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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT
PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION – FALL 2018
LISTENING & SPEAKING SKILLS II (YYDL206.1)
READING SKILLS IV (YYDL204.1)
WRITING SKILLS IV (YYDL202.1)**

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I confirm that I have read and understood the information above.

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Listening & Speaking Skills II

SECTIONS	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
I	40	
II	40	
Total	80	

Reading Skills IV

SECTIONS	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
I	25	
II	25	
III	15	
IV	20	
V	15	
Total	100	

Writing Skills IV

SECTIONS	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
I	30	
II	10	
III	10	
IV	50	
Total	100	

I. Vocabulary (40 pts.)

- Complete each sentence. Choose the best word in the box. There are 2 EXTRAS:

theater	gift	beach	kitchen	knife	team	jacket
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1. I need a warm _____ for this winter.
2. Let's eat dinner in the _____ tonight.
3. You can use this _____ to chop the fruit.
4. Do you go to the _____ to watch movies?
5. That _____ is perfect for swimming!

- Read each sentence. Check (✓) the best verb.

6. We need more exercise. Let's **know** / **join** a gym.
7. I'm tired. I need to **drink** / **raise** some coffee.
8. I'm going downtown to **own** / **buy** some shoes.
9. He **takes** / **sits** the bus to school.
10. She **shops** / **works** in a restaurant.

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- Choose the best answer: A, B, C, or D.

11. I like visiting my grandparents. They are ___ people.
 - A. nervous
 - B. ready
 - C. tall
 - D. interesting
12. You can see ___ paintings at that museum.
 - A. comfortable
 - B. alone
 - C. close
 - D. famous
13. I bought a ___ camera. It cost less than a new one.
 - A. used
 - B. friendly
 - C. helpful
 - D. ready
14. I love her jokes. They make me laugh. She is so _____.
 - A. dark
 - B. quiet
 - C. pretty
 - D. funny

15. I don't understand this video. It's making me feel ____.

- A. confused
- B. special
- C. perfect
- D. proud

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II. Listening (40 pts.)

- Listen to the conversation between George and Gail. Write *T* for true or *F* for false.

- 16. ___ George really wants to clean the apartment.
- 17. ___ There are many old shoes in the apartment.
- 18. ___ Gail's shoes only got a little wet.
- 19. ___ Gail bought new shoes after they went back to the hotel.
- 20. ___ The hotel was simple and very busy.
- 21. ___ They ate breakfast at a coffee shop across from the hotel every day.
- 22. ___ Gail can remember the name of the hotel.
- 23. ___ George knows the coffee shop is still there.
- 24. ___ George thinks talking is fun.
- 25. ___ They are working quickly.

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- Listen to a conversation between George and Gail later in the day. Check (✓) the words you hear.

- 26. **Umm,** / **So,** what is it?
- 27. That idea makes me really **serious** / **nervous**.
- 28. I like **shopping** / **to shop**.
- 29. **I don't know.** / **I don't go.**
- 30. We don't **like to** / **have to** go out.
- 31. We can go **for nature walks** / **to the gym** on weekends.
- 32. **I'm** / **I'm not** agreeing right now.
- 33. I'm sure we can save over **\$80** / **\$18** a week.
- 34. **It's** / **You have** an interesting idea.
- 35. Let's stop spending money **later** / **today!**

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I. Choose the best answer: A, B, C, or D.

1. The students found it easy to ____ the facts about the ancient city because the teacher told an interesting story about it.
 - A. concentrate
 - B. identify
 - C. remember
 - D. predict
2. The government should encourage people to reduce _____. Our society throws out too much trash.
 - A. waste
 - B. objects
 - C. problems
 - D. stress
3. The college has more than 60 clubs to give students the ____ to meet people and make new friends.
 - A. message
 - B. opportunity
 - C. behavior
 - D. device
4. It is human ____ to want things we cannot have, but we can always dream.
 - A. tradition
 - B. nature
 - C. culture
 - D. hope
5. Even though Sarah ____ fashion trends, her monthly budget means she doesn't have a lot of money to spend on clothes.
 - A. follows
 - B. affords
 - C. depends on
 - D. values

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II. Complete the sentences using the words in the box. There are TWO extras.

benefit	choice	decisions	
lists	perfect	permanent	positive

I like to make (1.) _____ of the things I need to do because it helps me get them done.

Writing things down also helps me make (2.) _____ when I'm uncertain about what I should

do. For example, last year I had the (3.) _____ of studying in two different cities. I couldn't

decide, so I wrote down the (4.) _____ and negative things about each city. No city is (5.) _____, but I am happy where I am.

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Reading

Read the text and look at the bar graph. Then answer the questions.

How Many Hours Do We Work?

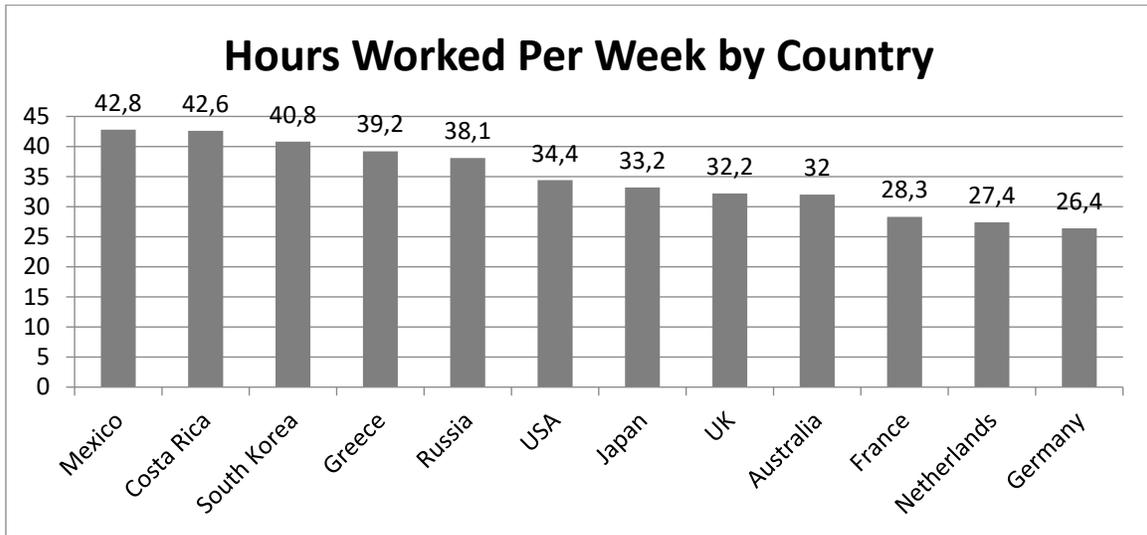
In 1930, the economist John Maynard Keynes predicted that in the future, people would work 15 hours per week. He believed we would have more free time because machines and technology would do most of the work. While the number of working hours has decreased in some countries, most people work much longer than 15 hours per week. In 2014, the average American employee worked 34.4 hours per week. Mexicans worked the longest hours at 42.8 hours per week, followed by Costa Rica (42.6), and South Korea (40.8). Germans have the shortest working week at 26.4 hours, followed by the Netherlands (27.4), and France (28.3). That's a huge difference!

While German workers put in fewer hours, they are extremely hard-working and productive. Germany has one of the most competitive economies in the world. The European Central Bank that controls Europe's currency—the Euro—is located in the capital, Frankfurt. Germans are famous for their advanced skills in engineering and medical technology. They are well known for making expensive cars, such as the BMW and Mercedes-Benz, as well as affordable ones like the Volkswagen. Germany is a model for producing technologies that help the environment. It aims to produce 80 percent of the country's electricity from alternative sources, such as wind and solar power, by the year 2050.

Germany has a strong business culture. When employees are at work, they are expected to work hard. Wasting time on personal email or social media is unacceptable behavior. In return, workers receive many benefits, including 30 days of paid vacation and free medical care. This results in higher productivity in a shorter period of time. However, this doesn't mean that German workers are focused only on work. Germans value their free time. A work-life balance is very important to them. Some companies don't allow managers to communicate with employees outside of office hours so that they can completely relax.

Germans often experience culture shock when they work in the United States. American business culture is more informal. Americans typically use first names when they introduce each other. Germans, on the other hand, generally use last names. American workers are often expected to work evenings and weekends. Devices such as smart phones keep them connected to their jobs 24/7. Many Americans get only 10 days of paid vacation, and often they don't take them.

American employers often confuse working long hours with increased production, but that's a mistake. As Germany has shown, sometimes less is more, and more countries should follow the German model. However, a 15-hour working week seems unlikely to happen in the near future. It may even create another problem. We would have to figure out how to spend all the extra free time.



III. Choose the correct answer: A, B, or C according to the text on page 4.

- Which country's working hours comes the closest to John Maynard Keynes's prediction?
 - Germany
 - the United States
 - Mexico
- Germany is most famous for its _____.
 - short working week
 - competitive economy
 - advanced engineering skills
- What is a synonym for *informal* according to the text?
 - positive
 - friendly
 - polite

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IV. Vocabulary Strategies - Choose the best answer: A, B, or C.

- Which of the following sentences includes a phrasal verb?
 - While the number of working hours has decreased in some countries, most people work much longer than 15 hours per week.
 - While German workers put in fewer hours, they are extremely hard-working and productive.
 - It's important to remember that sometimes less is more.

2. Use context to predict the correct meaning of *balance* in the following.
However, this doesn't mean that German workers are focused only on work. Germans value their free time. A work-life balance is very important to them.
- (n.) an instrument for weighing things
 - (v.) to be equal in value or amount to something else
 - (n.) a situation in which different things exist in equal amounts
3. What part of speech is the underlined word in the following sentence?
While German workers put in fewer hours, they are extremely hard-working and productive.
- adjective
 - verb
 - noun
4. What does *they* refer to in the following sentence?
Some companies don't allow managers to communicate with employees outside of office hours so that they can completely relax.
- companies
 - managers
 - employees

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V. Reading Strategies - Choose the best answer: A, B, or C.

- Look at the bar graph on page 5 "*Hours Worked Per Week By Country*". Which two countries' employees work the most similar hours per week?
 - South Korea and Greece
 - the Netherlands and Germany
 - the United Kingdom and Australia
- Which word or phrase in the final paragraph does the writer use to tell the reader what needs to happen?
 - less is more
 - should
 - would have to
- What idea does the following sentence support?
Wasting time on personal email or social media is unacceptable behavior.
 - When employees are at work; they are expected to work hard.
 - This results in higher productivity in a shorter period of time.
 - In return, workers receive many benefits, including 30 days of paid vacation and free medical care.

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I. Choose the best answer: A, B, C, or D.

1. We are loyal customers at our local restaurant because the prices are ____, and we like to eat out once a week.
 - A. efficient
 - B. affordable
 - C. regular
 - D. high-quality
2. The gym is always busy because members value the ____ of its downtown location and the friendliness of the employees.
 - A. equipment
 - B. business
 - C. arrangement
 - D. convenience
3. A company in Kenya has developed a(n) ____ for turning plastic waste into building materials.
 - A. process
 - B. improvement
 - C. relief
 - D. opportunity
4. Thomas Edison ____ many products that changed the world, including the telephone, the phonograph, the electric power system, the car battery, and the movie camera.
 - A. improved
 - B. located
 - C. invented
 - D. appeared
5. Harry and his friends stood in ____ as the sun rose from behind Mt. Dhaulagiri in Nepal.
 - A. appearance
 - B. view
 - C. amazement
 - D. distance
6. Flashes of ____ lit the sky, so we got in the car and drove to the nearest town before the storm arrived.
 - A. thunder
 - B. lightning
 - C. brightness
 - D. stars
7. Solar ____ is energy from the sun that produces electricity for homes and businesses.
 - A. requirement
 - B. trend
 - C. source
 - D. power
8. ____ sources of energy such as oil and coal are decreasing because they are not renewable like energy that is produced by the sun and wind.
 - A. Traditional
 - B. Required
 - C. Polluted
 - D. Region

9. Many people use public ___ such as buses and trains because it is more convenient than driving a car in busy traffic.
- convenience
 - challenges
 - transportation
 - environments
10. Rei Kawakubo is a famous Japanese designer whose clothing designs have ___ many other designers in the fashion world.
- influenced
 - performed
 - competed
 - managed
11. Many people think that professional athletes have a responsibility to be ___ role models, especially to their young fans.
- competitive
 - positive
 - celebrity
 - represent
12. It is important to have a secure password so that people can't ___ your online bank accounts.
- personalize
 - access
 - protect
 - deliver
13. Most people read online reviews by other ___ before they decide to buy a product.
- consumers
 - opinions
 - person
 - information
14. Everyone agrees that social ___ plays an important role in the way news is delivered today.
- influences
 - responsibilities
 - systems
 - media
15. It is important that people protect their ___ information, such as passwords and bank account numbers.
- privacy
 - safety
 - personal
 - individual

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II. Circle the correct word in each pair.

- Businesses **that / who** offer friendly service often have a lot of loyal customers.
- Denise needs to find a mechanic **which / who** can fix her car before the weekend.
- Several people in my department **has worked / have worked** for the company for more than ten years.
- Mia and Len can stay home and cook tonight, **and / or** they can eat out at their favorite restaurant.
- We were hungry because we **had forgot / had forgotten** to eat lunch before we left home.

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