

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.

A group of researchers and experts in America and Australia listed 12 countries affecting (27) _____ to the ocean by the year 2018 and Southeast Asia area has up to 5 representatives: Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. China ranks the first with (28) _____ 8.8 million plastic wastes, and Vietnam ranks the fourth with 1.8 million. It is really alarming that the developing countries are main causes of environmental pollution in 10 recent years. A terrible fact probably occurring by 2050 is that the ocean (29) _____ much more wastes than sea creatures if the plastic wastes situation is still continuing, according to the United Nations report. (30) _____, the unexpected fact is that it takes only 5 seconds to produce a plastic bag, 1 second to throw, but up to 500 or even 1000 years to decompose.

A reason for water pollution in Vietnam is that many companies and enterprises cannot manage rubbish and then pour wastes into rivers and streams, (31) _____ the government cannot control at all.

- Question 27:** A. deeply B. considerably C. significantly D. largely
Question 28: A. mostly B. almost C. most D. most of
Question 29: A. consists B. comprises C. includes D. contains
Question 30: A. Moreover B. Therefore C. However D. Whereas
Question 31: A. where B. that C. which D. what

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Once your child is born, they start learning motor skills, language skills, cognitive skills, and emotional skills.

Regarding motor skills, it is largely the family's responsibility for teaching these skills. Even if your child is in daycare, the work that parents put in at home to teach these skills is much more effective than in the few hours your child is under someone else's care. Your child will learn how to sit up, walk, run, climb, hold a spoon and so on. These seem quite natural to us as adults, but they are skills that have to be fine-tuned at a very young age, and they also **reinforce** your child's independence which is essential for their development.

Language skills are another essential component of the role of family in child development. If you do not speak to your child and teach them your language, they will never learn. One infamous example of this occurring is with Genie, a child who was locked in a dark room with extremely little human contact until she was rescued at age 13. She was never able to develop language fluency because it was never taught to her. So, teaching your children language skills from a young age is also essential to child development.

Another skill that is very important for child development is emotion. Emotional skills are important throughout your child's entire life as they teach them when to have sympathy and compassion for others as well as teach them how to deal with the **highs and lows** that come with

life. If your child does not have proper emotional skills, they will not be able to deal with bad outcomes. If they lack emotional skills, it could lead to destructive choices when they are older.

To help develop your child's emotional skills, teaching them to smile and wave when they are babies is a good place to start. When they get a bit older, teaching them to share is very important. In a family, because there are multiple people, the family can be very helpful in developing a child's skills with the multiple perspectives. To bring this more to foundational building blocks, while your child is very young, something very helpful for family members to do is to teach children basic emotions. When a child is feeling a certain way, naming emotions and describing them are important ways for your child to understand how **they** are feeling. Once this foundation is set, children can learn how to respond to their feelings and move forward.

Question 32: Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. Skills and the Relation with Child Development
- B. The Most Essential Skills in Child Development
- C. Teaching Skills: When is the Best Time?
- D. Family's Roles in Child's Skill Development

Question 33: The word "**reinforce**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. strengthen
- B. harbor
- C. subside
- D. damage

Question 34: The story of Genie mentioned in paragraph 3 proves that _____.

- A. communication with others may help children develop their language skills.
- B. public did not know anything about the evil that happened to the poor girl.
- C. a teenager is unable to learn language skills as naturally as a child.
- D. children may not grow up without having human contact daily.

Question 35: The phrase "**highs and lows**" in paragraph 4 most probably means _____.

- A. joys and sorrows
- B. happiness and sadness
- C. love and hatred
- D. successes and failures

Question 36: According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT** true?

- A. Parents have the greater influence on their child's motor skills than others do.
- B. Children have to make great efforts to learn the skills considered spontaneous to adults.
- C. Emotion is the most indispensable skill for a child to become mature.
- D. Children should be taught how to express their emotions when they are babies.

Question 37: The word "**they**" in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. emotions
- B. your children
- C. ways
- D. family

members

Question 38: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Children may become deprived if their parents cannot be a good model.
- B. Children probably develop their skills completely in an extended family.
- C. The situation of Genie is not popular in the modern society.
- D. A child will be more independent if he knows how to respect others' emotions.

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 46 to 50.

The sound of music has changed as society has changed over the years, thus the change in the sound of music is really a reflection of our cultural evolution. In the beginning humans made music that closely mimicked the sounds they heard around them in nature in terms of tones and repetitions.

In Indigenous cultures, music played a role in ceremonies and traditions. Traditional instruments were played, and lyrics were often strongly linked to nature. The sounds of music reflected this close association that indigenous cultures had with the land and its wildlife. Over time, modern society has lost this connection. This is reflected in the changing sound of the music and in the changing lyrics of songs that are sung. With time, more musical instruments were developed and played together, **which** resulted in more sophisticated and complex sounds being produced. The beats, rhythms, tempo and lyrics of songs all changed along with the change in cultures.

Although some indigenous cultures such as many of the African tribes, Native American tribes, South American ethnic people, and Australian aborigines still **retain** the playing of their indigenous music, there have been influences from the western world incorporated into some of the music. Features of the sound of music have changed over the decades. The sound has definitely gotten louder. The pace and rhythm in many cases have become faster, possibly reflecting the fast pace of the modern world that we live in today. However the feature of music bounciness (how spiky and energetic the music feels) has become less today when compared with the music of the 1980s. Techno and reggae music are typical examples of what is known as bouncy music.

The sound of music has become more complex over history mainly due to the increased migration of people and their exposure to new elements. Today much of music has sounds with elements from more than one region. The increasing tendency for music artists to collaborate today is another reason we see more complexity and diversity in how music sounds.

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Question 46: Which of the following could serve as the best title for the passage?

- A. Why People Changed the Sound of Music?
- B. Music: Now and Then
- C. The Role of Music in Indigenous Cultures
- D. Nature and Music

Question 47: The word "**which**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. musical instruments
- B. developing and playing many musical instruments together
- C. the changing sound of the music
- D. the changing lyrics of songs

Question 48: The word "**retain**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. preserve
- B. reduce
- C. exchange
- D. combine

Question 49: According to the passage, the following features of music have increased over years, EXCEPT _____.

- A. the sound volume
- B. the pace and rhythm
- C. the connection to nature
- D. the sound's complexity and diversity

Question 50: Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A. Western music has more influence on indigenous music than others.
- B. The fast pace of life has caused the loss of connection to nature.
- C. Almost every feature of music sounds changed when the cultures altered.
- D. Modern music sounds contain different regional elements due to the collaboration of music artists.