

BÀI 5: TỪ TRÁI NGHĨA

Cũng giống như dạng bài tìm từ đồng nghĩa, dạng bài tìm từ trái nghĩa được thiết kế để kiểm tra vốn từ vựng của thí sinh. Nếu vốn từ vựng của bạn chưa đủ rộng thì cũng đừng lo quá nhé vì trong bài học này, các bạn sẽ được giới thiệu phương pháp đoán nghĩa của từ và các mẹo tránh bẫy trong bài thi.

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1. Thói quen ra đề

Xét ví dụ sau:

Trích từ đề thi THPT môn tiếng Anh năm 2017

Câu 1: If you are **at a loose end** tomorrow, why don't we spend the day sunbathing and relaxing on the beach?

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. having a lot to do | C. having nothing to lose |
| B. having nothing to do | D. having a lot to gain |

Câu 2: The twin girls are so **identical** that I can't distinguish one from the other.

- A. similar
- B. alike
- C. different
- D. changeable

Bẫy:

Sau khi đã nghiên cứu rất nhiều đề thi qua các năm, có thể nhận thấy rằng, trong dạng đề tìm từ trái nghĩa, sẽ có ít nhất 1 đáp án là từ đồng nghĩa với từ được in đậm hoặc gạch chân nhằm đánh lừa học sinh.

Trong 2 ví dụ trên:

At a loose end = having nothing to do

Identical = similar = alike

Cách tránh bẫy:

Đọc kỹ đề bài, chú ý đề bài là **CLOSEST** hay **OPPOSITE**. Nếu là dạng bài **OPPOSITE** phải loại ngay đáp án là từ đồng nghĩa.

2. Phương pháp làm bài

Bước 1: Đọc kỹ câu hỏi

Bước 2: Dựa vào các từ vựng, liên từ, keyword để đoán nghĩa của từ, hoặc xác định sắc thái tích cực hoặc tiêu cực của từ trong văn cảnh.

Bước 3: Loại trừ các đáp án cùng nghĩa hoặc không liên quan.

Bước 4: Chọn từ trái nghĩa

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Từ các từ keyword được gạch chân, ta có thể đoán ra nghĩa từ gạch chân identical nghĩa là giống nhau

Bước 3: Loại trừ các đáp án cùng nghĩa hoặc không liên quan.

Loại trừ đáp án A và B vì là từ cùng nghĩa, đáp án D không liên quan

Bước 4: Chọn từ trái nghĩa -> đáp án C

Luyện Tập

Chọn từ trái nghĩa với từ được gạch chân.

1. Fruit and vegetables grew in abundance on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.

- A. excess B. large quantity C. small quantity D. sufficiency

2. There is growing concern about the way man has destroyed the environment.

- A. attraction B. consideration C. ease D. speculation

3. After five days on trial, the court found him innocent of the crime and he was released.

- A. guilty B. naive C. innovative D. benevolent

4. Affluent families find it easier to support their children financially.

- A. Privileged B. Impoverished C. Well-off D. Wealthy

5. We are now a 24/7 society where shops and services must be available all hours.

- A. an active society B. an inactive society

- C. a physical society D. a working society

6. We'd better speed up if we want to get there in time.

- A. lie down B. turn down C. slow down D. put down

7. Her thoughtless comments made him very angry.

- A. thoughtful B. honest C. pleasant D. kind

8. A chronic lack of sleep may make us irritable and reduces our motivation to work.

- A. uncomfortable B. miserable C. calm D. responsive

9. She is a very generous old woman. She has given most of her wealth to a charity organization.

- A. kind B. hospitable C. mean D. amicable

10. Population growth rates vary among regions and even among countries within the same region.

- A. restrain B. stay unchanged C. remain unstable D. fluctuate

11. In some countries, the disease burden could be prevented through environmental improvements.

- A. something to suffer B. something enjoyable
C. something sad D. something to entertain

12. Any student who neglects his or her homework is unlikely to do well at school.

- A. looks for B. puts off C. attends to D. approves of

13. We run a very tight ship here, and we expect all our employees to be at their desks by eight o'clock and take good care of their own business.

- A. manage an inflexible system B. run faster than others
C. have a good voyage D. organize things inefficiently

14. "Don't be such a pessimist. I'm sure you'll soon get over it. Cheer up!"

- A. activist B. feminist C. optimist D. hobbyist

15. "Be quick! We must speed up if we don't want to miss the flight."

- A. turn down B. look up C. slow down D. put forward

16. It is widely known that the excessive use of pesticides is producing a detrimental effect on the local groundwater.

- A. useless B. harmless C. damaging D. fundamental

17. His dreamlike villa in the new residential quarter is the envy of his friends.

- A. something that everybody looks for B. something that everybody dreams of
C. something that nobody wants D. something that nobody can afford
18. Today students are under a lot of pressure due to the high expectations from their parents and teachers.
A. nervousness B. emotion C. stress D. relaxation
19. Don't tell Jane anything about the surprise party for Jack. She has got a big mouth.
A. can't eat a lot B. hates parties C. talks too much D. can keep secrets
20. With price increases on most necessities, many people have to tighten their belt for fear of getting into financial difficulties.
A. dress in loose clothes B. spend money freely
C. save on daily expenses D. put on tighter belts
21. Today the number of start-ups in Vietnam is as the government has created mounting favourable conditions for them to develop their business.
A. peaking B. varying C. decreasing D. rising
22. Because Jack defaulted on his loan, the bank took him to court.
A. failed to pay B. paid in full
C. had a bad personality D. was paid much money
23. His career in the illicit drug trade ended with the police raid this morning.
A. elicited B. irregular C. secret D. legal
24. The government is not prepared to tolerate this situation any longer.
A. look down on B. put up with C. take away from D. give on to
25. I clearly remember talking to him in a chance meeting last summer.
A. unplanned B. deliberate C. accidental D. unintentional
26. The International Organizations are going to be in a temporary way in the country.

- A. soak B. permanent C. complicated D. guess
27. The US troops are using much more sophisticated weapons in the Far East.
- A. expensive B. complicated
C. simple and easy to use D. difficult to operate
28. In remote communities, it's important to replenish stocks before the winter sets in.
- A. remake B. empty C. refill D. repeat
29. There has been no discernible improvement in the noise levels since lorries were banned.
- A. clear B. obvious C. thin D. insignificant
30. She had a cozy little apartment in Boston.
- A. uncomfortable B. warm C. lazy D. dirty
31. He was so insubordinate that he lost his job within a week.
- A. fresh B. disobedient C. obedient D. understanding
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33. Fruit and vegetables grew in abundance on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.
- A. large quantity B. small quantity C. excess D. sufficiency
34. During the five- decade history the Asian Games have been advancing in all aspects.
- A. holding at B. holding back C. holding to D. holding by
35. The distinction between schooling and education implied by this remark is important.
- A. explicit B. implicit C. obscure D. odd
36. A chronic lack of sleep may make us irritable and reduces our motivation to work.

- A. uncomfortable B. responsive C. calm D. miserable
37. Population growth rates vary among regions and even among countries within the same region.
- A. restrain B. stay unchanged C. remain unstable D. fluctuate
38. Unless the two signatures are identical, the bank won't honor the check.
- A. similar B. different C. fake D. genuine
39. Strongly advocating health foods, Jane doesn't eat any chocolate.
- A. supporting B. impugning C. advising D. denying
40. He decided not to buy the fake watch and wait until he had more money.
- A. authentic B. forger C. faulty D. original
41. Her father likes the head cabbage rare.
- A. over-boiled B. precious C. scarce D. scare
42. There are several different kinds of faults in reading which are usually more exaggerated with foreign learners.
- A. overestimated B. understated C. overemphasized D. undertaken
43. Whatever the activity level, all types of hobbies can require high levels of expertise.
- A. incapable B. incompetence C. expertness D. skillfulness
44. We offer a speedy and secure service of transferring money in less than 24 hours.
- A. uninterested B. unsure C. slow D. open
45. There is growing concern about the way man has destroyed the environment.
- A. ease B. attraction C. consideration D. speculation
46. The rocket steepened its ascent.
- A. descent B. decent C. decant D. dissent
47. The plane landed safely.

- A. touched down B. took off C. Both A and B D. Neither A nor B
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50. It was apparent from her face that she was really upset.
- A. obvious B. indistinct C. transparent D. evident
51. My cousin tends to look on the bright side in any circumstance.
- A. be optimistic B. be pessimistic C. be confident D. be smart
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53. In remote communities, it's important to replenish stocks before the winter sets in.
- A. empty B. refill C. repeat D. remake
54. Solar energy is not only plentiful but also infinite.
- A. without limit B. boundless C. limited D. indefinite
55. His replies were inconsistent with his previous testimony.
- A. contradicted B. compatible C. enhanced D. incorporated
56. We left New York when I was six, so my recollections of it are rather faint.
- A. explicable B. unintelligible C. clear D. ambiguous
57. My first impression of her was her impassive face.
- A. emotional B. respectful C. solid D. fractious
58. She wrote me a vicious letter.
- A. helpful B. gently C. dangerous D. healthy

59. We are very grateful to Professor Humble for his generosity in donating this wonderful painting to the museum.

- A. meanness B. sympathy C. gratitude D. churlishness

60. He didn't seem in the least concerned for her safety.

- A. indifferent B. ready C. passionate D. stolen

61. The consequences of the typhoon were disastrous due to the lack of precautionary measures.

- A. physical B. severe C. beneficial D. damaging

62. Affluent families find it easier to support their children financially.

- A. Wealthy B. Well-off C. Privileged D. Impoverished

63. Synthetic products are made from chemicals or artificial substances.

- A. natural B. made by machine C. man-made D. unusual

64. As an executive director of a big company, she is a woman of extraordinary intelligence.

- A. moderate B. remarkable C. little D. sufficient

65. Doctors have been criticized for their indiscriminate use of antibiotics.

- A. disciplined B. selective C. wholesale D. unconscious

66. Slavery was abolished in the US in the 19th century.

- A. instituted B. eradicated C. eliminated D. required

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68. Our farmland was very adjacent to the river, which is quite an advantage, especially in the dry season.

- A. inconvenient for B. handy for C. disadvantaged at D. distant from

69. Names of people in the book were changed to preserve anonymity.

A. reveal

B. conserve

C. cover

D. presume

70. Use water sparingly and keep water clean.

A. many

B. few

C. well

D. plentifully

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2. C

3. A

4. B

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6. C

7. A

8. A

9. C

10. B

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12. C

13. D

14. C

15. C

16. B

17. C

18. D

19. D

20. B

21. C

22. B

23. D

24. A

25. B

26. B

27. C

28. B

29. D

30. A

31. C

32. A

33. B

34. B

35. A

36. C

37. B

38. B

39. B

40. A

41. A

42. B

43. B

44. B

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46. A

47. B

48. A

49. A

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51. B

52. A

53. A

54. C

55. B

56. C

57. A

58. B

59. A

60. A

61. C

62. D

63. A

64. C

65. B

66. A

67. B

68. D

69. A

70. D