

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

Question 1: A. laughs B. ploughs C. mouths D. clothes

Question 2: A. creative B. threaten C. breadwinner D. heavy

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which differs from the other three in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. industry B. register C. optimist D. courageous

Question 4: A. complain B. borrow C. listen D. injure

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: The campaign is trying to get _____ message across that parental education plays an important role in _____ development of a child.

A. no article-the B. a - no article C. the-the D. a-the

Question 6: My parents could hardly afford a house in the city, so we had to settle _____ the second best in my hometown.

A. down B. into C. for D. in

Question 7: She thought somebody had broken into her house last night, _____?

A. hadn't they B. had they C. didn't she D. did she

Question 8: She expects _____ compensation for all direct expenses _____ out of the accident.

A. to be received-arising B. to receive-arising C. to be received- arisen D. to receive-arisen

Question 9: His laziness caused the company to perform badly last quarter. _____, his attitude toward the boss has put his job in jeopardy.

A. Moreover B. However C. Therefore D. In addition to

Question 10: Governments need to provide a viable _____ to car travel in order to reduce pollution in the country.

A. alternation B. alternative C. alternate D. alternating

Question 11: She'd rather you _____ anyone that she'd lost her job as a hotel manager.

A. won't tell B. wouldn't have told C. didn't tell D. don't tell

Question 12: We have just launched our annual campaign to improve the _____ of women's health issues.

A. credential B. profile C. portrait D. background

Question 13: He won't return home _____ given to him this morning.

A. until he had finished all the assignments B. until he has finished all the assignments
C. till he finishes all the assignments D. as soon as he has finished all the assignments

Question 14: Jack has an amazingly _____ memory and can easily recall the capitals of three hundred different countries in the world.

A. attentive B. reactive C. tentative D. retentive

Question 15: Providing a vaccine against the pandemic virus is a _____ issue.

A. scorching B. sweltering C. sizzling D. burning

Question 16: Research needs _____ the impact of play on the rest of the child's life.

- A. to study B. to studying C. studying D. to be studied

Question 17: He talked about his incredible experience of being _____ space, looking down on the Earth.

- A. on B. above C. in D. at

Question 18: Students _____ cheating in any exam will be disqualified from all their exams.

- A. who found B. founded C. found D. having founded

Question 19: It _____ my mind that it's my friend's birthday tomorrow and I haven't got her a present yet.

- A. bore B. kept C. crossed D. bent

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: If you have a food allergy, you should avoid any of the ingredients that can trigger an attack.

- A. set up B. set apart C. set back D. set off

Question 21: She gave up her job as a secretary last year and teaching is her bread and butter right now.

- A. likelihood B. livelihood C. selfhood D. manhood

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: There are specific areas within the festival where children under ten years old are not allowed.

- A. peculiar B. ambiguous C. particular D. delicate

Question 23: By setting up a camera system to monitor his property, the homeowner hoped he would catch trespassers or thieves.

- A. supervise B. revise C. overlook D. oversee

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 24: Fred and Jerry are discussing the time they arrive at the airport.

- Fred: "We should arrive at the airport two hours before flight within the country."

- Jerry: "_____. Traffic congestion is getting worse."

- A. I don't think that's a good idea
B. You took the words right out of my mouth
C. Mind your own business
D. I see your point, but I can't completely agree with your solution

Question 25: Jack is asking Justine about the destination for his summer vacation.

- Jack: "Have you picked your next summer destination? Italy?"

- Justine: "_____. I'm going to Thailand."

- A. It's up to you B. It's on me
C. Not even close D. Not a moment too soon

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction on each of the following questions.

Question 26: Recent research in the field has concentrated on academic support rather than integrated into

D. As long as the process of global warming didn't continue at its present rate, the polar bears wouldn't ultimately disappear.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 34 to 38.

Financial independence is one of the many markers used to designate the crossover from childhood into young adulthood, and it's a (34)_____ most Americans (64%) think young adults should reach by the time they are 22 years old, according to a new Pew Research Center study. But that's not the reality for most young adults who've achieved this age.

The share of young adults who could be considered "financially independent" from their parents by their early 20s – an assessment based on their annual income – has gone down somewhat in recent decades. Looking more broadly at young adults aged 18 to 29, the share who are financially independent has been (35)_____ stable in recent decades. Overall, young men are more likely than young women to be financially independent, but this gender gap has diminished significantly.

The new survey findings underscore the extent to which many young adults are financially reliant on their parents. (36)_____ young adults who have received financial help from their parents say at least some of it was for recurring expenses. Six-in-ten say the money went toward household expenses such as groceries or bills, and significant shares used it to pay their tuition, rent, or mortgage. Beyond financial independence, the pace with (37)_____ young adults are reaching other markers of adulthood has slowed significantly over the past several decades. Today's young adults are staying in school longer and are marrying and establishing their own households later than previous generations. (38)_____, a growing share is living in their parents' homes well into their 20s and even early 30s. Some of these changes are linked to economic challenges, while others may represent a realignment of goals and priorities.

(Source: <https://www.pewsocialtrends.org>)

Question 34: A. springboard

B. milepost

C. breadwinner

D. milestones

Question 35: A. comparatively

B. approximately

C. considerably

D. significantly

Question 36: A. Almost

B. Mostly

C. Most

D. Most of

Question 37: A. where

B. that

C. which

D. who

Question 38: A. In addition

B. In contrast

C. In short

D. Instead

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 39 to 43.

Two-thirds of people in the world will be living in cities by 2050 and the boom will be concentrated in India, China and Nigeria, according to United Nations estimates released on Wednesday. The world's rural population will peak in a few years then decline by 2050, according to the report by the UN's population division.

Tokyo is currently the world's largest city with 37 million people, followed by Delhi with 29 million, Shanghai with 26 million, and Mexico City and São Paulo, each with around 22 million inhabitants. Cairo, Mumbai, Beijing and Dhaka all have close to 20 million inhabitants. However, Delhi will **overtake** Tokyo in top spot by around 2028, the report said. At about the same time, India is expected to surpass China as the country with the world's largest total population.

Around 55% of the world population lives in urban areas today, increasing to 68% by 2050. India, China and Nigeria will account for more than a third of **that expansion**. There will also be more

megacities. In 1990, there were just 10 megacities, classed as places with populations of 10 million or more. There are now 33 megacities and by 2030, 43 megacities are projected, mostly in developing countries.

However, a few cities in Japan and South Korea – for example, Nagasaki and Busan – have experienced population decline since 2000. Several cities in Eastern Europe, such as in Poland, Romania, Russia and Ukraine, have lost population since the turn of the century. However, urbanization could be seen as positive, said John Wilmoth, director of the population division. “The increasing concentration of people in cities provides a way of more economically providing services,” he said. “We find that urban populations have better access to health care and education.” The concentration of population may also help to minimize our environmental impact on the planet, he said, and help cities design policies and practices to prepare for the influx.

(Adapted from <https://www.theguardian.com/>)

Question 39: What topic does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The population of cities in the future
- B. The new increasing trend of rural population
- C. The cities with the largest number of population
- D. The future of populations in developing countries

Question 40: The word “**overtake**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. overdue
- B. outstrip
- C. keep up with
- D. come along

Question 41: The phrase “**that expansion**” in paragraph 3 refers to the increase of _____.

- A. urban population
- B. world population
- C. urban areas
- D. rural areas

Question 42 : According to the passage, some cities of the following countries have seen the downward trend in population, **EXCEPT** _____.

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Russia
- D. India

Question 43: According to John Wilmoth, more people living in urban areas may reduce _____.

- A. the quality of health care and education
- B. the people’s influence on the Earth’s environment
- C. the results of cities’ policies and practices
- D. the population of the whole country

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 44 to 50.

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year’s arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox heralded the start of a new year. Throughout antiquity, civilizations around the world developed increasingly sophisticated calendars. In Egypt, for instance, the year began with the annual flooding of the Nile, which coincided with the rising of the star Sirius. The first day of the Chinese new year, meanwhile, **occurred** with the second new moon after the winter solstice.

The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern **one** that most countries around the world use today. In many countries, New Year’s celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year’s Eve—

and continue into the early hours of January 1. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes-symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead-right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year's dishes feature legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success; examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year's Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, meanwhile, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Other customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the new year, including the ever-popular "Auld Lang Syne" in many English-speaking countries. The practice of making resolutions for the new year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the **favor** of the gods and start the year off on the right foot.

(Source: <https://www.history.com/>)

Question 44: Which is the most suitable title for the passage?

- A. How January 1st becomes special.
- B. Best destinations to celebrate New Year.
- C. New Year's gatherings.
- D. New Year's celebrations.

Question 45: The word "**occurred**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. happened
- B. befell
- C. take place
- D. surfaced

Question 46: The word "**one**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. astronomer
- B. calendar
- C. sun
- D. emperor

Question 47: According to paragraph 3, revelers often enjoy specific meals and snacks during New Year because _____.

- A. they are thought to bestow good luck for the coming year.
- B. each represents the history and evolution of each country.
- C. people want to enjoy their favorite foods in this special holiday.
- D. they are on discount, thus cheaper, at this time of the year.

Question 48: The word "**favor**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. assistance
- B. permission
- C. partiality
- D. goodwill

Question 49: According to the passage, which is **NOT** mentioned as a common tradition during New Year?

- A. Watching fireworks displays.
- B. Eating special New Year's foods.
- C. Dropping a giant ball from the sky.
- D. Making resolutions for the next year.

Question 50: Which statements is **NOT** true, according to the passage?

- A. Civilizations over the world have celebrated the start of a year for at least 4 millennia.
- B. The New Year's Day served an important political purpose for the ancient Babylonians.
- C. Nations across the world typically pinned the first day of a year to an astronomical event.
- D. To realign the Roman calendar with the sun, Julius Caesar introduced his Julian calendar.

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