

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 1. A. dependence B. dinosaur C. industry D. calendar
Question 2. A. refer B. conquer C. infer D. prefer

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. I think it's time we did away with the obsolete policies.
A. looked out B. abolished C. maintained D. wiped out
Question 4. The situation was more complicated than they had at first realized.
A. simple B. complex C. difficult D. important

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 5. It is inadvisable to go swimming when you have a cold.
A. You must go swimming when you have a cold.
B. You needn't go swimming when you have a cold.
C. You shouldn't go swimming when you have a cold.
D. You might go swimming when you have a cold.
Question 6. It is twenty years since I last saw her.
A. I haven't seen her for twenty years.
B. I didn't see her for twenty years.
C. I saw her for twenty years.
D. I have seen her for twenty years.
Question 7. Tom asked his classmate, "Are you going to Cua Lo beach this weekend?"
A. Tom asked his classmate if he was going to Cua Lo beach that weekend.
B. Tom asked his classmate if was he going to Cua Lo beach that weekend.
C. Tom asked his classmate if is he going to Cua Lo beach that weekend.
D. Tom asked his classmate if he is going to Cua Lo beach that weekend.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

- Question 8. These shoes are made of imitation leather.
A. valuable B. natural C. expensive D. man-made
Question 9. If the crops are not irrigated soon, the harvest will be affected.
A. plowed B. fertilized C. watered D. planted

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 from 10 to 14.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is necessary (10) _____ our physical and mental well-being. One of the most important aspects of a healthy lifestyle is keeping fit through regular exercise. Exercise not only helps us maintain a healthy weight, (11) _____ it also strengthens our muscles and bones, reduces the risk of chronic diseases, and boosts our mood and energy levels. In addition to regular exercise, a healthy diet is also essential. Eating a (12) _____ diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and healthy fats

can provide the nutrients our bodies need to function properly. It is also important to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. Other healthy habits (13) _____ getting enough sleep, managing stress, and avoiding harmful substances such as tobacco and excessive alcohol. By incorporating these habits into our daily routines, we can improve our (14) _____ health and well-being and enjoy a better quality of life.

- Question 10.** A. to B. for C. with D. of
Question 11. A. and B. while C. when D. but
Question 12. A. imbalance B. balance C. unbalance D. balanced
Question 13. A. consist B. include C. contain D. comprise
Question 14. A. complete B. full C. overall D. whole

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

- Question 15.** She gives the _____ of being very busy.
A. attention B. consideration C. opinion D. impression
- Question 16.** By an unfortunate coincidence, their house _____ on the day he lost his job.
A. was burgling B. burgled C. was burgled D. burgles
- Question 17.** I _____ going to the movie when I moved out of Ho Chi Minh City.
A. put off B. looked up C. gave up D. turn off
- Question 18.** I hope _____ you again in the next meeting.
A. meet B. to meet C. meeting D. to meeting
- Question 19.** He's rather too fond _____ the sound of his own voice.
A. on B. of C. about D. in
- Question 20.** Jenny Brown was wearing _____ dark blue jeans.
A. an B. a C. Ø D. the
- Question 21.** I'll phone my parents _____ .
A. after I had got back from work B. as soon as I get back from work
C. when I got back from work D. by the time I got back from work
- Question 22.** They paid less for the house because it was in a(n) _____ part of town.
A. fashion B. unfashionable C. fashionably D. fashionable
- Question 23.** The morning flight is _____ than the afternoon one.
A. the best B. better C. best D. good
- Question 24.** With her _____ mind and good business sense, she soon became noticed.
A. steep B. blunt C. strong D. keen
- Question 25.** The new Town Hall, _____ in 2021, is expected to receive several awards.
A. building B. built C. was building D. was built
- Question 26.** I was watering the plants when my brother _____ home.
A. comes B. came C. had come D. was coming
- Question 27.** Your mother hasn't met him before, _____ ?
A. did she B. has she C. hasn't she D. didn't she
- Question 28.** Once again, the government _____ its promise
A. gave B. put C. took D. broke
- Question 29.** I've got a busy day tomorrow, so I think I'll hit the _____ .
A. bag B. bed C. bedroom D. sack

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

- Question 30.** Peter has helped Linda bring her luggage to her room.
- Linda: "Thank you very much!"

- Peter: " _____ "

- A. Never mind! B. That's all. C. You are welcoming. D. Not at all.

Question 31. Linda is at a grocer's.

- Shop Assistant: "Can I help you, sir?"

- Linda: " _____ "

- A. Yes, you can. B. Yes, How much do you want?
C. No, never mind! D. Yes, I'd some oranges, please.

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. You are making so much noise. I can't concentrate on my homework.

- A. If only you were making so much noise, I could concentrate on my homework.
B. If you were making so much noise, I couldn't concentrate on my homework.
C. If you weren't making so much noise, I could concentrate on my homework.
D. Provided that you are making so much noise, I can't concentrate on my homework.

Question 33. The British weather is very depressing. However, some tourists actually enjoy it.

- A. Depressing as the British weather might be, some tourists actually enjoy it.
B. As the result of the British depressing weather, some tourists actually enjoy it.
C. Feeling very depressed about it the British weather, some tourists actually enjoy it.
D. The British weather is so depressing that some tourists actually enjoy it.

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 34 to 38.

New research has indicated that students who sacrifice sleep in order to cram for exams may be doing more harm than good. The study, which explores the link between sleep and memory, was recently published by scientists at Harvard Medical School.

According to their findings, people who deprive themselves of sleep so that **they** can study until the last minute are unlikely to remember anything that would improve their performance, while suffering the crippling effects of **fatigue**. The research indicates that the brain requires good-quality sleep after practicing a task to effectively learn and improve at it. Those who substitute study for sleep, particularly those who miss deep or "slow-wave" sleep will get little benefit from their extra effort.

The results, which have been published in the scientific journal Nature Neuroscience, support the growing body of evidence suggesting that sleep is crucial to the learning process. Professor Stickgold, who led the study, suggests that a good night's sleep immediately after learning is essential for embedding new skills in the memory. He explains that the first night's sleep is crucial in the process of memory consolidation, adding that memories may not be retained unless they are "nailed down" by certain processes. Based on the findings, it seems that sleep is one such process that plays a crucial role in solidifying new information in the memory.

Question 34. The word "**fatigue**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____ .

- A. tiredness B. sadness C. happiness D. boredom

Question 35. According to paragraph 2, what did the Harvard Medical School discover?

- A. Those who study instead of sleeping have little chance of passing their exams.
B. 'Deep sleep' is not essential for studying and memory recollection.
C. People will have a better memory if they sleep only 3 hours a day.
D. Exhaustion is the biggest reason why students fail their exams.

Question 36. The word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____ .

- A. effects B. people C. minutes D. scientists

Question 37. Which of the following is NOT mentioned, according to the passage?

- A. It's not a good idea for students to stay up late to study for their exams instead of sleeping.
B. Sleep kickstarts a process of memory retention.

- C. A good night's sleep is vital if a person wants to improve their memory.
- D. Sleep is the only thing that can help a learner process new information.

Question 38. What could be the best title for the passage?

- A. Sleep Better than Late-night Studying before Exams
- B. How to Have a Good Sleep on Eve of Exams
- C. Pressure among Students at School
- D. Tips to Succeed on Exam Day

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 39. One shouldn't tell his secrets to gossips if you wish them to remain secret.

- A. remain secret
- B. to
- C. shouldn't
- D. you wish

Question 40. No payments are made because of a computer error last week.

- A. are
- B. of
- C. week
- D. No

Question 41. In the current economic situation, it is fairly predictive that unemployment will continue to rise.

- A. the
- B. will
- C. predictive
- D. to rise

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 42 to 48.

There is a great concern in Europe and North America about declining standards of literacy in schools. The development of literacy has far-reaching effects on general intellectual development and thus anything which **impedes** the development of literacy is a serious matter for us all. So the hunt is on for the cause of the decline in literacy.

When teachers use picture books, they are simply continuing a long-established tradition that is accepted without question. And for the past two decades, illustrations in reading primers have become increasingly detailed and obtrusive, while language has become impoverished-sometimes to the point of extinction.

Amazingly, there is virtually no empirical evidence to support the use of illustrations in teaching reading. On the contrary, a great deal of empirical evidence shows that pictures interfere in a damaging way with all aspects of learning to read. The artwork is often marvellous, but the pictures make the language **redundant**, and the children have no need to imagine anything when they read such books. Looking at a picture actively prevents children younger than nine from creating a mental image, and can make it difficult for older children. In order to learn how to comprehend, they need to practise making their own meaning in response to text. They need to have their innate powers of imagination trained. As they grow older, many children turn aside from books without pictures, and it is a situation made more serious as our culture becomes more visual. It is hard to wean children off picture books when pictures have played a major part throughout **their** formative reading experiences, and when there is competition for their attention from so many other sources of entertainment.

Pictures are also used to help motivate children to read because they are beautiful and eye-catching. But motivation to read should be provided by listening to stories well read, where children imagine in response to the story. Then, as they start to read, they have this experience to help them understand the language. If we present pictures to save children the trouble of developing these creative skills, then we are making a great mistake.

Question 42. Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. There have been improvements in literacy standards in European academic institutions.
- B. It is only recently that pictures books have been used in teaching reading to children.
- C. Because pictures are visually attractive, they are utilized as a way to encourage children to read.
- D. Pictures in books have been conclusively proved to do wonders for teaching reading.

Question 43. It can be inferred from the passage that _____ .

- A. older readers are having difficulty in adjusting to texts without pictures
- B. children may be vulnerable to mental problems if exposed too much to picture books

- C. children need to be very imaginative to interpret pictures in books.
- D. illiteracy was not a grave concern in Europe and North America in the past

Question 44. According to paragraph 2, pictures in reading books _____.

- A. prevent students from raising questions to their teachers
- B. are mostly drawn in the traditional style
- C. are now much simpler than they used to
- D. sometimes dominate at the expense of text

Question 45. The word "**their**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____

- A. children
- B. pictures books
- C. books without pictures
- D. pictures

Question 46. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Picture Books - More Harm Than Good
- B. Getting Children Accustomed to Picture Books
- C. Integrating Pictures into Linguistics Research
- D. Picture Books - A Novel Way to Teach Reading

Question 47. The word "**impedes**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____ .

- A. enhances
- B. encourages
- C. forbids
- D. prevents

Question 48. The word "**redundant**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____ .

- A. unnecessary
- B. essential
- C. unreliable
- D. interesting

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

Question 49. A. false B. fake C. amaze D. frame

Question 50. A. then B. than C. this D. theme

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