

## ĐỀ THI VỀ ĐÍCH CHINH PHỤC KÌ THI 2023

### VỀ ĐÍCH SỐ 4

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

**Question 1:** A. appreciate      B. efficient      C. suspicious      D. apprentice

**Question 2:** A. breakfast      B. many      C. carry      D. any

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

**Question 3.** A. confide      B. gather      C. divide      D. maintain

**Question 4:** A. meaningful      B. portable      C. historic      D. negative

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

**Question 5.** The relics \_\_\_\_\_ include jewellery, seeds, animal bones and pottery like these human figurines

A. found      B. to find      C. finding      D. which found

**Question 6.** Kate didn't enjoy the roller coaster ride because it was \_\_\_\_\_ experience of her life.

A. the most terrifying      B. the most terrified

C. a most terrified      D. far more terrifying

**Question 7.** They will have finished preparing for the SEA Games \_\_\_\_\_.

A. since the opening ceremony took place

B. until the opening ceremony took place

C. by the time the opening ceremony takes place

D. after the opening ceremony had taken place

**Question 8.** Deforestation \_\_\_\_\_ devastating floods in many parts of the world.

A. starts out      B. makes up      C. brings up      D. results in

**Question 9.** They did little to improve their situation, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. didn't they      B. haven't they      C. did they      D. have they

**Question 10.** Some people believe that \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese is an easy language to learn.

A. aB. Ø      C. the      D. an

**Question 11.** Fewer than one in five of the schools answering the survey said they had no

academic \_\_\_\_\_ criteria for new students.

A. institutions      B. admissions      C. majors      D. scholarships

**Question 12:** Don't you think you should apply for the job \_\_\_\_\_ writing?

A. with      B. for      C. at      D. in

**Question 13.** Modern invention tend \_\_\_\_\_ small and portable.

A. to be      B. be      C. being      D. to have been

**Question 14.** He sent his children to the park so that he could have some \_\_\_\_\_.

A. fresh and quiet      B. quiet and peace      C. peace and quiet      D. fresh and peace

**Question 15.** While I was tidying up my room, my father \_\_\_\_\_ chess with his friends.

A. has played      B. will play      C. was playing      D. is playing

**Question 16.** You'd better \_\_\_\_\_ a commitment to being a volunteer on a regular basis.

A. promise      B. do      C. make      D. pull

**Question 17.** The book about artificial intelligence \_\_\_\_\_ by me by tomorrow, then you can borrow it.

A. will finish      B. will be finishing      C. will have been finished      D. finish

**Question 18.** One of the popular \_\_\_\_\_ used in smartphones at present is voice recognition.

A. applicants      B. applicable      C. applications      D. apply

**Question 19.** She understood the importance of establishing a close \_\_\_\_\_ with colleagues.

A. impact      B. rapport      C. media      D. difficulty

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

**Question 20:** Mr. Collin is speaking to his student, Brian.

Mr. Collin: "You've been making very good progress. I'm proud of you!"

Brian: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. No problem      B. Don't worry about it!  
C. Everything's alright. Thank you.      D. I really appreciate you saying that.

**Question 21:** - A: "Would you like me to send this package for you?" - B: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. That would be nice. Any problems?      B. Yes, please, if you don't mind.  
C. I'm sorry, but here you are.      D. No, thanks. I'm really busy.

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.*

**Question 22.** At first no one believed she was a pilot, but her documents lent colour to her statements.

A. provided evidence for      B. got information from  
C. borrowed colour from      D. gave no proof of

**Question 23.** Whatever the activity level, all types of hobbies can require high levels of expertise.

A. capability      B. incompetence      C. expertness      D. skillfulness

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.*

**Question 24:** Ha Long Bay has attracted millions of visitors who come to enjoy its breathtaking views and experience other activities.

A. unbreathable      B. heartbreaking      C. awe-inspiring      D. unforgettable

**Question 25.** The amount spent on defense is in sharp contrast to that spent on housing and health.

A. blare      B. flask      C. stark      D. spark

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

**Question 26.** It is compulsory for every student in my class to finish their homework before class.

A. Every student in my class could finish their homework before class.  
B. Every student in my class can't finish their homework before class.  
C. Every student in my class needn't finish their homework before class.  
D. Every student in my class must finish their homework before class.

**Question 27.** Tim last attended a live concert three months ago.

- A. Tim didn't attend a live concert three months ago.
- B. Tim hasn't attended a live concert for three months.
- C. Tim has three months to attend a live concert.
- D. Tim has attended a live concert for three months.

**Question 28.** "Why does the price of iPhone go up so often?" Mary wondered.

- A. Mary wondered why did the price of iPhone go up so often.
- B. Mary wondered why the price of iPhone goes up so often.
- C. Mary wondered why the price of iPhone went up so often.
- D. Mary wondered why does the price of iPhone go up so often.

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

**Question 29.** Some of the tunnels in the cliff are totally natural; some others were built by the soldiers for defensible purposes.

- A. tunnels
- B. cliff
- C. natural
- D. defensible

**Question 30.** Mickey Mouse gained widespread popularity soon after he appears in a short cartoon entitled Steamboat Willy.

- A. widespread
- B. after
- C. appears
- D. short

**Question 31.** Australia has their own cultural identity, which is very different from that of Britain.

- A. their
- B. identity
- C. very
- D. that

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.*

**Question 32.** Jenny wants to join that dancing club. She isn't old enough.

- A. Provided that Jenny is old enough, she can join that dancing club.
- B. If only Jenny had been old enough, she couldn't have joined that dancing club.
- C. If Jenny had been old enough, she couldn't have joined that dancing club.
- D. If Jenny were old enough, she could join that dancing club.

**Question 33.** Lan had some shocking words on her facebook. Then, everyone knew her.

- A. Only when Lan had some shocking words on her facebook did everyone know her.
- B. Hardly Lan had some shocking words on her facebook than everyone knew her.
- C. Only after Lan had some shocking words on her facebook everyone knew her.
- D. Until Lan had some shocking words on her facebook did everyone knew her.

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

### ELECTRIC-CAR BATTERY CHARGES IN FIVE MINUTES

Car makers are spending a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> (34) \_\_\_\_\_ into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully. (35) \_\_\_\_\_, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries (36) \_\_\_\_\_ were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot are being manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries could totally transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the point of (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience".

(Adapted from <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>)

**Question 34.** A. come      B. go      C. release      D. put

**Question 35.** A. Thus      B. However      C. Therefore      D. Although

**Question 36.** A. which      B. who      C. whom      D. whose

**Question 37.** A. Few      B. Every      C. Many      D. No

**Question 38.** A. achieving      B. creating      C. making      D. taking

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the answer to each of the question.

Most of us have a sweet tooth. We love to eat a cookie, a donut or a piece of chocolate. But have you noticed what often happens when you eat one? When we eat or drink sugary foods, the sugar enters our blood and affects part of our brain. We may feel better, but the good feeling stops and we just want another one. All tasty foods do this, but sugar has a particularly strong effect. This is why many scientists believe that our love of sugar might be an addiction. In the body, sugar acts like an addictive drug, one that doctors recommend we all cut down.

It seems obvious now that too much sugar can harm us, but why is it harmful? In early human history, the body began storing sugar as fat to use as energy. Our bodies are efficient, so they need very little sugar. Today, the Western diet has the highest amount of sugar in history. There are also more high blood pressure and diabetes in the world. Some researchers believe that too much sugar may be the culprit.

How do we battle our sweet tooth? Doctors advise us to cut down on sweets. They recommend that we choose healthy foods for snacks. Nuts, dark chocolate and yogurts are some of them. Yet even healthy foods can have too much sugar. Yogurts that are advertised as low-fat can have 17 grams, about half the daily allowance. However, the less sugar you eat, the less you want. Exercise helps, too. Using facilities such as walking tracks and gyms can help control our desire.

(Adapted from *Reading Explorer 2*, Paul MacIntyre et al., 2015)

**Question 39.** What is the main idea of the reading?

- A. types of healthy food
- B. our sugar addiction
- C. sugar makes us sick
- D. what not to eat

**Question 40.** The word "effect" in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. addiction
- B. disease
- C. measure
- D. influence

**Question 41.** The word "that" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. yogurts
- B. nuts
- C. sweets
- D. foods

**Question 42.** According to paragraph 2, too much sugar can \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. be advantageous to us
- B. make us gain more energy
- C. be detrimental to our health
- D. help us avoid some diseases

**Question 43.** According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as healthy foods?

- A. sweets
- B. Nuts
- C. dark chocolate
- D. yogurts

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the answer to each of the question.*

Photographic evidence suggests that liquid water once existed in great quantity on the surface of Mars. Two types of flow features are seen: runoff channels and outflow channels. Runoff channels are found in the southern highlands. These flow features are extensive systems of interconnecting, twisting channels that seem to merge into larger, wider channels. They bear a strong resemblance to river systems on Earth, and geologists think that they are dried-up beds of long-gone rivers that once carried rainfall on Mars from the mountains down into the valleys. Runoff channels on Mars speak of a time 4 billion years ago, when the atmosphere was thicker, the surface warmer, and liquid water widespread.

Outflow channels are probably relics of catastrophic flooding on Mars long ago. They appear only in equatorial regions and generally do not form extensive interconnected networks. Instead, they are probably the paths taken by huge volumes of water draining from the southern highlands into the northern plains. The onrushing water arising from these flash floods likely also formed the odd teardrop-shaped "islands" that have been found on the plains close to the ends of the outflow channels. Judging from the width and depth of the channels, the flow rates must have been truly enormous – perhaps as much as a hundred times greater than the 105 tons per second carried by the great Amazon River. Flooding shaped the outflow channels approximately 3 billion years ago, about the same time as the northern volcanic plains formed.

Some scientists speculate that Mars may have enjoyed an extended early period during which rivers, lakes, and perhaps even oceans adorned its surface. A 2003 Mars Global Surveyor image shows what mission specialists think may be a delta – a fan-shaped network of channels and sediments where a river once flowed into a larger body of water, in this case a lake filling a crater in the southern highlands. Other researchers go even further, suggesting that the data provide evidence for large open expanses of water on the early Martian surface. A computer-generated view of the Martian north polar region shows the extent of what may have been an ancient ocean covering much of the northern lowlands. The Hellas Basin, which measures some 3,000 kilometers across and has a floor that lies nearly 9 kilometers below the basin's rim, is another candidate for an ancient Martian sea.

**Question 44.** Which of the following could be the title of the passage?

A. Running Water on Mars?      B. Photographic Evidence of a Martian sea  
C. Saving Martian Surface Water      D. A Mars Global Surveyor

**Question 45.** The word "merge" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. expand      B. separate      C. straighten out      D. combine

**Question 46.** The word "they" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. channels      B. geologists      C. systems      D. Mars

**Question 47.** In paragraph 2, why does the author include the information that 105 tons of water flow through the Amazon River per second?

A. To emphasize the great size of the volume of water that seems to have flowed through Mars' outflow channels  
B. To indicate data used by scientists to estimate how long ago Mars' outflow channels were formed  
C. To argue that flash floods on Mars may have been powerful enough to cause tear-shaped "islands" to form  
D. To argue that the force of flood waters on Mars was powerful enough to shape the northern volcanic plains

**Question 48.** The word "relics" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. remains      B. sites      C. requirements      D. sources

**Question 49.** Which of the following questions about geological features on Mars is NOT answered in paragraph 3?

A. What are some regions of Mars that may have once been covered with an ocean?  
B. Where do mission scientists believe that the river forming the delta emptied?  
C. Approximately how many craters on Mars do mission scientists believe may once have been lakes filled with water?  
D. During what period of Mars' history do some scientists think it may have had large bodies of water?

**Question 50.** What can be inferred from paragraph 3 about liquid water on Mars?

A. If ancient oceans ever existed on Mars' surface, it is likely that the water in them has evaporated by now.  
B. If there is any liquid water at all on Mars' surface today, its quantity is much smaller than the amount that likely existed there in the past.  
C. Small-scale gullies on Mars provide convincing evidence that liquid water existed on Mars in the recent past.  
D. The small amount of water vapor in the Martian atmosphere suggests that there has never been liquid water on Mars.