

21st Century Communication Level 3: Mid-Term Assessment

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1. I suffered a shoulder injury from playing basketball, and it took a long time to _____.
(a) recharge (b) heal
2. I think it is very important for teachers to understand their students and show _____.
(a) empathy (b) confidence
3. You did your best. There's nothing to feel _____ about.
(a) embarrassed (b) rejected
4. I'm really _____ by how hard these young volunteers are working.
(a) impressed (b) engaged
5. In any job, there are always times when you will face challenges or _____.
(a) determination (b) obstacles
6. Even just a _____ amount of exercise can help reduce stress.
(a) complex (b) moderate
7. Please arrive at the airport at least two hours early to _____ you don't miss your flight.
(a) ensure (b) bet
8. The speaker described some truly _____ ideas for how to lead a healthier life.
(a) infinite (b) innovative
9. Most people agree that climate change is the biggest _____ we face.
(a) crisis (b) failure
10. To really improve the environment, it is _____ that everyone does their part.
(a) essential (b) equitable

11. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

symbol	inevitable	invention	inspirational	grab
aspires	unconscious	embrace	appreciation	mission

1. Learning to _____ failure is an important part of success.
2. Mark is studying music at college and _____ to be a classical pianist.
3. Biting your nails is often a/an _____ habit that develops because of stress.
4. We need to accept that some stress is _____ in modern life.
5. Working with old people has given me a deeper _____ of generational attitudes.
6. Jan is a great speaker and motivator. Her talks are always _____.
7. The _____ of the internet has completely changed the way we communicate.
8. The American programmer Ray Tomlinson was the first person to use the @ _____ for email.
9. The presenter was engaging and she knew how to _____ the audience's attention.
10. The local residents are on a _____ to clean up the beaches in the area.

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in parentheses.

12. Winning the national tennis competition was a great _____ (*accomplish*).
13. A nature documentary was the _____ (*inspire*) for my environmental work.
14. It isn't enough just to be _____ (*determination*)—you need to work hard, too.
15. When I was at college, my professor's enthusiasm always made me feel very _____ (*motivational*).
16. In many languages, _____ (*indirect*) is a way of being polite.
17. Smiling is _____ (*universal*) understood as a friendly gesture.

18. Working with other volunteers to do something meaningful can be very _____ (*fulfill*).
19. The _____ (*complex*) of the problem makes it difficult to solve.
20. It took me a long time to find a job, too, so I can _____ (*empathy*) with your situation.
21. Alice paid for the meal to show her _____ (*appreciate*) for Heidi's help.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

22. Listen to a talk about language. Complete the notes with suitable words.

- Some words cannot be _____ into other languages because they have unique or specific meanings, e.g., *teranga*, *hygge*
- Findings from Tim Lomas's database of words:
 - Concepts that seem _____, e.g., happiness/sadness, not the same in every language
 - Example: "happy" = *szczęśliwy* in Polish, but not used in the same way
- Words influence way we see and _____ the world
- Researcher Kristen Lindquist:
 - words help us understand experiences by turning them into _____ → brain puts experiences into categories
 - Different languages: some _____ narrower, others broader
 - Knowing _____ language changes one's understanding of categories

COMMUNICATION SKILL

23. Choose the most suitable response to each statement.

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| 1. Success is different for different people. | ● | ● | a. So if I understand you correctly, you don't think we should be creative in that way? |
| 2. If you want to make a difference, donate. | ● | ● | b. So what you're really saying is, don't try to avoid stress? |
| 3. English has so many excellent words already; there's no reason to make new ones. | ● | ● | c. So you mean there's no universal definition? |
| 4. Stress is normal, we just need to accept it. | ● | ● | d. So are you saying that volunteering is not effective? |
| 5. I think the company is just doing some youthwashing. | ● | ● | e. So what you mean is, you don't think they're really serious? |

PRONUNCIATION SKILL

Listen. Choose whether the underlined word has a rising or falling intonation.

24. I love my job as a personal trainer because I enjoy talking to people, having a flexible schedule, and exercising!
(a) rising (b) falling
25. Everyone can contribute in some way, by volunteering their time, donating some money, or taking small actions to protect the environment.
(a) rising (b) falling
26. I use a dictionary for looking up new words, checking my spelling, correcting my pronunciation—I can't study without it!
(a) rising (b) falling
27. Before going on stage to give my presentation to the entire school, I was so nervous, my palms were sweating, my heart was racing, and my throat was dry.
(a) rising (b) falling

28. There was a wide range of cuisines available at the buffet: Mexican, Japanese, French, you name it.
- (a) rising (b) falling

SPEAKING

29. Read the prompts and prepare to speak for two minutes about the topic.

Describe how you deal with challenges. You should say:

- what usually causes you stress
- what you do to manage your stress
- how effective the methods are in relieving your stress

and explain whether you think stress can be a good form of motivation.