

Reading 1

It is not difficult for me to imagine how life used to be in the past. My grandfather used to tell me (1)..... people and things of his generation. According to what he said, life in the Vietnamese traditional village was very peaceful. Although there weren't any convenient means of communication such as telephone (2)..... email, people still kept in touch and interacted with each other. They were very happy (3)..... their stories with their family and neighbors. Sometimes, they even gathered up in the (4)..... house to watch TV or listen to radio together there was often only one or two televisions in a small village. My grandfather said that he preferred life in the past to the modern life because people were friendlier and more (5)..... .

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| 1. A.on | B.about | C.to | D.in |
| 2. A.but | B.so | C.or | D.with |
| 3. A.sharing | B.to share | C.shared | D.shares |
| 4. A.communal | B.usual | C.guest | D.private |
| 5. A.carelessly | B.care | C.caring | D.careless |

Reading 2

If parents bring up a child with the sole aim of turning the child into a genius, they will cause a disaster. According to several scientists, **this** is one of the biggest mistakes which ambitious parents make. Generally, the child will be only too aware of what his parents expect and will fail.

However, if parents are ambitious in a sensible way, the child may succeed in doing very well - concerts and arranging private piano and violin lessons for him. Michael's mother knows very little about music, but his father plays the trumpet in a large orchestra. However, he never makes Michael enter music competitions if he is unwilling.

Winston, Michael's friend, however, is not so lucky. Both his parents are successful musicians, and they set too high standards for Winston. They want their son to be as successful as they are and so they enter him for every piano competition held. They are very unhappy when he does not win. Winston is always afraid that he will disappoint his parents and now he always seems quiet and unhappy.

Question 6: Michael Collins is lucky because _____

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| A. his parents are quite rich. | B. his mother knows little about music. |
| C. his father is a teacher. | D. his parents help him a lot. |

Question 7: What do Winston's parents want?

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| A. They are very unhappy. | B. They want Winston to be as successful. |
| C. Both his parents are successful. | D. They want Winston to be quiet. |

Question 8: We can infer from the passage that _____

- A. successful parents often have unsuccessful children.
 B. parents should let the child develop in the way he wants.
 C. parents should spend more money on the child's education.
 D. successful parents always have intelligent children.

Question 9: What does the word "**this**" in the line 2 refer to?

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| A. Providing the child with music lessons. | B. Causing lots of serious disasters. |
| C. Trying to turn the child into a genius. | D. Causing great damage to children. |

Question 10: Parents' ambition for their child is not wrong if they _____

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| A. force their children into achieving success. | B. understand and help their children sensibly. |
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C. themselves have to be successful.

D. arrange private lessons for their children.

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 11: A. stopped

B. washed

C. walked

D. prepared

Question 12: A. sticky

B. kind

C. mixture

D. spring

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.

Question 13: A. tradition

B. official

C. beautiful

D. expensive

Question 14: A. damage

B. surprise

C. behave

D. event

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

Question 15: She wishes there is a park near here so that she could go jogging there every day.

A. near

B. could

C. every day

D. is

Question 16: My mother isn't used to drive a car.

A. drive

B. My

C. car

D. to

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

Question 17: Because of the bad weather, the flight _____ yesterday.

A. be delayed

B. being delayed

C. will be delaying

D. was delayed

Question 18: Your children never eat fast food, _____?

A. do they

B. do your children

C. don't they

D. won't they

Question 19: _____ chair that you are sitting in is broken.

A. Ø

B. A

C. The

D. An

Question 20: The college got some money by selling one of its _____ old pictures.

A. useful

B. helpful

C. usual

D. valuable

Question 21: The interviewer asked me why I _____ learning English.

A. liked

B. will like

C. like

D. to like

Question 22: It is necessary _____ forests.

A. protect

B. protected

C. protecting

D. to protect

Question 23: When did your grandparents set _____ this workshop?

A. off

B. up

C. out

D. in

Question 24: Is English the _____ language in your country?

A. official

B. living

C. office

D. mother

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 25: Phuong: "Mom, I've got the first rank in class this semester!". Mom: _____

- A. Well done! B. Never mind! C. Let's go D. Thank you!

Question 26: Joe: "Would you like to go to the movies with me tonight?" Jenny: _____

- A. No, please B. Yes, I like C. No, I don't like D. Yes, I'd love to.

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

Question 27: Frank never turns up on time for a meeting.

- A. calls B. prepares C. reports D. arrives

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 28: We'd better speed up if we want to get there in time.

- A. lie down B. turn down C. slow down D. put down

WRITING

Combine two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given word in any ways.

Question 29: John often smoked cigarettes when he was a young man. Now, he doesn't smoke any more.

- A. John didn't use to smoking cigarettes when he was a young man.
B. John used to smoke any more.
C. John used to smoking cigarettes when he was a young man.
D. John used to smoke cigarettes when he was a young man.

Question 30: It won't be fine tomorrow. I am worried.

- A. I wish it was fine tomorrow. B. I wish it would be awful tomorrow.
C. I wish it wouldn't be fine tomorrow. D. I wish it would be fine tomorrow.

Question 31: She can't lift the table. She is not strong enough.

- A. She can lift the table if she is strong. B. If she were stronger, she could lift the table.
C. Unless she were stronger, she could lift the table. D. She can lift the table unless she is stronger.

Question 32: John is studying hard. He wants to pass the next exam.

- A. John is studying hard so as to fail the next exam.
B. John is studying hard in order to pass the next exam.
C. John is studying hard in order not to pass the next exam.

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D. John is studying hard in order that he pass the next exam.

Find the sentence that has a similar meaning to the first one.

Question 33: Although she has a physical handicap, she has become a successful woman.

- A. Despite her physical handicap, she has become a successful woman.
- B. Despite of her physical handicap, she has become a successful woman.
- C. In spite her physical handicap, she has become a successful woman.
- D. In spite of her physical handicap, she had become a successful woman.

Question 34: "Let's put the luggage under the seat!" he said.

- A. He suggests putting the luggage under the seat.
- B. He suggested to put the luggage under the seat.
- C. He suggested putting the luggage under the seat.
- D. He suggests to put the luggage under the seat.

Question 35: The man is so foolish that no one took any notice of him.

- A. He is such foolish man that no one took any notice of him.
- B. He is so a foolish man that no one took any notice of him.
- C. He is such a foolish man that no one took any notice of him.
- D. He is such a foolish man that no one took any notice to him.

Question 36: He started working in this company five years ago.

- A. It was five years ago he started working in this company.
- B. He has worked in this company for five years.
- C. He hasn't worked in this company for five years.
- D. It was five years ago did he start working in this company.

LISTENING

Listen and choose the correct answer

Question 37: What is the most serious problem in Bangkok?

- A. Bad weather
- B. Pollution
- C. Traffic jams
- D. Noise

Question 38: How does Suzanne go to work?

- A. By plane
- B. By train
- C. By car
- D. By metro

Question 39: In the evening the traffic is _____.

- A. worse
- B. bad
- C. better
- D. the same

Question 40: Why is traffic so bad in Bangkok?

- A. There aren't enough roads
- B. People move around by boat
- C. There are many people
- D. Too many motorbikes