

**PART A: PHONETICS**

*I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.*

1. A. really                      B. pretty                      C. lively                      D. apply
2. A. planted                      B. added                      C. delayed                      D. learned
3. A. cooks                      B. stops                      C. laughs                      D. rugs

*II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.*

4. A. famous                      B. workshop                      C. interest                      D. canal
5. A. botanical                      B. decoration                      C. communicate                      D. affordable

**PART B: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR**

*III. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

6. The manager decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until next week.

- A. cancel                      B. delay                      C. refuse                      D. ignore

7. The scientist made a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of genetics.

- A. discovery                      B. invention                      C. creation                      D. explanation

8. She gave a very \_\_\_\_\_ speech that inspired the whole audience.

- A. motivating                      B. inspired                      C. inspirational                      D. enthusiastic

9. The politician spoke \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of education reform.

- A. fluently                      B. commonly                      C. brightly                      D. strongly

10. She is highly skilled \_\_\_\_\_ graphic design.

- A. on                      B. at                      C. in                      D. with

***IV. Supply the correct form of the words in capital.***

11. My grandmother says my eating habits are \_\_\_\_\_, so I am thinking about changing them. (HEALTH)

12. Laura prepared for her exam \_\_\_\_\_, so she passed it. (CARE)

13. Imagine someday you would live without \_\_\_\_\_. (ELECTRIC)

14. There are a lot of people who \_\_\_\_\_ work in remote areas nowadays. (VOLUNTEER)

15. Year end is coming. I need each one of you to \_\_\_\_\_ your working year in a five-page report. (SUMMARY)

*V. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

16. We don't allow you \_\_\_\_\_ in our house.

A. to smoke                      B. is smoking                      C. smoked                      D. smoke

17. \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays, I enjoy taking leisurely bike rides around the neighborhood.

A. Of                      B. At                      C. On                      D. In

18. I rarely go swimming \_\_\_\_\_ my house is near the beach.

A. however                      B. so                      C. although                      D. but

19 When I woke up this morning, the birds \_\_\_\_\_ outside.

A. are singing                  B. were singing                  C. sang                  D. had been singing

**20.** Learning a new language and being able to communicate fluently provides a great \_\_\_\_\_ of achievement.

A. sense                  B. record                  C. level                  D. emotion

**21.** Singapore is \_\_\_\_\_ small city-state in Southeast Asia.

A. the                  B. an                  C. a                  D.

**22.** The child \_\_\_\_\_ parents died in a traffic accident has stayed in the orphanage since last year.

A. who                  B. whom                  C. that                  D. whose

**23.** This restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ for its excellent dishes and service.

A. proud                  B. certain                  C. famous                  D. different

**24.** She \_\_\_\_\_ accepted the invitation to the conference because it was a great opportunity for her career.

A. reluctantly                  B. eagerly                  C. carelessly                  D. angrily

**25.** She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

A. if I understand the lesson

B. if I understood the lesson

C. whether to understand the lesson

D. whether I can understand the lesson

## PART C. READING

*VI. Read the following passage and choose the most suitable from the ones given on the box to fill in each gap.*

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Teenagers today live in a very competitive world. It is (26) \_\_\_\_\_ important than ever to succeed at school if you hope to have a chance in the job market afterwards. It's no wonder that many young people worry about letting down their parents, their peers, and themselves. To try to please everyone, they take on too many tasks until it (27) \_\_\_\_\_ harder and harder to balance homework assignments, parties, sports, and friends. The result is that young people suffer from stress.

There are different ways of dealing with stress. Everyone knows that caffeine, in the (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of coffee or soft drinks, keeps you awake and alert. However, caffeine is a drug which can become addictive. In the end, like other drugs, caffeine only (29) \_\_\_\_\_ to more stress. There are better ways to deal with stress: physical exercise is a good release from stress because it increases certain chemicals in the brain which calm you down. You have to get enough sleep to avoid stress and to stay (30) \_\_\_\_\_ and full of energy.

*VII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.*

Everybody worries about their general health and fitness. However, what many people don't realize is that walking is one of the best ways to keep healthy. This doesn't mean that you (31) \_\_\_\_\_ to go on long walks in the countryside. You can walk home from work or school. You can walk to the shops. You can use the stairs (32) \_\_\_\_\_ of using the lift. You can even walk a dog if you have one! Now let's look (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the benefits of walking. Firstly, it's relaxing. Secondly, it improves your fitness and your health. (34) \_\_\_\_\_, it's a great way to socialize with your

friends and family. Remember, you don't need (35) \_\_\_\_\_ expensive equipment for walking. You just need a good pair of walking boots or shoes.

31. A. must                      B. have                      C. should                      D. might

32. A. enough                      B. else                      C. well                      D. instead

33. A. on                      B. for                      C. at                      D. with

34. A. Finally                      B. Conclusively                      C. Endlessly                      D. Last

35. A. various                      B. some                      C. many                      D. any

***VIII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

There are several methods to generate electricity such as using fossil fuels and nuclear fission. However, burning fossil fuels pollutes the atmosphere and rivers. Besides, they are expensive and limited sources of energy. Similarly, using nuclear fission also harms the environment because it forms dangerous radioactive waste. In contrast, making electricity from sunlight is cleaner and safer.

Sunlight offers many ways to get energy. For instance, a window can allow warm sunlight into your room, or solar water-heating systems can use it to warm water for houses, swimming pools and schools. In addition, sunlight also warms the Earth and causes wind which can be exploited to generate electricity. Lastly, Photovoltaic, or PV systems use a type of material that **converts** sunlight into electricity. PV systems can power air conditioners or satellites like the International Space Station. They are also used to run calculators, recharge cell phones, or even power lightweight cars.

Sunlight creates a large amount of environmentally friendly heat and electricity. Therefore, it can be an alternative source of energy today and in the future.

**36.** In paragraph 1, what pollutes the atmosphere and rivers?

- A. using solar energy
- B. warming the water
- C. burning fossil fuels
- D. generating wind power

**37.** According to the passage, fossil fuels are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. expensive and limited
- B. clean and safe
- C. dangerous and costly
- D. unlimited and cheap

**38.** Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. PV systems are used to recharge cell phones.
- B. Solar energy is the energy that comes from the sun.
- C. PV systems provide electricity for the International Space Station.
- D. Solar energy will be used up in the near future.

39. In paragraph 2, the word **converts** is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. contains                      B. turns                      C. exchanges                      D. concludes

40. This article is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. how fossil fuels are burnt                      B. how nuclear fission is formed
- C. how sunlight is used                      D. how wind power is generated

#### **PART E: WRITING**

*IX. Rewrite each of the following sentences beginning as shown, so that the meaning stay the same.*

41. “Would you like to come out for dinner with me tonight, Jenny?” Paul said.

Paul

42. Nobody could see him at my grandmother’s birthday party.

He

43. It’s a pity that our teacher isn’t here at the moment.



I wish

44. Life in the countryside isn't as stressful as life in the city.

Life in the city

45. John is fat because he eats so many chips.

If

***X. Rewrite each of the following sentences using given words so that it keeps the same meaning. Do not change the form of the words given.***

46. "I am sorry, Jean. I broke your laptop," said John. (**APOLOGIZED**)

John

47. It's pointless to have this car repaired. (**WORTH**)

This car

48. The boy didn't go to bed until his mother came home. (**WENT**)

It was not until his mother

**49.** When Barbara was in Italy, she stayed with an Italian family. (**USED**)

Barbara

**50.** Eight years ago, we started writing to each other. (**FOR**)

We have