

MOCK TEST 16-2022

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Read the following passage and choose the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

COVID-19 has forced us into social distancing, isolation and quarantine. These conditions are likely fostering (1) _____ anxiety and loneliness in our cities. However, COVID-19 is an opportunity to build a new kind of contact on (2) _____ we know and learn from this situation. It's possible to promote social and emotional well-being. Integrating public and online spaces is one of the approaches for building better communities. Our new online communication skills can help us develop a better physical-digital interface for bringing people together. Video conferencing is flexible and can enable long-distance connection and "work from home" hubs. (3) _____, social media platforms, such as Facebook, Meetup, WhatsApp or art-based apps like Somebody, are (4) _____ for organising physical meetings too. These can help with community volunteering, socialising, or simply sharing guerrilla-garden herbs for local cooking. A better physical-digital interface could help new jobs flourish in "interactive" creative industries that virtually connect (5) _____ isolated individuals. New art spaces could be established, putting connective digital infrastructure, such as audio-visual platforms, within physical spaces to help face-to-face and virtual audiences interact.

(Adapted from <https://theconversation.com/reconnecting-after-coronavirus>)

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| Question 1 (TH): | A. national | B. widespread | C. global | D. international |
| Question 2 (TH): | A. that | B. what | C. whom | D. which |
| Question 3 (TH): | A. In contrast | B. Therefore | C. Otherwise | D. Moreover |
| Question 4 (TH): | A. grateful | B. careful | C. awful | D. useful |
| Question 5 (TH): | A. another | B. every | C. other | D. one |

Choose the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 6 (TH): Mike's inviting Sue to go dancing.

- Mike: "Shall we go dancing tonight?"

- Sue: "_____".

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| A. Yes, let's | B. Not a little bit | C. Never mind | D. I can't agree with you |
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Question 7 (TH): Mike and Susan are talking about changes in the modern society.

- Mike: "Our living standards have been improved greatly."

- Susan: "_____"

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| A. Sure. I couldn't agree more. | B. Yes, it's nice of you to say so. |
| C. No, it's nice to say so. | D. Thank you for saying so. |

Choose the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 21 (TH): You don't usually have to go into _____ hospital to have your ears cleaned. The doctor can do it at the surgery.

- A. an B. x (no article) C. the D. a

Question 22 (NB): If you _____ the lottery, what would you do with the money?

- A. win B. had won C. will win D. won

Question 23 (VD): Teacher, are we expected to learn all the new words _____ heart?

- A. at B. to C. in D. by

Question 24 (TH): It's worth _____ this book.

- A. reading B. to read C. read D. being read

Question 25 (NB): I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I _____ to play.

- A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying

Question 26 (TH): _____ extremely bad weather in the mountains, we're no longer considering our skiing trip.

- A. Due to B. Although C. Because D. Despite

Question 27 (TH): She saw a mouse _____.

- A. when she was having a bath B. as long as she had a bath
C. as she had had a bath D. as soon as she has had a bath

Question 28 (VD): The song _____ by our listeners as their favorite of the week is "Goodbye Baby" by Tunesmiths.

- A. chosen B. choosing C. was chosen D. which chosen

Question 29 (TH): Mom left the chicken out on the table so that it could _____ slowly.

- A. frosted B. frost C. frosty D. defrost

Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each of the questions.

Do you feel like your teenager is spending most of the day glued to a phone screen? You're not too far off. A new survey from the Pew Research Center reveals the surprising ways that technology intersects with teen friendships – and the results show that 57 percent of teens have made at least one new friend online. Even more surprisingly, only 20 percent of those **digital** friends ever meet in person.

While teens do connect with their friends face-to-face outside of school, they spend 55 percent of their day texting with friends, and only 25 percent of teens are spending actual time with their friends on a daily basis (outside of school hallways). These new forms of communication are key in maintaining friendships day-to-day – 27 percent of teens instant message their friends every day, 23 percent connect through social media every day, and 7 percent even video chat daily. Text messaging remains the main form of communication – almost half of survey respondents say it's their chosen method of communication with their closest friend.

While girls are more likely to text with their close friends, boys are meeting new friends (and maintaining friendships) in the gaming world – 89 percent play with friends they know, and 54 percent

play with online-only friends. Whether they're close with their teammates or not, online gamers say that playing makes them feel "more connected" to friends **they** know, or gamers they've never met.

When making new friends, social media has also become a major part of the teenage identity – 62 percent of teens are quick to share their social media usernames when connecting with a new friend (although 80 percent still consider their phone number the best method of contact). Despite the negative consequences-21 percent of teenage users feel worse about their lives because of posts they see on social media – teens also have found support and connection through various platforms. In fact, 68 percent of teens received support during a challenging time in their lives via social media platforms.

Just as technology has become a gateway for new friendships, or a channel to stay connected with current friends, it can also make a friendship **breakup** more public. The study reveals that girls are more likely to block or unfriend former allies, and 68 percent of all teenage users report experiencing "drama among their friends on social media."

(Source: <https://www.realsimple.com>)

Question 30 (TH): The word "**digital**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. analogue B. numeracy C. numerous D. online

Question 31 (NB): The word "**they**" in paragraph 3 refers to ____.

- A. friends B. online-only friends C. online gamers D. their teammates

Question 32 (NB): According to the passage, what percentage of teens spend actual time with their friends?

- A. 23% B. 25% C. 27% D. 55%

Question 33 (TH): The following sentences are true, EXCEPT ____.

- A. Most teenagers use video chat to maintain relationship with friends
B. New forms of communication play an important role in keeping friendships
C. According to the survey, more than half of teens have ever made new friends online
D. Teens only meet face-to-face one fifth of online friends they have made

Question 34 (VD): What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The majority of teenage users agree that social media has negative consequences in their lives.
B. Thanks to social media, more than two thirds of teens are supported when they face with challenges in their lives.
C. Boys are more likely to meet new friends than girls.
D. Most teens are not easy to give others their usernames when making new friends.

Question 35 (TH): What is the synonym of the word "**breakup**" in the last paragraph?

- A. commencing B. popularity C. termination D. divorce

Question 36 (VD): What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The difference of making new friends between girls and boys.
B. Social media connects friendship.
C. Social media affects friendship too much.

D. Teenagers are making and keeping friends in a surprising way.

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 37 (TH): Nutritious snacks provide an important contribution towards your child's daily nutritional needs.

- A. Unhealthy B. Packed C. Cooked D. Inexpensive

Question 38 (VDC): She relies on you so much that she tells you the whole story. You'd better keep it under your hat.

- A. mysterious B. revealed C. confidential D. unknown

Choose the word that differs from pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 39 (TH): A. laughs B. mouths C. slopes D. presidents

Question 40 (NB): A. doubt B. mouth C. found D. bought

Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the sentence given in each of the following questions.

Question 41 (TH): It is not necessary to book tickets for the film in advance.

- A. We should book tickets for the film in advance.
B. It is obligatory to book tickets for the film in advance.
C. It is our duty to book tickets for the film in advance.
D. We needn't book tickets for the film in advance.

Question 42 (TH): "When did you start practising yoga?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom wanted to know when I was starting practising yoga.
B. Tom wanted to know when did I start practising yoga.
C. Tom wanted to know when I had started practising yoga.
D. Tom wanted to know when had I started practising yoga.

Question 43 (TH): Paul likes reading comic books more than watching cartoons.

- A. Paul likes watching cartoons more than reading comic books.
B. Paul likes watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
C. Paul doesn't like watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
D. Paul doesn't like reading comic books as much as watching cartoons.

Choose the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 44 (VD): Stop eating snacks. Otherwise, you may get overweight.

- A. Getting overweight can make you addicted to snacks.
B. Unless you get overweight, you will stop eating snacks.
C. You may not get overweight as long as you stop eating snacks.
D. Eating snacks can prevent you from getting overweight.

Question 45 (VDC): He arrived in class. He realized he had forgotten his book on the bus.

- A. No sooner had he realized he had forgotten his book on the bus than he arrived in class.

- B. Had he arrived in class, he would have realized he had forgotten his book on the bus.
- C. Only after he had realized he had forgotten his book on the bus did he arrive in class.
- D. Not until he arrived in class did he realize he had forgotten his book on the bus.

Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

In an unexpected sign of hope amid the expanding pandemic, scientists at the University of Oxford said on Tuesday that an inexpensive and commonly available drug reduced deaths in patients critically ill with COVID-19.

If the finding is officially confirmed, the drug, a steroid called dexamethasone would be the first treatment shown to reduce mortality in severely ill patients. Had doctors been using the drug to treat the sickest Covid-19 patients in Britain from the beginning of the pandemic, up to 5,000 deaths could have been prevented, the researchers estimated. In the study, it reduced deaths of patients on ventilators by one-third, and deaths of patients on oxygen by one-fifth.

Until now, hospitals worldwide have had nothing to offer these desperate, dying patients, and the prospect of a lifesaving treatment close at hand - in almost every pharmacy - was met with something like elation by doctors.

Dexamethasone is the first drug to be shown to improve survival in Covid-19, one of the trial's chief investigators, Peter Horby, a professor of emerging infectious diseases at the University of Oxford, said in a statement. The survival benefit is clear and large in those patients who are sick enough to require oxygen treatment.

However, there is still, obviously, a significant amount of scepticism. While hospitals in the United Kingdom were allowed to begin treating severely ill COVID-19 patients with dexamethasone, many experts in the United States demanded to see the data and the study itself, which have not yet been peer reviewed or published.

(Adapted from nytimes.com)

Question 46 (VD): According to paragraph 2, it is estimated by researchers that ____.

- A. 5000 patients could have been saved had there been enough medical equipment.
- B. 5000 patients would not have needed ventilators had dexamethasone been used.
- C. 5000 patients would likely have not died if they had been given dexamethasone.
- D. 5000 patients could have avoided COVID-19 infection if they had used steroids.

Question 47 (NB): The word 'it' in paragraph 2 refers to ____.

- A. the finding
- B. the drug
- C. the pandemic
- D. the study

Question 48 (VD): The word "elation" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. great confusion
- B. bitter anger
- C. deep regret
- D. immense joy

Question 49 (VD): Which of the following is NOT TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Before the dexamethasone research, hospitals had to give other drugs to COVID-19 patients.
- B. Many health experts in the US still remain doubtful of the dexamethasone research's findings.

C. Dexamethasone is a type of steroid that is cheap and readily available in many pharmacies.

D. Researchers found that dexamethasone can reduce mortality in severely ill COVID-19 patients.

Question 50 (VD): What is the best title for this passage?

A. Doctors Under Pressure As COVID-19 Spreads

B. Scientists Found Potential Treatment For COVID-19

C. The Lack of Drugs Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

D. Drugs Being Used to Treat COVID-19 Patients