

Họ, tên thí sinh:

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. talkeded B. misseded C. learneded D. watched

Question 2: A. gosh B. most C. frost D. cost

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. Supply B. consist C. happen D. delay

Question 4: A. comfortable B. necessary C. memorable D. unattractive

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: My brother hopes to travel around the world _____ next summer.

A. a B. an C. the D. Ø (no article)

Question 6: If he improved his IT skills, he _____ a job.

A. will easily get B. would easily get C. will easily have got D. would easily have got

Question 7: While I _____ at the bus stop, three buses went by in the opposite direction.

A. was waiting B. waited C. had waited D. were waiting

Question 8: It was the first time I had visitors _____ I had moved to London.

A. since B. as C. for D. because

Question 9: They advised me _____ visiting the troubled south of the country.

A. about B. Away C. against D. along

Question 10: The work that the students do _____ the year will count towards their final degrees.

A. during B. for C. by D. in

Question 11: Over the past 30 years, the average robot price _____ by half in real terms, and even further relative to labor costs.

A. is fallen B. has fallen C. were fallen D. have fallen

Question 12: Janet admitted _____ the car without insurance.

A. to be driving B. being driven C. to have driven D. having driven

Question 13: He should have his visa _____ before it expires if he does not want to be deported.

A. extend B. Extending C. extended D. extension

Question 14: The process of _____ Jackson from a talented teenager into a franchise player began in training camp.

A. exchanging B. Transforming C. altering D. converting

Question 15: The Supreme Court decision _____ the way for further legislation on civil rights.

A. made B. Took C. gave D. paved

Question 16: These _____ suggest that there is not direct link between unemployment and crime.

A. readings B. Discoveries C. findings D. outputs

Question 17: The situation has become _____ worse, and it is now impossible to handle.

- A. progressively B. Continuously C. frequently D. constantly

Question 18: When someone is down on their _____, friends are not easy to find.

- A. mood B. Luck C. fortune D. merit

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: Congo's presidential election is hoped to enable the country's first peaceful, democratic transfer of power since independence from Belgium in 1960.

- A. transplant B. removal C. conversion D. shifting

Question 20: We are having a surprise party for Susan next Saturday, so don't give the secret away by saying anything to her.

- A. ask anyone to come B. tell her the secret
C. go to the party D. find out the secret

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: Telomeres are the tiny caps on the ends of chromosomes that protect our DNA from damage during cell division.

- A. guard B. shape C. attack D. save

Question 22: If you say bad things about the person who give a job you bite the hand that feeds you.

- A. be unfriendly B. be ungrateful C. be thankful D. be devoted

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 23: Jane and Janet are talking about their favorite sports.

Jane: "Are you interested in scuba diving?" - Janet: "_____."

- A. Very. Undersea life is being strongly contaminated.
B. Very. Undersea life is fascinating.
C. Not any. Undersea life is too expensive.
D. Well, things are much different, now.

Question 24: Mary is talking to her professor in his office.

- Professor: "Congratulations on your award."

- Mary: "_____."

- A. I like it that you understand. B. I do appreciate your supervision.
C. I can't agree more with yours. D. I feel so sorry for you, professor.

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.

It is true that digital manufacturing does cut out the middle-man. More and more routine, repetitive assembly tasks will be taken (25) _____ by machines. But as certain jobs disappear, new ones open up in other parts of the factory. Germany in many ways exemplifies this trend. Today, German manufacturers (26) _____ three times more robots than U.S. companies, but they also still employ more humans. Relative to the size of our economies, German's manufacturing workforce is twice the size of America's.

From its very beginning, the fourth Industrial revolution has never presented manufacturers with an either-or choice - robots or humans. It has always been about combining the talents of (27) _____. (28) _____, it is the convergence of artificial and human intelligence that will enable manufacturers to achieve a new era of speed, flexibility, efficiency and connectivity in the 21st century. Machines have the

ability to assemble things faster than any human ever could, but humans possess the analytics, domain expertise and valuable knowledge (29)_____ to solve problems and optimize factory floor production.

(Adapted from: <http://time.com/4940374/joe-kaeser-siemens-robots-jobs/>)

- Question 25: A. in B. away C. off D. over
Question 26: A. deploy B. deform C. decrease D. develop
Question 27: A. ones B. they C. Both D. two
Question 28: A. Alternatively B. Ultimately C. Correspondingly D. Consequently
Question 29: A. Required B. Gained C. acquired D. obtained

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.

Bitcoins are a form of virtual currency. In other words, they are a type of money that does not exist in the actual world. However, **they** can be used to purchase actual products and services from real companies.

The bitcoin system was created in 2009 by an enigmatic person named Satoshi Nakamoto. In fact, no one is sure if Satoshi Nakamoto is an actual person or a group of people. Bitcoins are designed to serve as an alternative to national currencies, such as dollars and euros. They can be used to pay for things instead of cash or credit cards. When bitcoins are transferred from a buyer to a seller, the transaction is recorded in a public database.

Governments are concerned that bitcoins can easily be stolen by hackers. It has dawned on them that they might be used for illegal purposes. For example, stolen goods could be purchased without the government's knowledge. Although more and more companies are beginning to accept bitcoins, the percentage of purchases made using bitcoins is **minuscule** compared to other online payment methods, such as credit cards. Instead, many bitcoin owners simply keep them as an investment since more valuable in the future.

This may or may not be a wise approach. Currently, the value of bitcoins is fluctuating wildly, especially when compared to highly stable national currencies. Bitcoin Investors are gambling on the hope that as this high-tech money becomes more widely accepted, its value will soar.

(Adapted from: <https://www.digitalcommerce360.com/>)

Question 30: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. A new kind of currency in the virtual world
B. A way of doing business in the virtual world
C. An alternative to bitcoins created by Nakamoto
D. The future of bitcoins in the real world.

Question 31: The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to

- A. dollars B. euros C. things D. bitcoins

Question 32: The word "**minuscule**" is closest in meaning to

- A. considerable B. small C. minimal D. increasing

Question 33: Why are bitcoins of great concern to governments?

- A. Because the value of bitcoins is fluctuating wildly.
B. Because bitcoins will eventually replace national currencies.
C. Because bitcoins may be used in illegal transactions.
D. Because most of bitcoin owners are hackers.

Question 34: Which of the following is defined in the passage?

- A. Bitcoins B. Transactions C. Credit cards D. Public Database

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.

A mansion is a very large home. McDonald's is the name of a fast food hamburger chain. What do you get when you put the two together? You get McMansion, the recently created name for a type of large suburban, two storied home that originated in the United States. Many people love McMansions for their low price, abundant space and impressive styling, but the news is not all good. In fact, **McMansions may now be a threatened species.**

McMansion became very popular in the United States during the 1990s, and this popularity continued for almost 20 years. During those years the economy was relatively strong, and banks were willing to lend large sums of money to people who wanted to buy a home. The result was an increase in the average home size. In 1988, the average new American home was 170 square meters, but by 2008 this had risen to 244 square meters, a 44% increase.

To offset the greater costs of these large homes, land developers built many homes that all used a similar basic design and identical construction methods. Framing and interior fittings were constructed in factories, instead of on site, and the materials used were often of a lower quality. Finally, the sections of land used for each house were much smaller than before.

The result was suburban developments full of huge homes, often over 280 square meters in floor area, that all looked similar to each other. Their standardization and lowest possible-cost construction reminded people of McDonald's hamburgers, hence the term McMansion. For many people a McMansion was their dream home, but that dream is now rapidly **turning sour.**

There are two main problems with McMansions. One problem is that their huge size means that they cost a lot to heat or cool. Energy is becoming more expensive, so owners are faced with huge bills if they try to heat or cool their home. The other problem is that McMansion owners are often in a lot of debt. They borrowed a lot of money to pay for their impressive home, but during the 2000s, with struggling economy and high unemployment, they couldn't afford to repay their loan.

McMansion are still popular in some area, but no one is sure how long **it** will last. Will energy become even more expensive and force owners to downsize? Will the economy grow and banks become more willing to lend again? Will the drop-in house prices allow larger, less affluent families to afford a McMansion? These questions are weighing heavily on the future of one of the most popular housing styles of the late 20th century.

(Source: Reading planet)

Question 35: In paragraph 1, the writer introduces the concept of McMansion by_____.

- A. comparing hamburgers and houses
- B. introducing various types of homes in the United States
- C. discussing the advantages and disadvantages of McMansions
- D. explaining how McMansions were named

Question 36: The phrase "**turning sour**" in paragraph 4 refers to the fact that_____.

- A. the large and lowest possible-cost McMansion became unaffordable for many owners
- B. land developers built homes using a similar basic design and identical construction methods
- C. the materials used to construct framing and interior fittings were often of a low quality
- D. suburban areas were full of huge homes that all looked similar to each other

Question 37: According to the passage, which of the following is a major problem with McMansions?

- A. Their impressive designs make them dream homes for many people.
- B. The large size of McMansions asks their owners for huge energy bills.

- C. The identical look of the McMansions everywhere makes them no longer popular.
- D. The identical look of the McMansions reminds people of McDonald's hamburgers.

Question 38: Which of the following statements is true about McMansions according to the passage?

- A. They don't have much interior space for furniture and other home activities
- B. They were one of the most popular housing styles of the late 20th century.
- C. Their owners are all very rich and able to afford McMansions, mostly bankers.
- D. They all just look very different to each other if looked from the above.

Question 39: Which of the following statements is NOT true about McMansions?

- A. They share the same large size and impressive designs.
- B. The strong economy made them less popular even among the wealthy.
- C. The materials used were often of a lower quality, hence lower cost.
- D. The sections of land used for each house were much smaller than before.

Question 40: What can be inferred from this sentence in paragraph 1: "McMansions may now be a threatened species"?

- A. Some threatened species are living in McMansions.
- B. It's dangerous to live in McMansions.
- C. McMansions may be destroyed soon.
- D. People will not build McMansions anymore.

Question 41: The word "it" in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. the popularity of McMansions in some areas
- B. the fact that few people can afford a McMansion
- C. the struggling economy and high unemployment
- D. the dream of owning an impressive McMansion

Question 42: Why does the writer ask questions in paragraph 6?

- A. to discuss the rise and fall of energy prices for America houses
- B. to emphasize the importance of McMansions in American culture
- C. to make readers think about the future of McMansions
- D. to explain why McMansions are still popular these days

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: The poor old man never was able to explain what was going on to his family.

A B C D

Question 44: "Hollywood's Eve" fills in many of the gaps in our knowledges of Babitz's life and work.

A B C D

Question 45: It was in 1896 in Athens, Greece where the first modern Olympics were held.

A B C D

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: No other student in his class is as successful as Pat.

- A. Pat succeeded in beating all other students in his class.
- B. Pat is the most successful student in his class.
- C. His class is less successful than Pat is.
- D. The more successful his class is, the more success Pat gets.

Question 47: "I really don't think that he'll attend the meeting tomorrow."

- A. I did tell you that he would attend the meeting the next day.
- B. I will never forget his attendance at the meeting tomorrow.
- C. I doubt that he will attend the meeting tomorrow.
- D. I don't agree to his attendance at the meeting.

Question 48: The teacher had only just came in the room when the fire alarm rang.

- A. While the teacher was coming in the room, she heard the fire alarm ring.
- B. As soon as the fire alarm had rung, the teacher came in the room.
- C. Before the teacher came in the room, the fire alarm rang
- D. Hardly had the teacher come in the room when the fire alarm rang.

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: Dad's car is very old. He can't afford to buy a new one.

- A. Dad's car is very old, but he can't afford to buy a new one.
- B. Dad's car is very old, so he can't afford to buy a new one.
- C. Dad can't afford to buy a new one just as his car is very old.
- D. Dad's car is very old, though he can't afford to buy a new one.

Question 50: William Clark was not granted the rank of captain. Captain Lewis more or less ignored this and treated Clark as his equal in authority and rank.

- A. William Clark was not granted the rank of captain because Captain Lewis more or less ignored this and treated Clark as his equal in authority and rank.
- B. William Clark was not granted the rank of captain, thus Captain Lewis more or less ignored this and treated Clark as his equal in authority and rank.
- C. Although William Clark was not granted the rank of captain, Captain Lewis more or less Ignored this and treated Clark as his equal in authority and rank.
- D. As William Clark was not granted the rank of captain, Captain Lewis more or less ignored this and treated Clark as his equal in authority and rank.

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