

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

Question 1: Robert Mugabe has ruled Zimbabwe since the _____ achieved independence in 1980.

- A. national B. nation C. nationality D. nationally

Question 2: It is time to begin, _____?

- A. isn't it B. are they C. do I D. is it

Question 3: At first, I give a(n) _____ impression that you are too anxious for a settlement.

- A. wrong B. false C. improper D. incorrect

Question 4: Grinder, a 35-year military veteran, was named to the post _____ Thursday, Jan. 13

- A. on B. in C. of D. with

Question 5: Poteet will receive a \$100 cash _____ and \$200 for his school to purchase books.

- A. bonus B. award C. gift D. prize

Question 6: Kids without guidance got into trouble _____ there was nothing else to do.

- A. because B. though C. because of D. despite

Question 7: Tonight, Hana wore a _____ dress at the party.

- A. gorgeous red Chinese B. gorgeous Chinese red
C. red Chinese gorgeous D. Chinese red gorgeous

Question 8: Don't _____ when he is telling the story.

- A. stop in B. stop off C. break in D. break into

Question 9: My father _____ TV when my friend suddenly came to my house.

- A. has watched B. watches C. watched D. was watching

Question 10: _____, I will give him your regards.

- A. When I see him B. When I saw him
C. When I was seeing him D. When I had seen him

Question 11: Could you _____ me a favour and pick up Sam from school today?

- A. make B. do C. put D. go

Question 12: The doctor said that she might never be able to _____ children.

- A. care B. tolerate C. bear D. feed

Question 13: This house _____ in the 18th century.

- A. is building B. were build C. was built D. is built

Question 14: _____ her homework, she watched her favourite movie.

- A. Having finished B. finish C. being finished D. she finishes

Question 15: The sooner JK take your medicine, _____ he will feel.

- A. better B. the better C. the good D. well

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 16: Ann and Peter are doing homework together.

- Ann: "Could you lend me that book?"

- Peter: "_____"

A. No, I'm busy.

B. That's what I think.

C. Why did you say that?

D. Of course, here it is.

Question 17: Linda is thanking Daniel for his birthday present.

- Linda: "Thanks for the book. I've been looking for it for months."

- Daniel: "_____"

A. You can say that again.

B. Thank you for looking at it.

C. I like reading books.

D. I'm glad you like it.

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 18: A. permission B. suggestion C. refusal D. possible

Question 19: A. forest B. succeed C. homeless D. nation

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 20: A. stopped B. wanted C. decided D. visited

Question 21: A. head B. please C. heavy D. measure

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 22: They tell us she isn't allowed to leave unless she gets the doctor's permission.

A. disapproval

B. objection

C. agreement

D. refusal

Question 23: Before the 1950s, urbanization mainly occurred in more economically developed countries (MEDCs).

A. happened

B. take place

C. concentrated

D. expanded

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 24: I would love to go back to college, but unfortunately, that ship has sailed.

A. it was late

B. it was timely

C. it was inconvenient

D. it was traditional

Question 25: A comfortable working environment will increase productivity.

A. promote

B. raise

C. decrease

D. go up

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 26: It was not until they had reached Dak Lak that they realized how far they had gone.

A. Not until they had reached Dak Lak did they realize how far they had gone.

B. Not until had they reached Dak Lak, they realized how far they had gone.

- C. Not until they reached Dak Lak had they realized how far they had gone.
D. Not until they realized how far they had gone had they reached Dak Lak.

Question 27: They have a lot of homework today.

- A. They wish they had not a lot of homework today.
B. They wish they didn't have a lot of homework today.
C. They wish they had had little homework today.
D. They wish they wouldn't have a lot of homework today.

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 28: Let's start by reviewing what we do with those friends last week.

- A. start B. reviewing C. do D. friends

Question 29: Lily and her mother went to hospital last week to check our health.

- A. her B. went C. last D. our health

Question 30: I must complement you on your handling of a very difficult situation.

- A. must B. complement C. handling D. very

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 31: She advised him to go to the dentist immediately.

- A. He would go to the dentist immediately. B. She should go to the dentist immediately.
C. He should go to the dentist immediately. D. He must go to the dentist immediately.

Question 32: She said, "Don't laugh, Jessica. Be serious."

- A. She said not to laugh and be serious.
B. She said Jessica not to laugh and be serious.
C. She told Jessica not to laugh and asked him to be serious.
D. She told Jessica do not laugh and be serious.

Question 33: The last time I played the piano was 10 years ago.

- A. I have not played the piano for 10 years ago. B. I have not played the piano for 10 years.
C. I have not played the piano since 10 years. D. I did not play the piano since 10 years.

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 34 to 38.

Plants and animals will find it difficult to escape from or adjust to the effect of global warming. Scientists have already observed shifts in the life cycles of (34) _____ plants and animals, such as flowers (35) _____ earlier and birds hatching earlier in the spring. Many species have begun shifting (36) _____ they live or their annual migration patterns due to warmer temperatures.

With further warming, animals will tend to migrate toward the poles and up mountain sides toward higher elevations. Plants will also attempt to shift their ranges, seeking new areas as old habitats grow too warm. In many places, however, human development will prevent these shifts. Species that find cities or farmland blocking their way north or south may become extinct. Species living in unique ecosystems, such as those found in polar and mountaintop regions, are especially at risk (37) _____ migration to new habitats is not possible. For example, polar bears and marine mammals in the Arctic are already threatened by (38) _____ sea ice but have nowhere farther to go.

- Question 34: A. many B. each C. much D. little
- Question 35: A. increasing B. blooming C. growing D. swelling
- Question 36: A. that B. what C. which D. where
- Question 37: A. because B. but C. and D. although
- Question 38: A. decreasing B. falling C. deepening D. dwindling

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 39 to 43.

During the five days of Diwali, every home and temple was decorated, inside and outside, with lovely clay lamps and colourful candles. After dark, the whole neighbourhood **glittered** with thousands of tiny lights, as though in a fairy tale. Excited children set off firecrackers, and at first, I was frightened by the loud bangs, but the spectacular display was so fascinating that I soon joined in the spirit of the celebration.

Last autumn I was in India during Diwali, the "Festival of Lights" which takes place every year to celebrate the victory of good over evil. This festival lasts for five days and is held at the end of October or in the first week of November.

Diwali is a deeply moving festival. I am very grateful I had the chance to share in this celebration of peace and harmony. I have fond memories of the experience, and in particular I will never forget how friendly and generous the people were.

Preparations began weeks before the event. People cleaned their homes and painted wonderful designs called rangolis on the walls and floors. They bought beautiful new clothes and jewelry to wear during the festival, and women made delicious sweets which were better than any **others** I have ever tasted.

(Adapted from "Reading and Writing Target" by Virginia Evans)

Question 39: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. A New Year's Eve to remember. B. Preparations before the event.
- C. Activities during the ceremony. D. A great party.

Question 40: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 4 as preparations before the event?

- A. People decorated their houses. B. People bought new clothes and jewelry.
- C. Women made tasty candies. D. Women went to pagodas to pray for health.

Question 41: According to paragraph 2, which of the following can be true about the "Festival of Lights"?

- A. It takes place annually.
- B. Its aim is to celebrate the victory of evil over good.
- C. It lasts for 2 weeks.
- D. It takes place in the second week of November.

Question 42: The word **glittered** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. sparkled B. lighted C. pressed D. rubbed

Question 43: The word **others** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. people B. women C. sweets D. clothes

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 44 to 50.

In 1845, a deadly disease **struck** the farms of Ireland, killing all the Lumper potato plants. In another place or time, the death of a single crop species might not have been so important. But in Ireland, in 1845,

people depended almost solely on the potato for food. The death of one species caused a terrible famine. Now, some scientists are worried that such a famine could happen again—but on a much wider scale.

Over the centuries, farmers have discovered thousands of different species of food crops. Each species has special qualities. Some can be grown in very hot or cold climates. Others are not affected by certain diseases. However, you won't find many of these species in your local supermarket. To feed the seven billion people on Earth, most farmers today are growing only species of plants and farming only species of animals that are easy to produce in large numbers. Meanwhile, thousands of other species are becoming extinct. For example, in the Philippines, there were once thousands of varieties of rice; now fewer than 100 are grown there. In China, 90 percent of the wheat varieties grown just a century ago have disappeared. Experts believe that over the past century, we have allowed more than half of the world's food varieties to disappear.

One solution to this problem is to collect and preserve the seeds of as many different plant varieties as we can before they disappear. The idea was first suggested by Russian scientist Nikolay Vavilov. In the 1920s and 1930s, he collected around 400,000 seeds from five continents. More recently, others have continued the work he began. There are now around 1,700 seed banks in countries around the world. The Svalbard Global Seed Vault- which preserves almost one million seed samples – has one of the largest collections.

In the U.S. state of Iowa, Diane Ott Whealy and her husband founded Heritage Farm – a place where people can store and trade seeds. Initially, Ott Whealy wanted to preserve historic plant varieties, like the seeds her great-grandfather brought to the U.S. from Germany more than a hundred years ago. But the people at Heritage Farm don't just store the seeds; they plant **them**. By doing this, they are reintroducing foods into the marketplace that haven't been grown for years. These food species are not just special in terms of appearance or **flavor**. They also offer farmers food solutions for the future, from the past.

Question 44: Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- A. The disappearance of food species.
- B. Food for the Future.
- C. Ways to increase the number of food species.
- D. How to increase the food production.

Question 45: According to paragraph 1, why does the writer mention Ireland?

- A. To give an example of why it is dangerous to depend on a single crop species.
- B. To explain how worldwide interest in crop varieties first developed.
- C. To describe how Irish researchers are searching for a new crop variety.
- D. To illustrate how important it is to preserve potato plants.

Question 46: The word **struck** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. approached
- B. touched
- C. damaged
- D. reached

Question 47: The word **them** in the final paragraph refers to _____.

- A. people
- B. seeds
- C. foods
- D. years

Question 48: The word **flavor** in the final paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. smell
- B. taste
- C. sense
- D. feeling

Question 49: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Nikolay Vavilov make suggestions of collecting plant seeds.
- B. In Ireland, in 1845, there was a serious shortage of food.
- C. Nikolay Vavilov has worked in many seed banks around the world.
- D. Nikolay Vavilov was one of the pioneers to research a new crop.

Question 50: Which of the following can be inferred from Daine Ott Whealy's opinion?

- A. Historic seeds are usually difficult to reintroduce to the marketplace.
- B. It's important to not only store seeds but also plant them.
- C. Food grown from historic and new seeds generally have a similar taste.

D. Storing the seeds is likely to be time-consuming.

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