

Thời gian làm bài: ... phút, không kể thời gian phát đề.

Họ, tên thí sinh: .....

Số báo danh: .....

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

Question 1. They didn't listen to the weather forecast before leaving home, they got caught in the storm.

- A. If they hadn't listened to the weather forecast before leaving home, they wouldn't get caught in the storm.
- B. If they had listened to the weather forecast before leaving home, they wouldn't have gotten caught in the storm.
- C. Unless they had listened to the weather forecast before leaving home, they wouldn't have gotten caught in the storm.
- D. Should they listen to the weather forecast before leaving home, they wouldn't get caught in the storm.

Question 2. The examination was so complicated. The students complained about that.

- A. Hardly the examination had been so complicated than the students complained about that.
- B. So complicated was the examination that the students complained about that.
- C. Without the complication of the examination, the students would have complained about that.
- D. Only when the examination was so complicated did the students complain about that.

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 3. The negotiations with the union were tough, but they finally reached a compromise.

- A. uneasy
- B. effortless
- C. difficult
- D. challenging

Question 4. I thought Gene would always stick by me, but when I got into trouble, he turned out to be a fair-weather friend.

- A. fickle friend
- B. stalwart companion
- C. opportunist
- D. temporary ally

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 5. Many of her friends admitted that this song was in vogue at that time.

- A. infamous
- B. clear
- C. popular
- D. poor

Question 6. One of my distant relatives is wavering between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.

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

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 7. A. mount B. sound C. touch D. count

Question 8. A. champagne B. crochet C. chorus D. machine

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

Question 9. Tom and Freddie were \_\_\_\_\_ from school, and now they have to attend another school in the area.

- A. expelled
- B. sustained
- C. extended
- D. suspended

Question 10. He found a wallet on the street and decided to take it to \_\_\_\_\_ police station.

- A. a
- B. the
- C. an
- D. Ø

Question 11. There are plans to develop a new town in the region, so many old buildings will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. broken down
- B. taken off
- C. pulled down
- D. put away

Question 12. You hardly ever eat fast food at school canteen, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. do you
- B. did you
- C. don't you
- D. didn't you

Question 13. It's not difficult \_\_\_\_\_ her to go to work because the office is near her home.

- A. on
- B. towards
- C. to
- D. for

Question 14. I don't think that teaching is \_\_\_\_\_ job in the world.

- A. the easiest
- B. more easy
- C. the most easy
- D. easier

Question 15. There is no point \_\_\_\_\_ there early, because the gates don't open till 10 a.m.

- A. to get
- B. to getting
- C. get
- D. getting

- Question 16.** The city's public transportation system was upgraded, \_\_\_ more efficient and eco-friendly options.  
 A. providing                      B. to provide                      C. is provide                      D. provided
- Question 17.** I \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment with the doctor for Wednesday afternoon.  
 A. took                      B. made                      C. did                      D. paid
- Question 18.** When Andrew arrived at the party, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ to their favorite songs.  
 A. danced                      B. is dancing                      C. was dancing                      D. dances
- Question 19.** The team members will have completed their research project \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. after their collaboration had ended  
 B. when their collaboration will end  
 C. before their collaboration ended  
 D. by the time their collaboration ends
- Question 20.** The UNV Youth Advocates Program \_\_\_\_\_ by a lot of young people from around the world.  
 A. attends                      B. was attending                      C. attended                      D. was attended
- Question 21.** Jake's lawyer promised that he would leave no \_\_\_\_\_ unturned in trying to find more evidence to help Jake's case  
 A. rock                      B. brick                      C. gravel                      D. stone
- Question 22.** Most people's political \_\_\_\_\_ is limited to voting in an election every few years.  
 A. active                      B. inactive                      C. activity                      D. actively
- Question 23.** In the 1970s, wearing \_\_\_\_\_ eyelashes was very fashionable.  
 A. artificial                      B. false                      C. fake                      D. unreal

*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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.*

- Question 24.**    A. generous                      B. dangerous                      C. terrific                      D. terrible  
**Question 25.**    A. cartoon                      B. bamboo                      C. castle                      D. guitar

*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.** He said to me, "I saw a really bad car accident last night."  
 A. He told me he had seen a really bad car accident the previous night.  
 B. He told me he saw a really bad car accident the previous night.  
 C. He said to me he saw a really bad car accident the night before.  
 D. He told me he had seen a really bad car accident the before night.
- Question 27.** Perhaps the bridge collapsed because of the storm.  
 A. The bridge should have collapsed because of the storm.  
 B. The bridge must have collapsed because of the storm.  
 C. The bridge can't have collapsed because of the storm.  
 D. The bridge might have collapsed because of the storm.
- Question 28.** I last visited my favorite beach with my family three years ago.  
 A. I didn't visit my favorite beach with my family three years ago.  
 B. I haven't visited my favorite beach with my family three years ago.  
 C. I haven't visited my favorite beach with my family for three years.  
 D. I have visited my favorite beach with my family for three years.

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.*

- Question 29.** *Lena and Mia are talking about outdoor activities.*  
 - **Mia:** "I think students should have more outdoor activities in their curriculum."  
 - **Lena:** \_\_\_\_\_. Outdoor activities promote physical health and social skills."  
 A. You can say that again                      B. I quite disagree with you  
 C. I'm not sure about that                      D. I don't think that's a good idea
- Question 30.** *Sophia and Ethan are discussing their weekend plans.*  
 - **Sophia:** "I heard there's a music festival downtown this weekend. Would you like to go?"  
 - **Ethan:** "\_\_\_\_\_. I want to check out some live bands."  
 A. I'm too busy this weekend  
 B. I don't think that's a good idea  
 C. That sounds like a great idea  
 D. I'm not interested in music festivals

*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 (from 31 to 35).*

Stadiums are among the oldest forms of urban architecture: vast stadiums (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the public could watch sporting events were at the center of western city life as far back as the ancient Greek and Roman Empires, well before the construction of the great medieval cathedrals and the grand 19th- and 20th-century railway stations which dominated urban skylines in later eras. Today, (32) \_\_\_\_\_, stadiums are regarded with growing skepticism. Construction costs can soar above £1 billion, and stadiums finished for major events such as the Olympic Games or the FIFA World Cup have notably fallen into disuse and disrepair. But this need not be the cause. History (33) \_\_\_\_\_ that stadiums can drive urban development and adapt to the culture of (34) \_\_\_\_\_ age. Even today, architects and planners are finding new ways to adapt the mono-functional sports arenas which became (35) \_\_\_\_\_ of modernization during the 20th century.

(Adapted from IELTS CAMBRIDGE 17)

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| Question 31. | A. which         | B. where       | C. who        | D. whose      |
| Question 32. | A. however       | B. besides     | C. moreover   | D. therefore  |
| Question 33. | A. determines    | B. claims      | C. indicates  | D. relates    |
| Question 34. | A. some          | B. many        | C. every      | D. much       |
| Question 35. | A. insignificant | B. distinctive | C. irrelevant | D. emblematic |

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 40.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which began in 2014 with the annexation of Crimea by Russia, has become much more intense since early 2022. **It** has made global politics more complicated, affecting alliances and international relations around the world. The international community has been closely monitoring the situation, with many countries imposing sanctions on Russia and providing support to Ukraine.

The humanitarian crisis has been severe, with millions of Ukrainians displaced and in urgent need of assistance. Organizations like the United Nations and the Red Cross have been actively involved in delivering aid and support. Camps have been set up for refugees in neighboring countries, and numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are working tirelessly to provide food, medical care, and shelter. Despite numerous attempts at peace talks, a resolution remains **elusive**, and fighting continues in various regions of Ukraine. It has been challenging for these organizations to keep up with the growing needs.

The conflict has also had significant economic impacts globally. Energy prices have soared, and supply chains have been disrupted, affecting everything from food to technology. Governments and businesses worldwide are grappling with these challenges, seeking ways to mitigate the adverse effects on their economies and populations.

(Adapted from Global News)

Question 36. What is the main focus of the passage?

- A. The recent escalation and its global consequences
- B. The economic strategies of Russia and Ukraine
- C. The role of international organizations in the conflict
- D. The historical background of the Russia-Ukraine conflict

Question 37. The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Crimea
- B. The conflict
- C. Ukraine
- D. Russia

Question 38. According to the passage, what have many countries done in response to the conflict?

- A. Provided military troops to Ukraine
- B. Remained neutral and uninvolved
- C. Imposed sanctions on Russia and supported Ukraine
- D. Declared war on Russia

Question 39. The word "elusive" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. clear
- B. promising
- C. evasive
- D. attainable

Question 40. According to paragraph 3, the conflict has had the following economic impacts EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.

- A. Governments and businesses are facing challenges.
- B. Energy prices have soared.
- C. Supply chains have been disrupted.
- D. The tourism industry has flourished.

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 41 to 47.

Although achieving good grades is significant and should be a goal for every student, they do not always reflect a student's level of intelligence accurately. Instead of solely focusing on grades, students should prioritize understanding and retaining the material they are learning, thereby gaining **genuine** knowledge.

David Thomas, a principal lecturer at ASU, said there are varying theories about intelligence. One of **them** is the entity theory of intelligence, which describes intelligence as being stable throughout someone's life. Thomas said there are also people who think just the opposite, and that a person can become more intelligent throughout their life. While there are varying theories on what intelligence is and whether it can improve, you can gain knowledge throughout the course of your life. This principle should be the focus of education, not a person's grades.

Every student at ASU is preparing for a career and learning the necessary skills to do well in their desired industry. Getting an “A” on a test will not mean anything if you cannot apply the material you learned to real-life situations. Just because someone gets an “A” in a class or is in Barrett, the Honors College, it doesn’t define intelligence. Similarly, someone who gets a “D” in a class is not necessarily unintelligent, as there are other factors that play into grades. Take Bill Gates for example, a very wealthy and successful man who dropped out of Harvard University two years into his degree and later became the co-founder of Microsoft. He is intelligent, and yet he did not have a college degree when he started his company.

Additionally, Thomas said motivation plays a big part in a person’s grades. A student with mastery-oriented motivation approaches a class with curiosity and an interest in the subject, whereas a student with performance-oriented motivation does so solely from a grade standpoint. If people spent the same amount of time working to ensure they retain important information as they did pulling all-nighters to cram for finals, they could become be more intelligent. Students should focus on developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills rather than simply memorizing information for a test.

A transcript only shows a student’s motivation, dedication and work **ethic** - not their personality, humor, work or life experiences. While grades still matter, we need to stop weighing our intelligence through grades and instead recognize that intelligence comes in all forms.

(Adapted from 10 practice tests for GCSE exam)

**Question 41.** Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Standardized tests are superficial and unnecessary.
- B. Grades don’t correlate with a student’s intelligence.
- C. An attempt to test high grader’s intelligence.
- D. The close relationship between marks and IQ.

**Question 42.** The word “**genuine**” in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. invalid
- B. legitimate
- C. inaccurate
- D. reliable

**Question 43.** The word “**them**” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. theories
- B. grades
- C. skills
- D. situations

**Question 44.** According to paragraph 2, what is **NOT** stated about the various theories on intelligence?

- A. Students’ present state can override their intellect as emotions have tendency to take over reasoning.
- B. There are many distinctive views concerning the nature of intelligence.
- C. Many theories suggest that human intellect is a dynamic and changing variable.
- D. One theory concludes that intelligence is a constant throughout one’s life.

**Question 45.** According to paragraph 3, why does the author tell the story of Bill Gates dropping out of college?

- A. To illustrate that grades and certificates does not always translate into a person’s future potential.
- B. To testify the brilliance and innovation of Microsoft’s co-founder against the hardship.
- C. To imply that a Harvard’s drop-out is not the same as a normal or local university’s drop-out.
- D. To encourage graduates to work and experience life first before going to college.

**Question 46.** The word “**ethic**” in paragraph 5 can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. honor
- B. criteria
- C. conduct
- D. law

**Question 47.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The relevance of intelligence for school grades has changed over time.
- B. The biggest misconception about marks and intelligence is that they are equivalent to each other.
- C. Intelligence is considered as the strongest predictor of scholastic achievement.
- D. Falling grades can be a result of laziness rather than academic capability.

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

**Question 48.** They have visited the museum and enjoyed the exhibits last weekend.

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Question 49.** The company’s growth strategy requires throughout market research to identify new

opportunities.

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Question 50.** Each student must submit its homework by the end of the week.

- A
- B
- C
- D