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Time allowance: 60 minutes

**PRONUNCIATION**

- Question 1. A. used                      B. promised                      C. stopped                      D. coughed  
 Question 2. A. effect                      B. enter                      C. restore                      D. engage

**STRESS**

- Question 3. A. support                      B. slogan                      C. icon                      D. motto  
 Question 4. A. dominate                      B. introduce                      C. represent                      D. interfere

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

- Question 5. Your sister seldom cooked meals, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. was she                      B. wasn't she                      C. did she                      D. didn't she
- Question 6: Lots of houses \_\_\_\_\_ by the earthquake.  
 A. are destroying                      B. destroyed                      C. were destroying                      D. were destroyed
- Question 7 : I think that married couples should be financially independent \_\_\_\_\_ their parents.  
 A. to                      B. of                      C. with                      D. on
- Question 8. The more confident you look, \_\_\_\_\_ you will feel.  
 A. the best                      B. the worse                      C. better                      D. the better
- Question 9. Robert wanted to know if I was leaving the \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.  
 A. following                      B. ago                      C. previous                      D. before
- Question 10: In \_\_\_\_\_ most social situations, \_\_\_\_\_ formality is appreciated.  
 A. Ø / Ø                      B. a / a                      C. the / Ø                      D. the / the
- Question 11. \_\_\_\_\_ they are delicious, hamburgers and French fries are too high in fat.  
 A. However                      B. Although                      C. Because                      D. Despite
- Question 12. By the time you finish cooking, they \_\_\_\_\_ their homework.  
 A. will have finished                      B. will finish                      C. had finished                      D. have finished
- Question 13. It \_\_\_\_\_ it is parents' responsibility to take good care of their children.  
 A. is commonly saying                      B. commonly to be said that  
 C. is commonly said that                      D. commonly says that
- Question 14: Thirty-one people have been injured in \_\_\_\_\_ incidents throughout the day.  
 A. violent                      B. violence                      C. violently                      D. violate
- Question 15: Then what chemical is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ a horrible smell.  
 A. giving over                      B. giving off                      C. giving down                      D. giving up
- Question 16. It's said that the government has made no \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against inflation; indeed, the situation has worsened recently.  
 A. triumph                      B. effect                      C. dominance                      D. headway
- Question 17: At first, no one believed she was a pilot, but her documents lent \_\_\_\_\_ to her statements.  
 A. Ear                      B. hand                      C. work                      D. color
- Question 18: John looked up at Jane and gave a smile of love, \_\_\_\_\_ and gratitude.  
 A. apprehension                      B. anger                      C. reliance                      D. trust
- Question 19: \_\_\_\_\_ spent over \$200 on repairs, she wasn't expecting any more problems.  
 A. Have spent                      B. Having been spent                      C. After being spent                      D. Having spent
- Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s)
- Question 20: I hope things will start to look up in the new year.  
 A. get better                      B. get worse                      C. become popular                      D. get bored
- Question 21: Drunk driving can lead to some tragic results.  
 A. miserable                      B. peaceful                      C. delighted                      D. lasting
- Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s)
- Question 22: He was so insubordinate that he lost his job within a week.



- A. fresh                      B. disobedient                      C. obedient                      D. understanding

**Question 23:** 'What I've got to say to you now is off the record and most certainly not for publication,' said the government official to the reporter.

- A. already official                      B. without fail                      C. not popular                      D. not recorded

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

**Question 24:** John is talking to Daisy about her new blouse

- John : "You really have a beautiful blouse, Daisy, I've never seen such a perfect thing on you !"

- Daisy : "\_\_\_\_\_."

- A. I'm sorry to hear that. B. Thanks, That's a nice compliment. C. Don't mention it. D. Thanks for your gift!

**Question 25:** Mai and Tuan are talking about modern Robot

Mai: I believe that modern robots will be more intelligent and replace humans in many dangerous jobs.

Tuan: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. That's just what I think of course.                      B. That sounds interesting.  
C. That's a good idea.                      D. Why not? Believe me!

**Read and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

It's the end of the school year and the exam period is approaching. Undoubtedly, exams (26)\_\_\_\_\_ pressure on both students and parents alike. (27)\_\_\_\_\_parents would like to see their children succeeding academically, as they believe a good education gives them an added advantage in life. They want to see their children settled in a rewarding job and be financially well-off. But is that what their children have planned for themselves? Apparently it is not. Most students either can't think that far ahead or have no intention of doing so. They would rather aim low so as not to be disappointed if they get low marks.

However, child psychologists, who have been consulted on the matter, stress that students should aim high, but at the same time have a variety of other options. (28) \_\_\_\_\_, students will not have to worry about grades and in the long term they will have better chances of succeeding. On the whole, there are many practical and invaluable things (29)\_\_\_\_\_ parents can do for their children.

Apart from being people their children can turn to, parents can plan a reasonable schedule that both they and their children agree on. According to psychologists' (30)\_\_\_\_\_, this schedule should include no more than eight hours of studying, three proper meals a day and some exercise. Above all, prior to each exam, parents need to reassure their children that everything will be fine whatever the result.

**Question 26:** A. put                      B. force                      C. give                      D. bring

**Question 27:** A. Most                      B. Almost                      C. Lot of                      D. Much

**Question 28:** A. Moreover                      B. However                      C. Therefore                      D. In contrast

**Question 29:** A. whom                      B. who                      C. why                      D. that

**Question 30:** A. announcements                      B. clues                      C. instructions                      D. qualities

**Read and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions**

We first learn about loving and caring relationships from our families. Family is defined as a domestic group of people with some degree of kinship - whether through blood, marriage, or adoption. Ideally, each child is nurtured, respected, and grows up to care for others and develop strong and healthy relationships. This does not mean that it is always easy to make and keep friends; it just means that we share the goal of having strong relationships.

"Family" includes your *siblings* and parents, as well as relatives who you may not interact with every day, such as your cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and stepparents. These are probably the people you are closest to and with whom you spend the most time. Having healthy relationships with your family members is both important and difficult.

Families in the 21st century come in all shapes and sizes: traditional, single parent, blended (more than one family together in the same house), and gay and lesbian parents -just to name a few. No matter the "type" of family you have, there are going to be highs and lows - good times and bad. Many times, however, families become blocked in their relationships by hurt, anger, mistrust, and confusion. *These* are natural and normal, and few families do not have at least a few experiences with them. The worst time for most families, is during a



divorce. By making a few simple changes in the way we look at the world and deal with other people, it is possible to create happier, more stable relationships. Families need to be units of mutual caring and support; they can be sources of lifelong strength for all individuals.

**Question 31.** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The importance of sharing housework in a family.      B. The importance of having children in a family.  
C. The role of members in family.      D. The healthy relationships among members in family.

**Question 32.** Ideally, each child is nurtured, respected, and grows up \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. to keep in touch with the people around them.      B. to keep a track of the people around them.  
C. to be familiar with the people around them.      D. to be concerned about the people around them.

**Question 33.** Which of the following is closest in meaning to "*siblings*" in paragraph 2?

- A. brothers & sisters      B. husband & wife      C. children      D. friends

**Question 34.** What does the word "**These**" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. good and bad times      B. feelings      C. relationships      D. high and lows

**Question 35.** According to the passage, which of the following statement is **NOT TRUE**?

- A. The worst time that each family has to experience is during a divorce  
B. The change in our viewpoint can facilitate stable relationships.  
C. There is no doubt that families encounter ups and downs  
D. Keeping a healthy relationship is rather simple.

**Read and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions**

Most of the fastening devices used in clothing today, like the shoelace, the button, and the safety pin have existed in some form in various cultures for thousands of years. But the zipper was the brainchild of one American inventor, namely Whitcomb Judson of Chicago. At the end of the 19th century. Judson was already a successful inventor, with a dozen patents to his credit for mechanical items such as improvements to motors and railroad braking system.

He then turned his mind to create a replacement for the lengthy shoelaces which were then used in both men's and women's boots. On August 29th 1893, he won another patent, for what he called the case "locker". Though the model was somewhat clumsy, and frequently jammed, it did work: in fact, Judson and his business associate Lewis Walker had sewn the device into their own boots. Although Judson displayed his clasp-locker at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893, the public largely ignored **it**. The company founded by Judson and Walker, Universal Fastener, despite further **refinements**, never really succeeded in marketing the device.

The earliest zip fasteners were being used in the clothing industry by 1905, but it was only in 1913, after a Swedish-American engineer, Gideon Sundback, had remodeled Judson's fastener into a more streamlined and reliable form, that the zipper was a success. The US Army applied zippers to the clothing and equipment of the troops of World War I. By the late 1920s, zippers could be found in all kinds of clothing, footwear, and carrying cases; by the mid-1930s, zippers had even been **embraced** by the fashion industry.

The term "zipper" was coined as onomatopoeia (resembling the sound it makes) by B.F. Goodrich whose company started marketing rubber shoes featuring the fastener in 1923. Regrettably, Whitcomb Judson died in 1909, and never heard the term, or saw the success by which his invention would become popular.

**Question 36.** What is the author's main point in the second paragraph?

- A. Judson lacked marketing skills  
B. Although Judson invented a workable product, it did not appeal to the public  
C. Judson was a poor businessman  
D. Despite being a successful inventor, Judson failed with the clasp-locker

**Question 37.** The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. World's Fair      B. Judson      C. Clasp-locker      D. The public

**Question 38.** The word "**refinements**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. promotion      B. additions      C. improvements      D. changes

**Question 39.** According to the passage, zippers did not really become a success until \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. they were used in the apparel industry after 1905      B. the Army used them in World War I



C. in 1913 after being remodeled

D. be the late 1920s

**Question 40.** According to the passage, by the late 1920s zippers could be found in all of the following industries EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. fashion

B. luggage

C. footwear

D. tents

**Question 41.** The word "**embraced**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. welcomed

B. discarded

C. promoted

D. considered

**Question 42.** Which of the following statements can best be inferred from the passage about zippers?

A. a successful model had been developed commercially before Sundbach's version because it was used in the clothing industry by 1905

B. the imaginative name was a major factor in its success

C. If Judson had still been alive by World War I, his company would have been more successful

D. Judson was an inventor, not a business man

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the questions.*

**Question 43.** My brother usually (A) asked me (B) for help when he has (C) difficulty with (D) his homework.

**Question 44.** They are (A) having (B) her house (C) painted by a (D) construction company.

**Question 45.** He (A) paid me a (B) complement on my web design skills (C) that had been (D) obtained during my study in Oxford University.

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the questions.*

**Question 46:** We have been cooking for the party for four hours.

A. We didn't start cooking for the party until four.

B. We have four cooks for the party

C. We started cooking for the party four hours ago.

D. Cooking for the party will be done in four hours

**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 to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences**

**Question 49:** She was the first woman in the Philippines. She was elected as the president of the country.

A. She was the first woman being elected as the president of the Philippines.

B. She was the first woman who is elected as the president of the Philippines.

C. She was the first woman to be elected as the president of the Philippines.

D. She was the first woman elected as the president of the Philippines.

**Question 50:** We couldn't solve the problem until our teacher arrived.

A. Not until we solved the problem could our teacher arrive.

B. When our teacher arrived, we solved the problem.

C. Until our teacher arrived, we were able to solve the problem.

D. Not until our teacher arrived could we solve the problem.