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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 1. A. wine                      B. ciinema                      C. diner                      D. ninth

Question 2. A. divisible                      B. design                      C. disease                      D. excursion

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 3:    A. province                      B. desert                      C. compass                      D. obtain

Question 4:    A. necessary                      B. photographer                      C. commemorate                      D. emergency

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

Question 5. Kate is in the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.

A. makes                      B. making                      C. made                      D. is making

Question 6. : Petty is one of the promising candidates although she is the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. younger                      B. young                      C. youngest                      D. more young

Question 7. Peter will wear this suit \_\_\_\_\_.

A. when he attends his friend's wedding                      B. once he attended his friend's wedding  
C. as he was attending his friend's wedding                      D. after he had attended his friend's wedding

Question 8. When Bill was fired from his job, he knew he would be eligible \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment benefits since he met the criteria.

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

Question 9. This room is very hot, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. wasn't it                      B. is it                      C. isn't it                      D. hasn't it

Question 10: The boys are playing \_\_\_\_\_ football in the park.

A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. Ø

Question 11: We have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ our research into environmental waste to ensure high health standards in this city.

A. broaden                      B. outweigh                      C. exaggerate                      D. boost

**Question 12.** Peter was bitterly disappointed at the test result, but I think he'll soon \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A. put through      B. get over      C. make up      D. turn into

**Question 13.** In order to avoid having unexpected problems on the road, car owners are advised \_\_\_\_\_ out regular maintenance on their vehicles.

- A. carrying      B. carry      C. carried      D. to carry

**Question 14.** Reading the article about damages caused by the heavy storm really brought a lump to my \_\_\_.

- A. teeth      B. throat      C. eye      D. lip

**Question 15.** Katherine \_\_\_\_\_ an essay when someone knocked the door.

- A. was writing      B. has written      C. writes      D. is writing

**Question 16.** They \_\_\_\_\_ a big row about how to raise their child last night.

- A. paid      B. took      C. gave      D. had

**Question 17.** She hopes that the document .....by a professional translator.

- A. translated.      B. will be translated      C. has translated      D. was translating

**Question 18.** Customer reviews indicate that many modern mobile devices are often unnecessarily\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. complication      B. complicates      C. complicate      D. complicated

**Question 19.** Thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ flock to the British Museum every year.

- A. audience      B. eyewitnesses      C. onlookers      D. sightseers

*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 20:** We got tired of our humdrum routine and decided to take a week's vacation on a tropical island.

- A. busy      B. serious      C. dull      D. free

**Question 21:** One of my distant relatives is wavering between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.

- A. weakening      B. hesitating      C. growing      D. approving

*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 22:** These numbers are off base. Please check the formulas in Excel to make sure there aren't any errors.

- A. wrong                      B. complicated              C. simple                      D. precise

**Question 23:** He **bent over backwards** to please his new girlfriend but she never seemed satisfied.

- A. gave someone a nice surprise                      B. tried to do something which is easy  
C. did some physical exercise                      D. tried to do something impossible

*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 24:** Hung is inviting Lan to join the youth club.

- Hung: "Would you like to join our youth club?"

- Lan: "\_\_\_\_\_"

- A. Thanks a lot!              B. My pleasure.              C. Yes. I'd love to!              D. No worries!

**Question 25:** Max and Rose are talking about learning English.

- Max: "Do you think English is easy to learn?"

- Rose: "\_\_\_\_\_. I'm not fluent in English although I have learned it for a long time."

- A. I totally agree with you.                      B. I don't share your view.  
C. I couldn't agree with you more.                      D. I think you not.

*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 26.** You're not allowed to record the programme.

- A. You shouldn't record the programme.                      B. You mustn't record the programme.  
C. You can't record the programme.                      D. You needn't record the programme.

**Question 27.** He hasn't changed his Facebook profile picture for 2 years.

- A. He had 2 years to change his Facebook profile picture.  
B. He has changed his Facebook profile picture for 2 years.  
C. He didn't change his Facebook profile picture 2 years ago.  
D. The last time he changed his Facebook profile picture was 2 years ago.

**Question 28.** "I am attending an online class," Martin said.

- A. Martin said he had attended an online class.                      B. Martin said he wasn't attending an online class.  
C. Martin said he was attending an online class.                      D. Martin said he hadn't attended an online class.

*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 29.** Her uncle comes to visit her family last summer holiday.

A                      B                      C                      D

**Question 30.** Young children are advised to participate in community activities to improve his social skills.

A                                      B                                      C                                      D

**Question 31.** The citizens were seething with contentment over the municipal authority's recent changes to the transport system.

A                                      B                                      C                                      D

*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 32:** The car driver in front stopped so suddenly. Therefore, the accident happened.

- A. If the car driver in front didn't stop so suddenly, the accident wouldn't happen.
- B. If the car driver in front hadn't stopped so suddenly, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- C. If the car driver in front hadn't stopped so suddenly, the accident would have happened.
- D. If the car driver in front had stopped suddenly, the accident would have happened.

**Question 33:** I had just arrived home. I was called immediately back to the head office 10 kilometers away

- A. Hardly had I arrived home when I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- B. Because I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- C. Should I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.
- D. Whenever I had just arrived home, I was called immediately back to the office 10 kilometers away.

*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.*

Cats of all kinds are present in the legends, religion, mythology, and history of many different cultures. Cave paintings created by early humans display different types of wild cats (34) \_\_\_\_\_ are now extinct, or no longer around. Many of these great beasts saw humans as food, but were hunted by humans in return. Cats (35) \_\_\_\_\_ to the ones kept as pets today started showing up in artwork thousands of years ago. For example, the ancient Egyptians believed cats were the sacred, or special, animal of a goddess named Bast. They believed that Bast often appeared as a cat, so many ancient Egyptians respected and honoured cats and

kittens. (36) \_\_\_\_\_, other cultures feared cats or thought that they brought illnesses and bad luck. Today, with millions kept as pets in homes around the world, cats have become important members of (37) \_\_\_\_\_ families. No one knows for sure when or how cats became very popular household pets. It's possible that people noticed how cats hunted mice and rats, so they set food and milk out to keep the cats near their homes. This helped to prevent too many of these rodents from coming into homes and eating people's food or (38) \_\_\_\_\_ sickness.

**Question 34:** A. who                      B. where                      C. whose                      D. which

**Question 35:** A. close                      B. same                      C. similar                      D. like

**Question 36:** A. However                      B. Furthermore                      C. Consequently                      D. For instance

**Question 37:** A. every                      B. many                      C. much                      D. a lot

**Question 38:** A. suffering                      B. experiencing                      C. spreading                      D. treating

*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 31 to 35.*

Humans generally spent more time working than do other creatures, but there is greater variability in industriousness from one human culture to the next than is seen in subgroups of any other species. For instance, the average French worker toils for 1,646 hours a year; the average American for 1,957 hours; and the average Japanese for 2,088.

One reason for human diligence is that people, unlike animals, can often **override** the impulses they may feel to slow down. **They** can drink coffee when they might prefer a nap or flick on the air-conditioning when the heat might otherwise demand torpor. Many humans are driven to work hard by a singular desire to gather resources far beyond what is required for survival. Squirrels may collect what they need to make it through one winter but only humans worry about collect bills, retirement, or replacing their old record albums with compact discs.

Among other primates, if you don't need to travel around to get food for that day, you sit down and relax, said Dr. Frans de Waal of Emory University in Atlanta. "it's typically human to try to accumulate wealth and get more and more."

Much of the acquisitiveness is likely to be the result of cultural training. Anthropologists have found that most hunter-gatherer groups, who live day to day on the resources they can kill or forage and who stash very little away for the future generally work only three to five hours daily.

Indeed, an inborn temptation to reduce may lurk beneath even the most work-obsessed people, which could explain why sloth ranks with lust and gluttony as one of the seven deadly sins.

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

- A. Work among Humans and Animals.
- B. The Accumulation of Wealth.
- C. Sloth: One of the Seven Deadly Sins.
- D. Human Cultural Training.

**Question 40.** According to the author, humans are so industrious because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. they have an inborn temptation to take it easy so that they can survive.
- B. they are stronger and better protected than animals, so they can easily gain more to survive.
- C. they need much more than animals need in order to survive.
- D. they can overcome the impulse to slow down and they work for gains beyond survival.

**Question 41.** The word “**They**” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. impulses
- B. animals
- C. resources
- D. people

**Question 42.** The word “**override**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ignore
- B. count
- C. consider
- D. rank

**Question 43.** The passage is a combination of contrast and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. steps in a process of working for human survival.
- B. definitions and examples of human and animals’ work.
- C. a series of events in human and animals’ life.
- D. reasons for human’s diligence and acquisitiveness.

*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 36 to 42.*

What picture do you have of the future? Will life in the future be better, worse or the same as now? What do you hope about the future?

Futurologists predict that life will probably be very different in 2050 in all the fields, from entertainment to technology. First of all, it seems that TV channels will have disappeared. Instead, people will choose a program from a 'menu' and a computer will send the program directly to the television.

Today, we can use the World Wide Web to read newspaper stories and see pictures on a computer thousands of kilometers away. By 2050, music, films, programs, newspapers and books will come to us by computer.

In what concerns the environment, water will have become one of our most serious problems. In many places, agriculture is changing and farmers are growing fruit and vegetables to export. **This** uses a lot of water. Demand for water will increase ten times between now and 2050 and there could be serious shortages. Some futurologists predict that water could be the cause of war if we don't act now.

In transport, cars running on new, clean fuels will have computers to control the speed and there won't be any accidents. Today, many cars have computers that tell drivers exactly where they are. By 2050, the computer will control the car and drive it to your destination. On the other hand, space planes will take people halfway around the world in two hours. Nowadays, the United States Shuttle can go into space and land on Earth again. By 2050, space planes will fly all over the world and people will fly from Los Angeles to Tokyo in just two hours.

In the **domain** of technology, robots will have replaced people in factories. Many factories already use robots. Big companies **prefer robots** - they do not ask for pay rises or go on strike, and they work 24 hours a day. By 2050, we will see robots everywhere - in factories, schools, offices, hospitals, shops and homes.

Last but not least, medicine technology will have **conquered** many diseases. Today, there are electronic devices that connect directly to the brain to help people hear. By 2050, we will be able to help blind and deaf people see and hear again. Scientists have discovered how to control genes. They have already produced clones of animals. By 2050, scientists will be able to produce clones of people and decide how they look, how they behave and how much intelligence they have.

**Question 44.** The passage mainly discusses \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the effect of the futurologists' prediction on our lives.
- B. the effect of telecommunication on our future life.
- C. the changes in our future life compared with our life today.

D. the importance of cloning in the future.

**Question 45.** What can be inferred about the life in 2050 according to the passage?

- A. Life in 2050 will be much better than that of today.
- B. TV will be an indispensable means of communication and business.
- C. People will not suffer from the shortage of water due to the polar melting
- D. The deaf will not have to depend any longer on the electronic hearing devices.

**Question 46.** Why does the author use "**prefer robots**" in paragraph 5?

- A. To show the importance of robots in production.
- B. To encourage the workers to resign from work.
- C. To compare the robots with the workers.
- D. To emphasize the scientist's role in inventing robots.

**Question 47** The word "**This**" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the possible war.
- B. the cash crop planting.
- C. the serious shortage.
- D. the demand for water.

**Question 48.** What may NOT be true about life in 2050?

- A. Many forms of entertainment will come to us thanks to computer.
- B. Blind and deaf people will be helped by scientists to see and hear again.
- C. Scientists will be able to produce clones of people and decide how intelligent they are.
- D. Our sources of water for agriculture will increase ten times.

**Question 49.** The word "**domain**" in paragraph 5 mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. way of life
- B. interest
- C. challenge
- D. field of expertise

**Question 50.** The word "**conquered**" in the last paragraph mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. controlled
- B. diagnosed
- C. transmitted
- D. caused

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