

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. accumalatel B. consideratel C. approximatel D. subordinatel
 2. A. conquerss B. columnss C. protestss D. enduress

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

3. It is becoming _____ to find affordable housing in big cities.
 A. more and more difficult B. less, less difficult
 C. more and more harder D. difficulter and difficulter
4. I need to _____ my shoes before entering the house.
 A. go off B. take off C. run off D. call off
5. A healthy diet and regular exercise can contribute greatly to human's life _____.
 A. expect B. expected C. expectations D. expectancy
6. **A:** " _____ " – **B:** "I regret it."
 A. You shouldn't borrow any money from her. B. It was wrong of you to shout at him.
 C. You didn't clean the house, Tom. D. You didn't send me roses as promised.
7. It is very pleasant _____ in the river on hot days in the summer.
 A. bathe B. bathing C. bathed D. to bathe
8. We need to be at _____ airport in just over an hour.
 A. an B. Ø C. the D. a
9. He _____ at that office for a long time.
 A. is working B. working C. works D. has been working
10. If she studies hard, she _____ the exam.
 A. passes B. will pass C. would pass D. passed

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.

11. A. community B. development C. reproduction D. activity

12. A. weather

B. morale

C. income

D. sibling

Read the following 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 from 13 to 16.

HOW TO COPE AND STAY SAFE IN EXTREME HEAT

⇒ Keep cool: use air conditioning or a fan, wear light and loose fitting clothing, and keep skin wet, using a spray bottle or damp sponge and by (13) _____ cool showers.

⇒ Stay hydrated: during days of extreme heat, keep drinking water before you feel thirsty, especially if outdoors (14) _____ performing physical activity.

⇒ Check in with others. Let family, friends and neighbours know you are OK or check in with those at increased (15) _____ or who may need your support during days of extreme heat.

⇒ Monitor the weather forecast and (16) _____ Bureau of Meteorology Heatwave warnings online.

(Adapted from www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

13. A. making

B. taking

C. getting

D. using

14. A. of

B. or

C. on

D. at

15. A. time

B. risk

C. temperature

D. heat

16. A. Ø

B. a

C. an

D. the

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 17 to 18.

(17) _____ Studies about how students use their time might shed light on whether they face increased academic and financial pressures compared with earlier eras. Based on data about how students are spending time, academic or financial pressures don't seem to be greater now than a generation ago. The data show that full-time students in all types of colleges study much less now than they did a generation ago — a full 10 hours a week less. Students are also receiving significantly higher grades. (18) _____

17. Choose the TOPIC SENTENCE that can BEGIN the text most appropriately.

A. Academic pressures today are not necessarily higher than in the past.

B. Students nowadays are more stressed than ever before.

C. Financial problems are the main reason students cannot study well.

D. College life has become more difficult for most students.

18. Put the sentences (a–c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

- a. The evidence clearly shows that academics aren't the main problem for students today.
- b. This suggests that students are under less academic pressure than previous generations.
- c. Many researchers believe that grades have risen even though study time has fallen.

- A. c – a – b B. b – a – c C. b – c – a D. a – c – b

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 from 19 to 24.

Escalators are very common today in shopping malls, government buildings, amusement parks, and many other locations. (19) _____ It is the mostly seen in shopping malls or large shopping centers. They are known to be staircases which move via a conveyor belt, with tracks which maintain each step in a horizontal position. However, the escalator began as an amusement and not as a practical transport.

In 1892, Jesse Reno patented his moving stairs, or "inclined elevator". Three years later, he created a novelty ride at Coney Island from his patented design: a moving stairway that elevated passengers on a conveyor belt at a 25 degree angle. Charles Seeberger, (20) _____ worked with the Otis Elevator Company, produced the first commercial escalator in 1899 at the Otis factory in Yonkers, N.Y. The Seeberger sold his patent rights for the escalator to the Otis Elevator Company in 1910, (21) _____ also bought Jesse Reno's escalator patent in 1911. Otis has dominated escalator production since that time, by combining and enhancing various designs including the cleated, level steps still in use today. Modern escalators are (22) _____ than the early models, and they are found almost everywhere. They have become a symbol of convenience, (23) _____ with the collocation "take the escalator" in everyday English. Today, escalators are so essential that we (24) _____ imagine public spaces without them.

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 19. A. Where can we commonly find escalators today? | B. How fast do escalators move? | | |
| C. Who invented the escalator? | D. Why are escalators dangerous? | | |
| 20. A. who | B. whose | C. which | D. that |
| 21. A. but | B. for | C. or | D. so |
| 22. A. more efficient | B. efficient | C. most efficient | D. the most efficient |
| 23. A. coming up | B. taking up | C. making up | D. keeping up |
| 24. A. must | B. shouldn't | C. can't | D. would |

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.

25. The government will install solar panels to generate additional electricity for the city.
- A. Solar panels will installed to generate additional electricity to the city.

- B. Additional electricity will be installed with solar panels for the city.
- C. Additional electricity will generated to the city by solar panels.
- D. Solar panels will be installed to generate additional electricity for the city.

26. "Has Jack ever gone hiking before?" Helen asked.

- A. Helen asked Jack if he has ever gone hiking before.
- B. Helen asked whether Jack ever went hiking before.
- C. Helen asked whether Jack had ever gone hiking before.
- D. Helen asked Jack if he had ever gone hiking before.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best made from the given cues in each of the following questions.

27. If / Lan / want / focus / her homework / should / turn off / TV.

- A. If Lan wants to focus on her homework, she should turns off the TV.
- B. If Lan wanted to focus on her homework, she should be turning off the TV.
- C. If Lan wants to focus on her homework, she should turn off the TV.
- D. If Lan would want to focus on her homework, she should turn off the TV.

28. My dad / meet / my mum / when / he / visit / Hoi An Ancient Town.

- A. My dad was my mum when he was visiting Hoi An Ancient Town.
- B. My dad meets my mum when he visited Hoi An Ancient Town.
- C. My dad met my mum after he had visited Hoi An Ancient Town.
- D. My dad met my mum when he was visiting Hoi An Ancient Town.

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

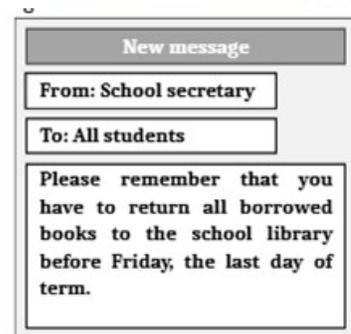
29. What does the sign say?

- A. Stay on the left side
- B. Keep to the right side
- C. Right side is closed
- D. Both sides are open



30. What does the message say?

- A. You must return all library books before Friday
- B. You can return library books any time after Friday
- C. You do not need to return library books



D. You must return the books after Friday

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 following questions from 31 to 36.

COFFEE

We all know that a cup of coffee helps to wake you up in the morning, but several studies show that drinking coffee helps to prevent some illnesses like diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Experts say that you can safely drink three cups of espresso during the day, but if you drink too much coffee it can make you feel anxious or keep you awake at night

SUNLIGHT

Spending a long time in the sun is dangerous and can give you skin cancer. But on the other hand, not spending enough time in the sunlight is also bad for you, as it helps US to produce vitamin D. This vitamin is **essential** for strong bones and a healthy immune system, and it also makes people feel happier. Nowadays many people don't get enough sunlight because they wear sunscreen all the time, especially on their faces. However, don't spend too long in the Sun - 15 minutes a day without sunscreen is a healthy amount, and not at midday.

COMPUTER GAMES

You probably worry about how much time you or your children waste playing computer games. But in fact some studies show that these games can help US learn important skills. It seems that computer games **stimulate** the brain and that people who often play them are probably better at solving problems and making quick decisions. But don't spend too many hours in front of the computer - not more than about two hours a day.

(Adapted from English File, Oxford University Press)

31. The word "**stimulate**" in paragraph 3 is **CLOSEST** in meaning to _____.
- A. activate B. encourage C. delay D. trigger
32. What is the best title for the passage?
- A. Best in Small Doses B. Everything Bad is Good for You
C. Too Little Too Much D. Daily dangers
33. The word "**essential**" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.
- A. crucial B. fundamental C. trivial D. necessary
34. According to the passage, which of the following is **TRUE** about spending time in the sun?
- A. Wearing sunscreen is unnecessary as long as you are in the sun for less than 15 minutes a day.
B. Spending too much time in the sun is beneficial for vitamin D production.

C. Spending 15 minutes a day in the sun without sunscreen is considered healthy.

D. Sunscreen is not needed if you are only in the sun during midday.

35. Why do experts advise not to spend too long in the sun?

A. Because too much sun exposure may cause skin cancer

B. Because sunlight prevents vitamin D production

C. Because sunscreen is always harmful

D. Because sunlight makes people anxious

36. What does the passage suggest about playing computer games?

A. They are always harmful and should be avoided entirely

B. They have no impact on learning or brain development

C. Moderate use helps develop problem-solving and decision-making skills

D. They are more beneficial than spending time in sunlight

Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, 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 from 37 to 40.

The Hague has made history by becoming the first city globally to pass a law banning advertisements for fossil fuel products and high-carbon services. Effective from the start of next year, this groundbreaking legislation will eliminate all public and private ads for petrol, diesel, aviation, and cruise ships from the city's streets, including billboards and bus shelters. (37) _____ While some cities like Edinburgh have limited high-carbon advertising through voluntary agreements or council motions, (38) _____. It excludes political advertising and general brand promotions but targets ads for high-carbon products and services. The legislation, (39) _____, is seen as a bold step in addressing climate change. Advocates believe it will redirect government resources from combating the effects of fossil fuel advertising to supporting sustainable alternatives like public transport. (40) _____

(Adapted from "The Guardian")

A. The Hague's action is expected to inspire similar initiatives worldwide, with proposals also being considered in Toronto, Graz, and Amsterdam.

B. the Hague's ban is legally binding and marks the first local legislation of its kind

C. which took two years to pass

D. This move follows a call from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres earlier this year for governments to implement similar bans as those for tobacco.

THE END