

### I. LISTENING:

Listen to the conversation and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (You will hear the conversation TWICE.) (1.0 point)

Question 1. How long did Huy stay in Ha Long Bay?

- A. Two days                      B. Three days                      C. Four days                      D. Five days

Question 2. What did Huy and his family do on the first day?

- A. Went hiking                      B. Took a boat ride                      C. Visited a museum                      D. Went shopping

Question 3. What activities did Huy enjoy during his trip?

- A. Fishing and hiking                      B. Swimming and paddling  
C. Cycling and camping                      D. Sightseeing and shopping

Question 4. What did Huy say was his favorite part of the trip?

- A. The boat ride and the cave                      B. The local markets  
C. The fresh seafood                      D. Swimming in the water

Listen to the recording and state whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F). (You will hear the recording TWICE.) (1.0 point)

STATEMENTS	T	F
Question 5. You should think about what you like to do when choosing a job.		
Question 6. You can read about jobs by reading online or talking to people.		
Question 7. All jobs need special training or a degree		
Question 8. You don't need to spend your time thinking about what you want.		

### II. PRONUNCIATION

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions. (0.5 point)

Question 9. A. achieved                      B. advanced                      C. required                      D. replied

Question 10. A. mouth                      B. method                      C. birthday                      D. weather

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions. (0.5 point)

Question 11. A. affect                      B. direct                      C. invest                      D. culture

Question 12. A. money                      B. machine                      C. water                      D. student

### III. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions. (1.75 points)

Question 13. They strongly \_\_\_\_\_ check the machines every year.

- A. advised us                      B. suggested us                      C. recommended we                      D. recommended that

Question 14. : Phong: Who's that man over there?

Tom: He's the scientist \_\_\_\_\_ research on the history of English won the first prize last year.

- A. which                      B. who                      C. whose                      D. what

Question 15. Liz felt lucky \_\_\_\_\_ her aunt gave her invaluable advice on career choice.

- A. although                      B. but                      C. so                      D. because

**Question 16.** \_\_\_\_\_ the audience gave a standing ovation.

- A. It was such an impressive the performance that  
B. The performance is so impressive that  
C. So impressive is the performance that  
D. The performance was impressive enough

**Question 17.** A software engineer is a \_\_\_\_\_ job. You may need to work through the night occasionally.

- A. repetitive                      B. demanding                      C. basic                      D. regular

**Question 18.** She took a \_\_\_\_\_ using her smartphone's beauty filter to make her skin look more even and radiant.

- A. self-image                      B self-portrait                      C. self-expression                      D. self-timer

**Question 19.** Susan was \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard that she won the first prize in the contest.

- A. in the world                      B. once in a blue moon over the moon  
C. over the moon                      D. the sky's the limit

**Read the following school announcement and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 20 to 22. (0.75 point)**

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

*ABC High School*

Students of grade X are welcome to attend a morning seminar on:

*HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE (20) \_\_\_\_\_ EXAMINATION*

You can learn a lot from Mr. Two, (21) \_\_\_\_\_ well-known education consultant.

Date : September, 27th 2024

Time : 07.30

Place : School Main Hall

Don't miss this free event. Seats are limited.

To (22) \_\_\_\_\_ your seat, please call Jack: 87456709 or 0821898

**Question 20:** A. finally                      B. final                      C. finalize                      D. finality

**Question 21:** A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. no article

**Question 22:** A. reserve                      B. preserve                      C. conserve                      D. deserve

#### IV. READING:

**Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 23 to 27. (1.25 points)**

Tik Tok, the popular app that (23) \_\_\_\_\_ users to create and share short videos, seems to be the most downloaded app in the world. One of the most popular ways users engage with the app is to carry out challenges. A successful challenge will (24) \_\_\_\_\_ viral, with hundreds of thousands of people around the world taking part in.

Copying another person's video is hardly original or creative. Even so, it's easy to see the appeal, especially among young audiences. Anyone with a smartphone can get involved. No talent is required beyond (25) \_\_\_\_\_, extroversion and commitment. Users can just ride the trend to gain popularity. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ challenges are ideal for people who don't have spare time, enjoy performing, and like getting attention. Unsurprisingly, most of people (27) \_\_\_\_\_ take part in are children, teenagers and young adults.

**Question 23:** A. takes                      B. allows                      C. makes                      D. lets

- Question 24:** A. take                      B. cause                      C. put                      D. go  
**Question 25:** A. a little                      B. few                      C. a lot                      D. many  
**Question 26:** A. Although                      B. Nevertheless                      C. As a result                      D. However  
**Question 27:** A. who                      B. whom                      C. where                      D. which

**Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 28 to 32. (1.25 points)**

These days, power is a big concern for many countries. People are using more and more electricity, but our traditional sources of electricity, coal and oil are limited. In addition, both coal and oil power plants create a lot of pollution. How will we get enough electricity in the future? Some scientists are looking to the sky for answers.

The sun is an almost endless source of energy. Every minute, the earth gets enough energy from the sun to provide the world with electricity for a year. The problem is that this energy is in the form of heat and light. To use solar energy, we need to change it into electricity. Solar cells already do this for calculators and other electronics. Unfortunately, solar cells only produce a small amount of electricity. We can make larger solar cells, but it is very expensive.

Instead, scientists are now trying to build more solar power plants. These power plants use thousands of huge mirrors to focus the light of the sun on a small place where it creates a lot of heat. The heat will then be used to create electricity. This creates more electricity than solar cells, but not enough. The biggest solar power plant in the world creates 15 megawatts of electricity. In contrast, most nuclear power plants create about 1,000 megawatts of electricity.

**Question 28:** Which can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Sky mysteries                      B. Nuclear power  
 C. Traditional energy                      D. Solar power

**Question 29:** Which of the following is TRUE to describe solar energy?

- A. traditional                      B. endless                      C. small                      D. polluted

**Question 30:** The word "it" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. heat                      B. solar energy                      C. light                      D. electricity

**Question 31:** According to the passage, making larger solar cells is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. really cheap                      B. not expensive                      C. quite cheap                      D. very expensive

**Question 32:** According to the passage, what do solar power plants use to create electricity?

- A. solar cells                      B. huge mirrors                      C. coal                      D. oil

## V. WRITING

**Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions. (0.5 point)**

**Question 33.** *Choosing a career is not an easy task. Each student has to think about it soon.*

- A. Each student has to think about choosing a career soon although it is not an easy task.  
 B. Choosing a career is not an easy task however each student has to think about it soon.  
 C. Each student has to think about choosing a career, what it is not an easy task.  
 D. Choosing a career is not an easy task, which each student has to think about it soon.

**Question 34.** *Steve Jobs was famous as an American inventor, designer, and businessman. He was the co-founder of Apple Inc.*

- A. Steve Jobs was famous as an American inventor, designer, and businessman who was the co-founder of Apple Inc.  
 B. Steve Jobs was famous as an American inventor, designer, and businessman, who is the co-founder of Apple Inc.  
 C. Steve Jobs, who was the co-founder of Apple Inc., was famous as an American inventor, designer, and businessman.

D. Steve Jobs who was the co-founder of Apple Inc. was famous as an American inventor, designer, and businessman.

**OR:**

**Choose the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the sentence given in each of the following questions. (0.5 point)**

**Question 33.** Although people have put more effort into saving planet Earth, it is facing many problems.

- A. People have put more effort into saving it, so our planet is facing many problems.
- B. People have put more effort into saving our planet or it is facing many problems.
- C. People have put more effort into saving our planet because it is facing many problems.
- D. People have put more effort into saving our planet; however, it is still facing many problems

**Question 34.** "Why don't you join our clean-up activities?" Mai asked me.

- A. Mai asked me not to join her clean-up activities.
- B. Mai suggested that I should join her clean-up activities.
- C. Mai suggested joining our clean-up activities.
- D. Mai asked me why I don't join her clean-up activities.

**OR:**

**Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is best written from the words and phrases given in each of the following questions. (0.5 point)**

**Question 33.** Jack/rich/he/ not/buy/ happiness.

- A. Because Jack is rich, he will not buy happiness.
- B. Despite Jack is rich, he does not buy happiness.
- C. Although Jack is rich, he cannot buy happiness.
- D. In spite of Jack's rich, he cannot buy happiness.

**Question 34.** My friend suggest/ I/ improve/ social skills.

- A. My friend suggested I improving my social skills.
- B. My friend suggested that I should improve my social skills.
- C. My friend suggest I should improve my social skills.
- D. My friend suggested I improves my social skills.

**In about 100 – 120 words, write an email about to your friend telling him/her about your future favourite job.**

**You may use the suggestions below:**

- *What's your favourite job?*
- *What does this job involve?*
- *What skills does this job need?*
- *What personal qualities do you need to have for the job?*

**=== THE END ===**