
2015 FORMAT - SAMPLE TEST 3

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 sentences.

1. A. season B. soap C. persuade D. scary
2. A. borring B. oodour C. offshore D. moreover

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 the position of primary stress in each of the following sentences.

3. A. anxious B. antique C. detect D. effect
4. A. dimension B. piracy C. effective D. analysis

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

5. Everyone is _____ that a number of things could go wrong at the waterfall.
A. convincing B. thought C. worried D. likely
6. The fog was so thick that it was _____ impossible to see your hand in front of your face.
A. highly B. fully C. perfectly D. completely
7. Kate found Peter _____ and asked him what was wrong.
A. in tears B. in vain C. at least D. at times
8. Don't you know that when water _____, it turns into ice?
A. froze B. freeze C. frozen D. freezes
9. Zhang: "Kim seems a bit depressed."
Hiroki: " _____"
A. Oh, yes. Nothing ever upsets her. B. I know. She always makes me laugh.
C. Maybe she's had some bad news. D. I think it's because she's won some money.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/ letter in each of the following questions.

10. a. I went with my friend, Mr Trung, as he loves Xuan Nam, a famous comedian.
b. Thanks for your email you sent 5 days ago and sorry I didn't reply sooner.
c. Last Sunday, I enjoyed a live improvised comedy program called "Thank God you are here."
d. Binh Minsk, a famous singer, won the show when she had an impressive performance with Giang Thanh, the host of Room 2.
e. The contestants were Binh Minsk, Manh Quy and Phuc Quang.
A. b-c-a-d-e B. b-c-a-e-d C. c-b-a-d-e D. c-b-a-e-d
11. a. However, other people agree that human beings cause global warming. They try to recycle things.
b. Some people think that it is normal for the Earth's temperature to go up and down.
c. What is more, they also choose to walk or cycle so as to reduce carbon emissions.
d. The majority of people believe that they must combat climate change
e. It is hotter and hotter nowadays.
A. e-d-c-b-a B. e-a-d-b-c C. e-b-a-c-d D. e-b-a-d-c

Read the following advertisement/ school announcement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

DRINK AN ORANGE!

Do you often have (12)_____? Orange juice provides an aid to digestion that counteracts ill effects when you overeat.

This single day liquid food (13)_____ the tiniest babies as well as for grown ups by thousands of physicians all over the world.

In short, drinking an orange a day is always (14)_____.

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| 12. A. heavy meals | B. good meals | C. delicious meals | D. yummy meals |
| 13. A. is required for | B. is ready for | C. is advised for | D. is produced for |
| 14. A. a good job | B. a good time | C. a wise juice | D. a wise policy |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE LABOUR UNION

The school labour union chairperson would like to announce

- All (15)_____ are present at the District's Martyrs' Cemetery by 6.00 on Dec 22.
- Formal costumes and (16)_____. No smoking!
- (17)_____ during the solemn memorial service for heroic martyrs.

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| 15. A. teachers and employees | B. soldiers and martyrs | C. over and over | D. the time |
| 16. A. good job | B. good way | C. good appearance | D. good time |
| 17. A. Keep calm | B. Keep silent | C. Keep in touch | D. Keep going |

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Although playing video games is one of the most popular leisure activities in the world, research into its effects on players, (18)_____, is often trivialised.

One innovative application of video games in health care is (19)_____. The degree of attention needed to play such a game can distract the player from the sensation of pain, a strategy that has been reported and evaluated among paediatric patients. (20)_____ a form of physiotherapy or occupational therapy in many different groups of people. Such games focus attention away from potential discomfort and, unlike more traditional therapeutic activities, they do not rely on passive movements and sometimes painful manipulation of the limbs.

However, there has been no long term follow-up and no robust randomised controlled trials of such interventions. (21)_____. Furthermore, it is not known whether any distracting effect depends simply on concentrating on an interactive task or whether the content of games is also an important factor as there have been no controlled trials (22)_____. Further research should examine factors within games such as novelty, users' preferences, and relative levels of challenge and should compare video games with other potentially distracting activities.

On balance, given that video game playing is highly prevalent among children and adolescents in industrialised countries, (23)_____ moderate frequency of play has serious acute adverse effects from moderate play. Adverse effects, when they occur, tend to be relatively minor and temporary, resolving spontaneously with decreased frequency of play. More evidence is needed on excessive play and on defining what constitutes excess in the first place. There should also be long term studies of the course of video game addiction.

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| 18. A. both positive and negative | B. neither positive nor negative |
| C. not only positive but negative | D. positive but not negative |
| 19. A. its use in pain management | B. their use in pain management |
| C. it is using in pain management | D. they are using in pain management |
| 20. A. Video games have been in use | B. Video games have been for use |
| C. Video games have been used as | D. Video games have been used to |
| 21. A. Whether patients eventually tire of such games is also unclear. | |
| B. Not knowing patients eventually tire of such games is also unclear. | |
| C. If patients eventually tire of such games or not is also unclear. | |

- D. Not to know patients eventually tire of such games is also unclear.
22. A. that compares video games with other distractors.
 B. to be compared video games with other distractors.
 C. comparing video games with other distractors.
 D. compared to video games and other distractors.
23. A. it is little evidence that
 B. it is a little evidence that
 C. there is little evidence that
 D. there is a little evidence that

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What kind of music do you **(24)**_____? Some people like going to classical concerts, and listening to **(25)**_____. The musicians wear very formal clothes, and the **(26)**_____ is silent until the end of the performance. Perhaps you're a rock music fan. Rock concerts are often held at football stadiums or in parks. Members of the audience dance to the music, or sing the songs. **(27)**_____ music is played at weddings and parties in many countries, and some people **(28)**_____ their own music at home. Nowadays we hear music in shops and lifts, and many people carry their own music player with them, or even listen to music when they study. Music is everywhere!

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| 24. A. listen | B. enjoy | C. support | D. have |
| 25. A. a group | B. an orchestra | C. a band | D. a record |
| 26. A. spectators | B. guests | C. cheerers | D. audience |
| 27. A. Ancient | B. Historic | C. Traditional | D. Old |
| 28. A. make | B. do | C. take | D. get |

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.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Detective books are very popular. In these books, a detective solves a crime. There are often a lot of suspects. However, only one person is the criminal. The detective has to catch the criminal. He or she tries to find clues. The clues help the detective catch the criminal. One of the most well-known detectives in literature is Sherlock Holmes.

Most detective books have a main character like Holmes. The story usually **develops** around this person. This is because he or she is interesting. **[1]**. Holmes knows how criminals think. **[2]**. He is very good at catching them. **[3]**. He does this by looking at clues. **[4]**. A lot of the main characters in detective books are like Holmes.

Also, most detective books have a surprise at the end. The Sherlock Holmes books always surprise readers. Many readers like to guess the end to a story. It makes them feel smart. However, most readers struggle with the Sherlock Holmes stories. They guess the wrong suspect. Sherlock Holmes is the only one who can figure out the crime each time. He is very smart. This is what makes these books so famous. Other detective books also use surprise endings. However, the Holmes books were first. They were first published in 1887. This is why many people think that these books are the best. They are old, but they are still interesting.

29. Which of the following is NOT true of detective fiction?
 A. There is more than one suspect in the crime.
 B. The detective discovers important information.
 C. There are multiple people who did the crime.
 D. The detective finds out who is guilty of the crime.
30. The underlined word "**develops**" in the 2nd paragraph is closest in meaning to
 A. ends B. looks C. grows D. corrects
31. Look at the four numbers [1], [2], [3], and [4] that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

"Then he decides who did the crime"

Where would the sentence best fit?

A. [1]

B. [2]

C. [3]

D. [4]

32. Which of the following best expresses the essential information in the underlined sentence in the 3rd paragraph?
“Sherlock Holmes is the only one who can figure out the crime each time”
- A. Only Sherlock Holmes knows who did the crime every time.
B. The criminal was the only one who knew who Sherlock Holmes was.
C. The person who committed the crime knew Sherlock Holmes.
D. Sherlock Holmes committed the crime each time.
33. Which of the following can be inferred about the Sherlock Holmes books?
- A. The Sherlock Holmes stories influenced many detective fiction books.
B. The surprise ending surprised even the detectives in the books.
C. Most people were not impressed by the use of surprise endings.
D. Detective fiction was later very different from the Sherlock Holmes books.

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ADVENTURERS OF THE YEAR

Every year, readers of National Geographic Magazine vote for their adventurers of the year. Here are two of them.

The mountaineer

As a child, Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Akita lived with her younger sister in Lukla, a town in north-eastern Nepal. Pasang’s parents died when she was young. As a teenager, she trained as a mountaineer. She worked as a mountain guide, and she climbed Mount Everest when she was only 22. In 2015, there was a terrible earthquake in Nepal. Many people didn’t have homes or food, so Pasang helped them. These days, she also works to improve education in Nepal, and is famous for her volunteer work as well as her mountaineering.

The cyclist

Marjan Sadequi was born Afghanistan and grew up in the capital city of Kabul. Her father was the national cycling coach for the men’s team, and from very early in life, Marjan’s **ambition** was to become a cyclist. Her father gave Marjan her first bicycle when she was a teenager, and he soon saw how much Marjan loved cycling. As a result, he formed a new women’s cycling team for his daughter and ten other women. It wasn’t easy to practice on the roads of Kabul, but in 2013, the team went to New Delhi (India) and they had their first international competition against other women’s cycling teams. They didn’t win, but they entered more races in Pakistan, Kazakhstan, and South Korea. Because of Marjan and her team’s achievements, more women are now cycling in Afghanistan.

34. Both Pasang and Marjan
- A. were born in Nepal.
B. competed in other countries.
C. took part in social activities
D. started as a teenager.
35. The underlined word “**ambition**” can be best replaced by
- A. hobby B. wish C. examination D. challenge
36. Which of the following is true about Marjan?
- A. Her parents died when she was a child.
B. Her mother encouraged her to become a cyclist.
C. She competed in some Asian countries.
D. She was born in Afghanistan but was brought up in Pakistan.
37. What is suggested about Pasang?
- A. She has changed people’s lives since 2015.
B. She participated in an international competition in 2013.

- C. She first climbed Mount Everest in her 30s.
 D. Her trainer did not support her being a mountaineer.
38. According to the passage, what is true about the cycling team formed by Marjan's father?
 A. There were 10 women members including Marjan.
 B. The team did not win any prize in the competition in India.
 C. It was the first women cycling team in Afghanistan.
 D. The team won a prize in South Korea.
39. According to the passage, _____.
 A. Marja's father inspired her to become a cyclist.
 B. Marjan's team had their first international competition in Kabul.
 C. there were ten members in Marja's team.
 D. Marja helped more women to cycle to Afghanistan.
40. Pasang did not work as _____.
 A. a mountain guide B. a volunteer C. an activist D. a politician

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1- A	5- C	9- C	13- C	17- B	21- A	25- B	29- C	33- A	37- A
2- B	6- D	10- B	14- D	18- A	22- C	26- D	30- C	34- D	38- B
3- A	7- A	11- C	15- A	19- A	23- C	27- C	31- D	35- B	39- A
4- B	8- D	12- A	16- C	20- C	24- A	28- A	32- A	36- C	40- D