

**Test of English 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**I. Choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the blank spaces. (5 pts)**

1. If you work for us, you'll get somewhere to live \_\_\_\_\_ free.  
*a. for                      b. of                      c. at                      d. out .*
2. They took pride \_\_\_\_\_ being the best players of the school.  
*a. of                      b. in                      c. on                      d. at*
3. She still remembered how he had broken down and cried \_\_\_\_\_ a baby.  
*a. as if                      b. as                      c. like                      d. same as*
4. - I'm sorry about that! - Well,\_\_\_\_\_  
*a. you're welcome      b. of course      c. thank you      d. it's OK*
5. Pam, what would you \_\_\_\_\_ do tomorrow morning?  
*a. like                      b. rather                      c. better                      d. ought to*
6. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ there yesterday afternoon !  
*a. was                      b. were                      c. had been                      d. would have been*
7. She saw me, but she didn't bother \_\_\_\_\_ hello to me.  
*a. to have said                      b. say                      c. saying                      d. to say*
8. She'd prefer to go out \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
*a. than to stay                      b. than staying                      c. rather than staying                      d. rather than to stay*
9. We could not use fire fighting equipment because the water pipes\_\_\_\_\_  
*a. would burst                      b. used to burst                      c. have burst                      d. had burst*
10. It's no use \_\_\_\_\_ him really. He had to do what he had been told to  
*a. to blame      b. for blaming                      c. you blame                      d. blaming*
11. Have you got a car\_\_\_\_\_?  
*a. of your own                      b. of yourself                      c. of you                      d. of your*
12. I am not accustomed \_\_\_\_\_ in public.  
*a. to speak                      b. to speaking                      c. speaking                      d. at speaking*
13. Either John or his brothers \_\_\_\_\_ the keys to the car.  
*a. has been taken      b. has taken                      c. have taken      d. have been taken*
14. Just watch me, and do \_\_\_\_\_ I tell you.  
*a. whoever                      b. whenever                      c. however                      d. whatever*
15. What we heard\_\_\_\_\_  
*a. encouraged                      b. was encouraging                      c. encouraging                      d. was encouraged*
16. I would have met you at the bus terminal if I \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_  
*a. knew/were arriving      b. knew/ arrived                      c. had known/ arrived                      d. had known/ arriving*
17. The fewer bags you take,\_\_\_\_\_ trouble you will have.