | D. established |
| 5. A. instruct   | B. direct     | C. oblige    | D. demand      |
| 6. A. case       | B. specimen   | C. instance  | D. model       |
| 7. A. plentiful  | B. grand      | C. main      | D. substantial |
| 8. A. disapprove | B. reject     | C. exclude   | D. object      |
| 9. A. taken      | B. affected   | C. impressed | D. convinced   |
| 10. A. similar   | B. common     | C. same      | D. joint       |

**Part 3.** Write the correct form of each bracketed word in each sentence in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

- The unexpected security breach yesterday resulted in some of the servers being \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed, which caused the company to focus more on enhancing cybersecurity. **(RECOVER)**
- It's terrifying how commonly \_\_\_\_\_ sex is featured in modern-day entertainment, to the point of almost normalizing it. **(CONSENT)**
- Our team will have to \_\_\_\_\_ the effort we put into our next project, as this one turned out to be such a disaster. **(DOUBLE)**
- Charles was given a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for breaking the rules several times. **(MERIT)**
- The loss of his family and career forced him to go to another land to start \_\_\_\_\_. **(FRESH)**
- Our dad became more and more \_\_\_\_\_ as our family business kept doing worse and worse – at one point he wouldn't even buy me Christmas presents. **(FIST)**
- She has presented a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ alibi in court, which proves that she did not commit the crime. **(IRON)**
- Turtle \_\_\_\_\_ have a very difficult time reaching the ocean since most birds can easily prey on them. **(HATCH)**
- After we broke the shocking news to Alex, he sat silently on the chair and looked at us with \_\_\_\_\_ eyes. **(BELIEVE)**
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of an invasive species of hornet called "murder hornets" in North America is threatening the honeybee population. **(PROLIFIC)**

**Part 4.** Complete the idiom or phrasal verb in each sentence by using a verb in column A and a particle in column B. You must use the correct form of the verbs. There are more verbs and particles than necessary.

A				B			
fall	bear	work	train	on	through	about	at
fly	bring	get	follow	into	out	together	out

- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ the total spending for this month but something isn't adding up.
- Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ when he intentionally tripped over the piece of furniture on the stage. What a brilliant addition to his comedy skit.
- The workforce fought for the new payment policies \_\_\_\_\_ force, but it was in vain.
- Seeing how the evidence doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ at all, he might be in hot water this time.
- The cameraman was \_\_\_\_\_ the lens \_\_\_\_\_ the main actress when the power went out.
- The course was boring and I had no intention of \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_, but unfortunately my parents still made me do it.
- Stop procrastinating – you have to \_\_\_\_\_ your act \_\_\_\_\_ and study or you'll fail your finals.

## II. READING (3.3 points)

**Part 1.** Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

To think how snotty I used to be about Americans who 'did' England in three days! I've just done much *much* worse – Indochina in a week – and of course I am now a total convert to whistlestop tourism. Everything is so clear cut. How did you like Thailand? Charming. Cambodia? Sinister. Malaysia? Rubber trees. Singapore? Fabulous. It completely banishes the fear of boredom. If you don't like somewhere pouf! - it's gone, in the blinking of an eye; if you do like somewhere, you can tell yourself you'll come back.

All the guidebooks say you must spend at least three days or preferably a week at Angkor Wat but I found an afternoon a bit on the long side. Angkor Wat, as I'm sure you all know – though I didn't until the other day – is the flowering glory of Khmer ninth-to-thirteenth century civilization. It is Westminster Abbey, Chartres cathedral, Notre Dame and St Peter's laid end to end and stuck in the middle of the Cambodian jungle – which might give you some clue to its drawback. It is vast, so walking round it in the Cambodian humidity, which feels like having boiling towels, clamped to your face, is not much fun. Moreover, although it is extraordinary, impressive, awesome, etc it is not actually very beautiful. The stonework is grey and lumpy and blotched with lichen and the dark green jungle backdrop casts a gloomy shade. It reminded me of the old loaf you always find in the breadbin of a holiday cottage that hasn't been visited all winter.

Anyway, that was Friday, that was Cambodia. My tour started with an overnight flight to Bangkok arriving on Thursday afternoon. In theory, I could have whisked around the city and taken in a few temples; in practice, I found the luscious precincts of the hotel rather difficult to leave. By evening I thought I should make some effort to see Bangkok so I took the hotel launch across the river to the hotel spa where I had a yummy jetlag massage in a sandalwood panelled room and fell fast asleep. Super place, Bangkok.

The next morning we boarded the Eastern and Oriental Express owned by Orient Express – for a journey through southern Thailand and Malaysia to Singapore. Having effortlessly adjusted to the concept of whistlestop tourism, this seems a bit slow – two whole days chuntering through Thailand? But the scenery was stunning – emerald fields with egrets and kingfishers everywhere, and prawn ponds weirdly striplitted at night, fantastically shaped craggy mountains in the distance, a milky white haze at dawn. It is so beautiful, Thailand, I can see why everyone who goes gets hooked.

We stopped to see the Bridge on the River Kwai. It is a beautiful spot – not remotely reminiscent of the bridge in the film, which was shot in Sri Lanka. The next day we entered Malaysia and saw rubber plantations. I thought rubber trees were stiff plastic things that lived in offices and needed dusting, but they are as graceful and shivery as larches.

The train is beautifully designed, with marquetry panelling and Art-Nouveau fittings, apparently inspired by the 1932 film *Shanghai Express*. The food is excellent and service impeccable but you have to be keen on dressing for dinner and sitting round sipping cocktails in a piano bar because that's what you spend most of the time doing. Frankly, I'm puzzled by this nostalgia for empire malarkey, though it is all the rage in travel brochures. If people have a yearning to eat cucumber sandwiches and fairy cakes and call it tiffin why can't they do it back home?

1. What does the writer say about herself in the first paragraph?
  - A. She loathed meeting Americans on her travels.
  - B. She looked down on tourism generally.
  - C. She didn't like travelling to tourist destinations.
  - D. She was a snob regarding travel.
2. What was the writer's impression of Angkor Wat?
  - A. Its beauty was overshadowed by its size.
  - B. There wasn't much to see there.
  - C. She found it rather unattractive.
  - D. Efforts to preserve it have failed.
3. What does the writer say about her stay in Bangkok?
  - A. Her hotel was too far from the city centre.
  - B. There was nothing to see there apart from temples.
  - C. She didn't have enough time to see the city.
  - D. She preferred to avail herself of the hotel's facilities.
4. How did the writer feel about a two-day train journey?
  - A. She would have preferred a faster mode of transport.
  - B. It dragged because she was accustomed to paying fleeting visits to places.
  - C. She was reluctant to spend another two days in Thailand.
  - D. She found rail travel effortless.
5. What does the writer say about the Bridge on the River Kwai?
  - A. It doesn't resemble the bridge in the film of the same name.

- B. The bridge has changed considerably since the film was made.
- C. It detracts from the surrounding beauty.
- D. The makers of the film were right in choosing a different location.

6. According to the writer, the train journey would appeal to
- A. People who enjoy eating English food.
  - C. People who want a home from home.

- B. People who like visiting places featured in films.
- D. People who want to recall the past.

**Part 2.** In the passage below, seven paragraphs have been removed. Read the passage and choose from the paragraphs A – H the one which fits each gap. There is **ONE** extra paragraph which you **do not need to use**. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

### DEBUNKING THE COLD WAR

Heading westward from Ottawa on highway 417 will eventually, after approximately 25 minutes of leisurely driving, bring the casual Sunday driver or visiting American tourist to a partially obscured entrance to a dead end road. At the end of this cul-de-sac, one will come face to face with a set of imposing wrought iron gates on which a small bronze plaque modestly announces 'Canada's Cold War Museum'.

<b>1</b>	
----------	--

Entering through a low doorway, and by means of a generator-powered elevator, one travels down down down, actually four doors down, and finds oneself in a huge cavern-like room. No, this is not the stuff spelunkers' dreams are made of. Instead, one is standing in a man-made reminder of what hate, panic and doomsayers' premonitions can persuade a people to do.

<b>2</b>	
----------	--

What is less well documented is that Canadians, too, were infected with this contagious, all-enveloping panic induced by the 'Great Red Bear' and its supposed arsenal of weapons of annihilation. Canada, though never a particularly imposing military might or presence, was seen as a potential target site for Russian missiles due to the 'big-brother, little sister' relationship she enjoyed with the neighbouring US.

<b>3</b>	
----------	--

As well as containing the basics for sustaining life, the bunker also boasted a large radio studio. The studio contained state-of-the-art broadcasting equipment. Two of the best engineers that Canada had ever produced had been put under contract in case of emergency. From this highly advanced studio, messages would be sent out to the besieged Canadian public in the aftermath of a nuclear attack.

<b>4</b>	
----------	--

**Missing paragraphs:**

- A. Any 7th grader is made well aware of the cloud of impending doom that had hung over the North American continent throughout the turbulent 50s and 60s of the preceding century. The late President Kennedy's address to the American people was broadcast

On cessation of bombing, it was thought that the dugout would serve as a military command post. From here, orders and instructions would be issued for the reorganisation and rebuilding of the Canadian defence system. From their safe haven, the prime minister and other government dignitaries could advise Canadian survivors, pre-supposing there be any Canadian survivors, on the means for gathering their scattered wits about them, getting back on their feet and beginning the necessary task of reconstructing the country.

<b>5</b>	
----------	--

The government's proverbial skeleton in the closet was revealed when a disgruntled lower-echelon member of the military leaked information of its existence to the press. The government's omission to make Canadians privy to the Diefenbunker met with loud outcries of public disapproval.

<b>6</b>	
----------	--

Perhaps the Canadian people, instead of frothing at the mouth in anger over their government's perceived misbehaviour, would have better spent their time counting their lucky stars that the fortitude and indestructibility of the Diefenbunker had never needed to be put to the test. The 'sky is falling' mentality of both the American and Canadian governments changed dramatically with the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1989.

<b>7</b>	
----------	--

The Diefenbunker, which was once regarded as an asylum by the chosen few and an act of government betrayal by the multitudes, is now only a historical landmark visited by history buffs and off-the-beaten-track tourists. Physically, this concrete monstrosity serves as both museum and display case for war memorabilia. More significantly, however, it serves as a reminder of what can occur when hate-mongering, racism and the gutter press are allowed to run rampant and unchecked.

live into almost every living room in the US. This apocalypse-prognosticating speech, in combination with the Bay of Pigs Crisis, sent Americans scurrying to their backyards, where, gopher-like, they began to dig bomb shelters in expectation of an all-out Soviet nuclear attack.

- B. Although the majority of Europeans erroneously believe that Toronto is Canada's capital, the honour actually belongs to Ottawa. This northern city has a population of approximately one million people. The city is well worth visiting, as it is home to the Parliament Buildings, the National Gallery, and the picturesque campus on which the University of Ottawa sits.
- C. In response to this perceived threat, the Canadian government adopted a rather 'Chicken Little' type attitude, and assigned architects and civil engineers the task of planning and erecting a gigantic, four-storey underground bunker. The bunker was to be totally self-contained and self-sufficient.
- D. The bunker's namesake, John Diefenbaker, who was then acting Prime Minister, ordered the construction begun in 1959. Two years later, it was completed and thus began the era of one of Canada's best-guarded secrets. Military officials were forced to confess to the actuality of Diefenbunker after rumours of there being such an edifice were confirmed.
- E. On this rather unimposing recommendation, one would be hard pressed to work up any enthusiasm to visit what would appear to be just another museum. However, if curiosity did prevail and one did, albeit reluctantly, go through the gates, they would be surprised at what was secreted away behind, and hinted at, by the aforementioned, self-effacing plaque.
- F. Canada, a country which in the past had prided itself on maintaining a good rapport with its democratic representatives, felt betrayed and disillusioned by what it saw as blatant mistruths and withholding of pertinent information. The collective voice on the street shouted: why had they, as a people, not been warned of the great threat posed by the Soviets? Why had safeguards not been put in place to ensure the safety of the average Canadian?
- G. This Bismark of a shelter, constructed entirely of cement, would supposedly withstand anything barring a direct hit, if and when the Soviet bombs began to fall. This reputedly invincible 'hole in the ground' was built to shelter government and military higher-ups. Throughout the inevitable Soviet barrage, these privileged VIPs would be saved from the missiles themselves, while afterwards, the impenetrable concrete walls would insulate them against the consequent fallout and ensuing nuclear radiation.
- H. As a result of the end of the Cold War, the accompanying fear and panic it had conjured up in Canada gradually dissipated. Over the next few decades, though relations between the US and Cuba remained strained, Canada began trading with this communist country. To America's chagrin, Canadian tourists flock to Cuba's shores each year to enjoy the shopping opportunities that the variance between the two nations' currencies provides.

**Part 3.** Read the texts below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **ONE** word in each space. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.

### PASSAGE 1

If you are traveling this summer, you might want to consider a staycation instead: a week or two staying at home making no contact from work or college. It might sound boring, but if you follow our tips, it'll be far **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ it. You can have a "real" holiday in your own home and don't need to spend a penny **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ you want to.

The most crucial aspect of a holiday is having some quality rest and relaxation. You can't completely switch **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ when your phone's pinging every ten seconds, **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ why not unplug and unwind? Catch up on those novels that have kept **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ put to one **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ or start that craft project you've been planning but never quite got round **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_. Once refreshed, go **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ and about. Expose yourself to things you haven't done before, such as finding a new walking route or discovering a new place to hang out. Have a break from anyone who gets on your **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ and seek those **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ company you enjoy. You may never leave your home again!

### PASSAGE 2

Building good transit isn't a bad **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_, but it can actually backfire **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ the new trains and buses merely clear space on highway lanes for those **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ would prefer to drive — a group that, historically, has included almost everyone with access to a car. To have environmental value, new transit has to replace and eliminate driving on a scale sufficient to cut **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_ on energy consumption overall. That means that a new transit system has to be backed up by something that impels complementary reductions in car use — say, the physical elimination of traffic lanes or the conversion of existing roadways **(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ bike or bus lanes, ideally in combination **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_ higher fuel taxes, parking fees, and tolls. **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_ to say, those ideas are not popular. But they're necessary, because you can't make people drive less, in the long run, by **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_ steps that make driving more pleasant, economical, and productive. One of the few forces with a proven ability to slow the growth of suburban sprawl has been the ultimately finite tolerance of commuters **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ long, annoying commutes. That tolerance has grown in recent decades, and not just in the United States, but it isn't unlimited, and even people who don't seem to mind spending half their day in a car eventually reach a **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ where, finally, enough is enough.

### III. WRITING (2.0 points)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given in brackets. Do not change the word given. **You must use between THREE and EIGHT words, including the word given. Write only the missing words and punctuation marks in the corresponding numbered boxes provided on your answer sheet.**

1. The organizers will not allow the guest to attend the ongoing event as he is late. **(BARRED)**  
The guest \_\_\_\_\_ of his lateness.
2. Olivia remembered her mother taking her to the old village. **(BEEN)**  
Olivia recalled \_\_\_\_\_ her mother.
3. "Why are you always flattering the vice president?", said Ben to Mary. **(BUTTERING)**  
Ben accused \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Everyone is bewildered as Danny looks exactly the same as the news presenter. **(UTTER)**  
To \_\_\_\_\_ image of the news presenter.
5. Jenny's childish personality frustrates me. **(HACKLES)**  
It is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I strongly advise you not to hold others in contempt like that – always remember that you still have a lot to learn. **(NOSE)**  
You ought \_\_\_\_\_ – always remember that you always have a lot to learn.
7. The earthquake alert meant that this evening's meeting was instead held at 5pm so workers could go home early. **(BROUGHT)**  
Due to an earthquake alert, \_\_\_\_\_ 5pm so that workers could go home early.
8. Despite Noah's industry, he failed in getting his business to succeed. **(GO)**  
Noah was incapable of \_\_\_\_\_ of working conscientiously.
9. Sophia doesn't really think that she'll be able to finish her homework before the deadline. **(PROSPECT)**  
Sophia sees \_\_\_\_\_ her homework before the deadline.
10. Marie scolded her son for breaking the vase. **(TOLD)**  
Marie's \_\_\_\_\_ for breaking the vase.

– THE END OF THE TEST –