

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries and experiences thousands of minor tremors each year. But the Kobe earthquake was one of the (26) _____ in the country's history - 6,433 people died. Nearly 27,000 people were injured and more than 45,000 homes were (27) _____. The total cost of repairing the damage was estimated (28) _____ more than \$100 billion. Kobe struggled to (29) _____ the huge impact of the 1995 earthquake. New office blocks and malls were built to attract back the 50,000 people (30) _____ left after the quake. Japanese scientists have tried to improve prediction of quakes, but seismology is an inexact science and it is extremely difficult to forecast when and where quakes will occur.

Question 26: A. bad B. worse C. worst D. badest
Question 27: A. destroyed B. struck C. swept D. torn
Question 28: A. to B. in C. at D. for
Question 29: A. study B. create C. avoid D. overcome
Question 30: A. who B. which C. where D. whose

IX. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING A TEENAGER IN BRITAIN?

School

British teenagers spend most of their time at school. Students in Britain can leave school at sixteen (grade 11). This is also the age when most students take their first important exams, the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education). Most teens take between 5-10 subjects, which means a lot of studying. They are spending more time on homework than teenagers ever before. Forget watching TV, teenagers in Britain now spend 2-3 hours on homework after school.

School uniform

Visit almost any school in Britain and the first thing you'll notice is the school uniform. Although school uniform has its advantages, when they are 15 or 16 most teenagers are tired of wearing it. When there is more than one school in a town, school uniforms can **highlight** differences between schools. In London there are many cases of bullying and fighting between pupils from different schools.

Clothes and looks

In Britain, some teens judge you by the shirt or trainers you are wearing. 40% of British teenagers believe it's important to wear designer labels. If you want to follow the crowd, you need to wear trendy labels. Teenagers in Britain wear fashionable trainers and the more expensive, the better.

Question 31: Most students in Britain take the GCSE when _____.

A. they are 11 years old B. they are 16 years old C. they finish grade 10 D. they begin grade 11

Question 32: What is the first thing you'll notice when you visit almost any school in Britain?

A. the school logo B. the school gate C. the school playground D. the school uniform

Question 33: What do most teenagers in Britain prefer to wear?

A. trendy labels B. expensive uniforms C. fashionable hats D. economical trainers

Question 34: The word '**highlight**' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. confuse B. remark C. emphasise D. decrease

Question 35: According to the passage, which of the following statements is **NOT** true?

A. Students in Britain can take 8 subjects at the GCSE.
B. Most British teenagers spend 2-3 hours watching TV after school.
C. Most 16-year-old students in Britain don't like school uniforms.
D. Many British teenagers judge their friends by their shirts or trainers.

X. Rewrite each of the sentences below in such a way that it means exactly the same as the one given before

Question 36: It was such lovely weather that we decided to spend the day on the beach.

-> The weather _____

Question 37: Nga said, "I am going to meet my sister in front of the bus stop tomorrow."

-> Nga said to me that _____

Question 38: I am very pleased that we will meet again soon.

-> I am looking _____

Question 39: The heavy snow made it impossible for the students to go to the mountain.

-> The students were _____

Question 40: Prices have increased by 5% in the last year.

-> There _____

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