

Mark the word whose underlined part differs from the others in pronunciation in the following questions.

Question 1: A. handeded B. nakeded C. lookeded D. floodeded

Question 2: A. search B. heart C. eath D. heard

Question 17: There has been a(n) ____ of interest in networking websites in many parts of the world in the last ten years.

- A. outbreak B. breakthrough C. explosion D. advent

Question 18: Laura's suggestion was turned down because it lacked convincing experimental ____.

- A. help B. assistance C. aid D. support

Question 19: Everyone else in my class laughed loudly about something my teacher had said, but I didn't ____ the joke.

- A. take B. tell C. make D. get

Mark the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in the following questions.

Question 20: Going to a highly prestigious university is a mixed blessing because I'll have to study far harder and can be under much pressure.

- A. something that is neither good nor bad B. something that produces unexpected results
C. something that has both the pros and cons D. something either negative or positive

towards the disabled are quite good.

D

Mark the sentence that is closest in meaning to the sentence given in the following questions.

Question 29: My girlfriend said to me “I was waiting for the bus at 8 o’clock yesterday”.

- A. My girlfriend told me that she had been waiting for the bus at 8 o’clock the previous day.
- B. My girlfriend told me that I had been waiting for the bus at 8 o’clock the day before.
- C. My girlfriend told me that I was waiting for the bus at 8 o’clock the previous day.
- D. My girlfriend told me that she was waiting for the bus at 8 o’clock the day before.

Question 30: Her essay is more terrific than my essay.

- A. Her essay isn’t as terrific as mine.
- B. My essay isn’t as terrific as her.
- C. Her essay is more terrific than me.
- D. My essay isn’t as terrific as hers.

Question 31: Since my father is not home yet, I’m pretty sure that he is on his way.

travellers anymore. Chinese credit cards are becoming more and more accepted in Europe and elsewhere. Hotels, airports and shopping malls around the world have been hiring Mandarin speakers.

Shopping is the main reason for Chinese citizens to travel abroad. China is becoming the biggest market for luxury goods. Louis Viton bags and Rolex watches are only two items (36) ____ Chinese are fond of, and they will do anything and go anywhere to get them. Luxury items are bought as status symbols. Many Chinese buy them abroad because there are high taxes on (37) ____ goods inside China.

However, Chinese citizens also go to other countries for sports and leisure (38) _____. Canada, for example, wants to help Chinese tourists during the winter months by hiring Chinese skiing instructors. They also go on extended tours of Europe and the US and enjoy a new culture that is different from what they experience at home.

- Question 34:** A. in contrast B. for instance C. in general D. after all
Question 35: A. demanding B. ordering C. requesting D. offering
Question 36: A. who B. when C. whose D. that
Question 37: A. every B. many C. such D. each
Question 38: A. incidents B. pursuits C. actions D. duties

Read the passage and mark the correct answer to the questions.

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- A. How can parents maintain their children's education in the pandemic?
- B. What should parents do to help their children reduce stress?
- C. How does the pandemic affect children's education?
- D. What are the new ways to learn in the COVID-19 pandemic?

Question 40: According to paragraph 2, what does Robert Jenkins suggest that parents should do?

- A. Separating learning online from doing everyday activities.
- B. Letting their children free in their leisure time.
- C. Not involving their children in doing domestic chores.
- D. Planning a flexible routine that is suitable for the age of their children.

Question 41: The word "**agitated**" in paragraph 2 most probably means ____.

- A. excited and enjoyable
- B. anxious and nervous
- C. tired and bored
- D. relaxed and comfortable

Question 42: According to the passage, the following are the ways to have open conversations with children, **EXCEPT** ____.

- A. Stimulate children to ask questions and express their

with the same temperature. Jacksonville, in contrast, is likely pushing leaf production later by about one day and flowers by about half a day, with leaves appearing two days later and flowers a day later in Houston.

Even after accounting for urban heat islands, the team's models revealed cities significantly affect plants' springtime growth. "Not only are there other things going on, but they actually matter quite a lot," said study co-author Brian Stucky, Florida Museum research scientist. Plants may not be the only organisms affected by seasonal shifts, he added. "Seasons are such a big part of our lives. We define our world around seasonal things. Those rhythms are what we think of as the normal way the world works."

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Question 44: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Fauna and flora reply to human influences.
- B. Embracing the urbanization challenges.
- C. Urbanization may hold the key to plant survival.
- D. Urbanization delays spring plant growth.

Question 45: The word “**nuanced**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. subtle
- B. trivial
- C. obvious
- D. refined