Hanoi-Amsterdam High School for the Gifted **FIRST MID-TERM TEST (2021-2022)**
Name: ..... **Grade 12 - Time allowance: 45 minutes**
Class: .....

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.

Question 1: A. agriculture **B.** achievement **C.** asthma **D.** biogas 1_____

Question 2: A. efficient **B.** emerge **C.** expand **D.** energy 2_____

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 stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. replenish **B**. preserve **C**. habitat **D**. promote 3_____

Question 4: A. diagnose **B.** distinguished **C**. unfortunate **D**. prosthetic 4_____

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 5: Anna and Jenny are talking about their up-coming presentation on urbanization.

Anna: "Personally, I love the peaceful and quiet life in rural areas."

Jenny: "____"

A. Neither do I. **B.** No, I won't. **C.** So do I. **D.** Yes, I like it. 5_____

Question 6: Liz and Laura are going shopping together.

Liz: "Look! This sweater is beautiful."

Laura: "_____?"

A. Why not trying it on **B**. Why not trying on it 6_____
C. Why not try it on **D**. Why not try on it

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

Question 7: Emergency crews are_____progress in fixing the broken levees, but they are in a desperate race to stop the flooding.

A. making **B**. doing **C**. getting **D**. becoming 7_____

Question 8: A year into his presidency, Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize _____ his promise to promote world peace.

A. about **B**. for **C.** with **D**. on 8_____

Question 9: _____the book again and again, I finally understood what the author meant.

A. Have been reading **B.** Have been read **C.** Have read **D.** Having read 9_____

Question 10: _____, he will go out with his friends.

A. When Tony finished his project **B.** When Tony finishes his project 10_____
C. When Tony had finished his project **D.** When Tony was finishing his project

Question 11: Michael Porter has_____as the strategic adviser to many successful U.S. companies and other international companies.

A. served **B**. employed **C**. described **D**. appointed 11_____

Question 12: Drastic measures to boost housing development___to prevent market from becoming a boom.

A. should initiate **B**. have initiated **C**. should be initiated **D**. initiating 12_____

Question 13: A smart sustainable city will meet the needs of present and future generations with respect to_____, social and environmental aspects.

A. economy **B**. economic **C**. economize **D**. economical 13_____

Question 14: Since the renovation policy launched in 1986, Ho Chi Minh City _____ urbanization process.

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A. has experienced **B**. experience 14_____

C. is experiencing **D**. has been experienced

Question 15: We use compact florescent light bulbs,_____last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

A. what **B**. that **C.** which **D**. they 15_____

Question 16: Mary demanded that the heater_____immediately. Her apartment was freezing.

A. repaired **B.** be repaired **C.** being repaired **D.** been repaired 16_____

Question 17: _____ brown and black bears, polar bears do not hibernate during the winter.

A. Alike **B.** Unlike **C.** Unlikely **D.** Apart from 17_____

Question 18: _____ these two sources is considered green energy because they produce a lot of pollution when they are burned.

A. Both of **B.** Neither of **C**. Because of **D**. Either of 18_____

Question 19: It has been said that the wars of the future will not be fights over land. _____, they will be fights over the water supply.

A. However **B.** Besides **C.** Instead **D.** Therefore 19_____

Question 20: The prize_____ to Xuan yesterday.

A. awards **B.** has awarded **C.** was awarded **D.** was awarding 20_____

Question 21: You should_____your car with petrol before starting on a journey.

A. deal **B.** go **C.** replenish **D.** offer 21_____

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

Question 22: Urbanization brings with it several consequences - both **adverse** and beneficial.

A. negative **B.** favorable **C.** advantageous **D.** preferential 22_____

Question 23: Many illnesses in refugee camps are the result of inadequate sanitation.

A. cleanliness **B**. dirtiness **C**. pollution **D**. contamination 23_____

Question 24: Nylon is a man-made fibre, the use of which has helped more people to have cheaper and more colourful clothes to wear.

A. natural **B.** plastic **C.** synthetic **D.** artificial 24_____

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 25: Global Forest Watch has also **initiated** a project to counteract deforestation through awareness.

A. introduced **B.** commenced **C.** launched **D**. completed 25_____

Question 26: Some groups of animals are particularly **vulnerable** to chemical pollutants and suffer greatly as a result of the high levels of herbicides and pesticides in their habitat.

A. in peril **B.** in jeopardy **C.** open to attack **D**. durable 26_____

Question 27: Many people move to urban areas seeking for job opportunity as well as **stable** employment.

A. durable **B.** long-lasting **C.** steady **D.** temporary 27_____

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

28. Because of urbanization continues, not only the infrastructure for health but also other social services 28_____

A **B** **C**

in cities need improving.

D

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29. Now J. K. Rowling is a multi-millionaire, but she was not born into the fame and fortune. 29_____
A B C D

30. Food prices have raised so rapidly in the past few months that some families have been forced 30_____
A B C
to alter their eating habits.
D

31. Overpopulation is an undesirable condition where the number of existing human population exceeding the carrying capacity of Earth. 31_____
A B C D

32. The moment I was seeing him, I realized I had met him somewhere before. 32_____
A B C D

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 25 to 29.

Urbanisation programmes are being carried out in many parts of the world, especially in densely (33) _____ regions with limited land and resources. It is the natural outcome of economic development and industrialisation. It has brought a lot of benefits to our society. However, it also (34) _____ various problems for local authorities and town planners in the process of maintaining sustainable urbanization, especially in developing countries.

When too many people cram into a small area, urban infrastructure cannot be effective. There will be a (35) _____ of livable housing, energy and water supply. This will create overcrowded urban districts with no proper facilities. Currently, fast urbanization is taking place predominantly in developing countries where sustainable urbanization has little relevance to people's lives. Their houses are just shabby slums with poor sanitation. Their children only manage to get basic education. Hence, the struggle for (36) _____ is their first priority rather than anything else. Only when the quality of their existence is improved can they seek (37) _____ other high values in their life.

33. A. popular	**B.** crowed	**C.** populated	**D.** numerous	33_____
34. A. poses	**B.** offers	**C.** leads	**D.** imposes	34_____
35. A. appearance	**B.** plenty	**C.** loss	**D.** lack	35_____
36. A. survive	**B.** survival	**C.** survivor	**D.** survived	36_____
37. A. about	**B.** for	**C.** with	**D.** on	37_____

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 from 35 to 42

The Life of a Food Critic

You have seen restaurant reviews in newspapers, or perhaps in magazines or on the Internet. People read these reviews when they want to know about the quality and price of the food at a restaurant. Or maybe they are looking for a restaurant with a distinctive atmosphere - dark and romantic, bright and cheerful, or modern and sophisticated. But who writes the articles? Who gets paid to eat? Those lucky people are food critics.

Food critics are journalists who eat at restaurants and write reviews that give readers the feeling that they have visited the restaurant themselves. The articles almost always include a description of the restaurant, for example, whether it is nicely decorated or has a beautiful view of the ocean. The menu, prices, and service are generally described as well, but a food critic's main task is to write about their opinion of the food.

For "foodies" - people who love and study food and cooking - dining is a feast for the senses, not just for the stomach. Food critics may tell readers about the colours of fresh vegetables, the silky texture of a soup, or the rich aroma of a perfectly cooked chicken. They will mention whether they were listening to soft music while they ate,

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or the noises of pots and pans being washed in the restaurant's kitchen. Every detail of the meal is important.

This may sound easy enough, but food critics do face some challenges. First, food critics must be excellent writers. Their job is to give accurate information in an entertaining way because newspapers and other publications want the restaurant review to be an enjoyable feature. It is also important for food critics to be very observant by nature, and to have an excellent memory, since taking notes at the table is not something typical customers do.

Looking like a typical customer is essential for remaining anonymous, but is perhaps the most difficult challenge. Food critic Ruth Reichl, former editor-in-chief of Gourmet magazine, used to go to restaurants wearing disguises so that she received the same food and service as any other diner.

Despite the challenges, a career as a food critic appeals to many people. Anyone who is thinking about becoming a food critic should start by developing strong writing skills and learning as much about food and cooking as possible.

38. Which of the following would probably NOT be included in a restaurant review? 38_____

A. a description of a restaurant's atmosphere

B. information about a restaurant's hiring procedures

C. information about a restaurant's prices

D. a description of a restaurant's food

39. What is the purpose of paragraph 3? 39_____

A. to say that a critic must use all his or her senses when at a restaurant

B. to teach critics what they need to pay attention to when at a restaurant

C. to show that it is a very difficult job being a food critic

D. to say that the taste of the food is the most important detail of a review

40. Why does the author mention soft music and the noises of pots and pans being washed? 40_____

A. because food critics must listen carefully to the waiters

B. because it's important for restaurants to use clean dishes

C. because food critics generally focus on the positive

D. because food critics must pay attention to every single detail

41. The word **"this"** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to_____. 41_____

A. noise and music **B.** the career of a food critic

C. every type of food **D.** every single detail

42. Food critics are__. 42_____

A. restaurant owners **B.** professional cooks

C. professional writers **D.** magazine editors

43. According to the passage, food critics need a good memory because_____. 43_____

A. they have very busy schedules every day

B. they like having a challenging job

C. they need to remember which restaurants they have been to

D. they have to avoid taking notes at the table

44. Why did Ruth Reichl go to restaurants wearing disguises? 44_____

A. She didn't want her friends to know she was a food critic.

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B. She didn't want to get special food and service.

C. She enjoyed seeing people's reactions.

D. She had a different job during the day.

45. How does the writer end the passage? 45_____

A. with a writing tip **B.** with a piece of advice

C. with a personal example **D.** with a warning

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

46. Julian dropped out of college after his first year. Now he regrets it. 46_____

A. Julian regretted having dropped out of college after his first year.

B. Julian wishes he didn't drop out of college after his first year.

C. Julian regrets having dropped out of college after his first year.

D. Only if Julian had dropped out of college after his first year.

47. Seth informed us of his retirement from the company. He did it when arriving at the meeting. 47_____

A. Only after his retiring from the company did Seth tell us about his arrival at the meeting.

B. Not until Seth said to us that he would leave the company did he turn up at the meeting.

C. Hardly had Seth notified us of his retiring from the company when he arrived at the meeting.

D. No sooner had Seth arrived at the meeting than we were told about his leaving the company.

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

48. There was an upward trend in the demand for labor force. 48_____

A. The demand for labor force declined.

B. The demand for labor force increased.

C. The demand for labor force reduced.

D. The demand for labor force remained stable.

49. People in Australia are so environmentally-friendly that they create the greenest country in the world. 49_____

A. Australia is the greenest country in the world though the people are environmentally friendly.

B. Australia is the greenest country in the world because the people are environmentally friendly.

C. Australia is the greenest country in the world while the people are environmentally-friendly.

D. Australia is the greenest country in the world if the people are environmentally friendly.

50. We might stop here if you don't change your way of speaking. 50_____

A. We might stop here unless you don't change your way of speaking.

B. We might stop here if you change your way of speaking.

C. We might stop here unless you change your way of speaking.

D. We might stop here if not you change your way of speaking.

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