

MOCK TEST 7

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. runsu B. mapsu C. worksu D. laughsu

Question 2: A. moon B. food C. pool D. foot

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 3: A. defend B. precede C. decent D. expand

Question 4: A. initiate B. epidemic C. opponent D. enthusiast

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

Question 5: There is nothing in the fridge, _____?

A. isn't there B. is there C. is it D. isn't it

Question 6: Mary expected _____ to her dreamy university, but she wasn't.

A. to admit B. admitting C. to be admitted D. being admitted

Question 7: I can't go with you because I _____ my homework yet.

A. hadn't finished B. haven't finished C. didn't finish D. don't finish

Question 8: If it _____ warm yesterday, we would have gone to the beach.

A. was B. were C. had been D. could be.

Question 9: The London Tower Bridge, _____, is a World Heritage Site.

A. measuring 244 metres long B. measured 244 metres long
C. to be measuring 244 metres long D. to be measuring 244 metres long

Question 10: The interviews with parents showed that the vast majority were _____ of teachers.

A. support B. supportive C. supporter D. supporting

Question 11: The plane would have landed easily _____ the thick fog.

A. but for B. because of C. due to D. despite

Question 12: Remember to appreciate what your friends do for you. You shouldn't take them _____.

A. out of habit B. as usual C. as a rule D. for granted

Question 13: If you have any problem, please call Ann. She'll always _____ a sympathetic ear.

A. bring B. borrow C. give D. lend

Question 14: Such approaches should be supported and mainstreamed in health interventions in order to _____ positive behavior change.

A. put off B. set off C. bring about D. hold up

Question 15: We have decided to _____ our research into environmental waste to ensure high health standards in this city.

A. broaden B. outweigh C. exaggerate D. boost

Question 16: The athlete failed in his last _____ to break the world record

A. trial B. effort C. attempt D. experience

Question 17: There was a _____ of thunder and then it started to pour with rain.

A.series B. clap C.sound D. flash
Question 18: I have bought this gym equipment _____ approval. I can return it within fifteen days.

A.with B.in C.on D. at

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 19: The doctor is busy right now, but he could probably fit you in later.

A. look after you B. examine your health problem
C. find time to see you D. try to cure your illness

Question 20: His boss has had enough of his impudence, and doesn't want to hire him anymore.

A. agreement B. obedience C. rudeness D. respect

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 21: Most of the school-leavers are sanguine about the idea of going to work and earning money.

A. pessimistic B. expected C. fearsome D. excited

Question 22: It is believed that conflicts between parents and children can be resolved by means of heart-to-heart talks.

A. harmony B. disagreements C. differences D. similarities

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

Question 23: Two students are chatting in the corridor after class.

- Tim: "Geography is certainly one of the most interesting subjects."

- Laura: " _____ "

A. I don't think so. You can say that again
B. I'm afraid I'm not with you. It gives me a headache
C. That's OK. As long as you like it
D. That's not true. I can't understand how you feel

Question 24: Two friends Peter and Linda are talking about pets.

- Peter: "Well, cats are very good at catching mice around the house."

- Linda: " _____ "

A. Nothing more to say. B. You can say that again.
C. Yes, I hope so. D. No, dogs are very good, too.

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.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is warning young people all over the world that they are also at risk from COVID-19. The WHO said young people are not exempt from catching the coronavirus. Many young people ____ (25) ____ believe they will not catch the virus because of their age. They think it is a disease that only older people catch. The WHO said the truth is ____ (26) ____ young people are catching the coronavirus and becoming ill or dying from it. It added that young people are also spreading the disease to their parents, grandparents and ____ (27) ____ people. The White House also urged young adults to follow advice and to avoid gathering in large groups to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The Director-General of the WHO said: "Today, I have a message for young people: You are not invincible." He added: "This coronavirus could put you in hospital for weeks, or even kill you. Even if you don't get sick, the choices you make about where you go could be the difference between life and death for someone else." The WHO said: "A significant proportion of patients ___ (28) ___ in hospital for COVID-19 around the world are aged under 50." New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said many young people are not ___ (29) ___ the state's social-distancing rules. He told young people that: "This is a public health issue and you cannot be endangering other peoples' health."

(Source: <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>)

- Question 25:** A. really B. mistakenly C. strongly D. frequently
Question 26: A. why B. what C. that D. when
Question 27: A. other B. others C. the others D. the other
Question 28: A. to treat B. to be treated C. treating D. treated
Question 29: A. following B. doing C. making D. keeping

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 30 to 34.

The Singapore Science Centre is located on a six-hectare site in Jurong. At the centre, we can discover the wonders of science and technology in a fun way. Clap your hands and colorful bulbs will light up. Start a wheel spinning and it will set off a fan churning. It is a place to answer our curiosity and capture our imagination.

The centre features over four hundred exhibits covering topics like solar radiation, communication, electronics, mathematics, nuclear energy and evolution. It aims to arouse interest in science and technology among us and the general public. The centre is the first science one to be established in South East Asia. It was opened in 1977 and it now receives an average of one thousand, two hundred visitors a day. The exhibits can be found in four exhibition galleries. They are the Lobby, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Aviation. These exhibits are renewed annually so as to encourage visitors to make return visits to the centre.

Instead of the usual "Hands off" notices found in exhibition halls, visitors are invited to touch and feel the exhibits, push the buttons, turn the cranks or pedals. This is an interesting way to learn science even if you hate the subject. A Discovery Centre was built for children between the ages of three and twelve. This new exhibition gallery was completed in 1985. Lately this year a stone-age exhibit was built. It shows us about the animals and people which were extinct.

(Source: language123.blogspot.com)

Question 30: What can be the best title of the passage?

- A. Singapore Science Centre B. Science Centre
 C. Discovery Centre D. Physical Sciences

Question 31 : The word "It" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the centre B. the general public C. evolution D. solar radiation

Question 32 : According to the paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT true about the Singapore Science Centre?

- A. Visitors are encouraged to return to the centre.
 B. The centre was not opened until 1977.
 C. The exhibits in the centre cover a wide range of topics.
 D. The centre is the first one established in the world.

Question 33: It is stated in paragraph 2 that _____.

- A. the science centre makes people interested in science and technology
- B. only students can visit the science centre
- C. visitors don't want to come back to the science centre
- D. there are only several exhibits in the science centre

Question 34 : The author mentions all of the following in the passage EXCEPT _____.

- A. The exhibits are renewed every year.
- B. The centre is located in Jurong.
- C. There are four exhibition galleries in the centre.
- D. The centre is the biggest in Asia.

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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.

Cambridge University is considering axing compulsory written exams, allowing students to use laptops or iPads instead, after tutors complained that students' handwriting is becoming illegible. Academics say the move, which would bring an end to over 800 years of tradition, has come about because students rely too heavily on laptops in lectures, and are losing the ability to write by hand.

Dr Sarah Pearsall, a senior lecturer at Cambridge University, said handwriting is becoming a "lost art" among the current generation of students. She added, "It's increasingly hard for our examiners to read students' scripts. **Those** with illegible writing are forced to come back to their college during the summer holidays to read their answers aloud in the presence of two university administrators. It's extraordinarily commendable that the University is considering reforms to its examination practices."

Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham, said it is inevitable that universities will move to computers as handwriting **deteriorates** in the coming years. "We have to accept the reality. Handwriting has now become an optional, not a necessary, part of education. There simply isn't the same time in the curriculum for learning elegant, beautiful handwriting. Life is so quick now. Everybody writes as if they were a doctor writing a prescription," he said. "Handwriting is not necessary for great thought, great English, or great intelligence. Some of our finest wordsmiths today write using laptops, and we have to fight to preserve what is really important, such as the use of great English or great sentence structures."

Others, however, were not very positive about the move. Tracey Trussell, a handwriting expert, urged Cambridge to ensure that students continue to write by hand. She said, "It's vital that people continue to write by hand. Writing by hand improves memory and equates to a higher rate of comprehension and information retention." There is also concern that schools could follow Cambridge's example by moving away from handwriting. Dr Jane Medwell, Associate Professor of Education at the University of Nottingham, is concerned that **scrapping** handwritten exams in universities could prompt "downward curriculum pressure" on primary and secondary schools to follow suit.

(Adapted from <http://www.telegraph.co.uk>)

Question 35: Which of the following best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Cambridge University in an Attempt to Improve Students' Handwriting
- B. Cambridge University Pondering Changes to its Exam Practices
- C. Cambridge University Attacked again for Abolishing Written Exams
- D. Cambridge University to Replace Written with Oral Exams

Question 36: According to paragraph 1, Cambridge University has a long-standing tradition of _____.

- A. offering academic tutorials
- B. organising handwritten exams
- C. relying heavily on technology
- D. training students in legible handwriting

Question 37: The word "Those" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. examiners
- B. students
- C. scripts
- D. administrators

Question 38: The word "deteriorates" in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. remains unchanged
- B. becomes more important
- C. improves gradually
- D. gets worse and worse

Question 39: It can be inferred from what Sir Anthony Seldon said in paragraph 3 that _____.

- A. schools in the country used to have more time for handwriting practice
- B. schools in the country have failed to preserve the beauty of English
- C. people's handwriting generally reflects their intelligence and linguistic competence
- D. the majority of doctors these days no longer write prescriptions by hand

Question 40: The word "scrapping" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. reconsidering
- B. eliminating
- C. introducing
- D. discouraging

Question 41: As mentioned in paragraph 4, writing by hand can _____.

- A. enhance the ability to remember information
- B. guarantee desirable academic performance
- C. facilitate the process of information exchange
- D. relieve students of unnecessary pressure

Question 42: Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Cambridge University's move away from handwriting has already set an unprecedented example for other schools to follow.
- B. Sarah Pearsall acknowledged handwriting as an art form to be preserved among the current generation of students at Cambridge University.
- C. Sir Anthony Seldon claimed that learning to use great English was more important than learning to write by hand beautifully.
- D. Most of the tutors at Cambridge are skeptical of the university's decision regarding handwritten exams

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 43: I'm becoming increasingly forgettable. Last week I locked myself out of the house twice.

- A. I'm becoming
- B. forgettable
- C. myself
- D. the

Question 44: They are having their house being painted by a construction company.

- A. having
- B. their
- C. being painted
- D. construction

Question 45: The production manager was asked to write his report quickly, accurately, and in a detailed manner.

- A. production
- B. was asked
- C. quickly
- D. in a detailed manner.

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

Question 46: This is the most delicious cake I've ever tasted.

- A. This cake is not as delicious as I've ever tasted.
- B. This cake is not more delicious than I've ever tasted.
- C. I've ever tasted such a delicious cake as this one.
- D. I've never tasted a more delicious cake than this one.

Question 47: "Don't forget to submit your assignments by Thursday," said the teacher to the students.

- A. The teacher reminded the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
- B. The teacher allowed the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
- C. The teacher ordered the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
- D. The teacher encouraged the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.

Question 48: I'm sure that they had practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

- A. They couldn't have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals
- B. They must have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals
- C. They shouldn't have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals
- D. They might have practiced hard for the games as they won a lot of medals.

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

Question 49: I had just arrived home. I was called immediately back to the head office 10 kilometers away

- A. Hardly had I arrived home when I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- B. Because I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- C. Should I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- D. Whenever I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.

Question 50: The car driver in front stopped so suddenly. Therefore, the accident happened.

- A. If the car driver in front didn't stop so suddenly, the accident wouldn't happen.
- B. If the car driver in front hadn't stopped so suddenly, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- C. If the car driver in front hadn't stopped so suddenly, the accident would have happened.
- D. If the car driver in front had stopped suddenly, the accident would have happened.