

PRACTICE TEST 5

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

Question 1: A. active B. annual C. adverb D. attract

Question 2: A. gender B. teenager C. guarantee D. energy

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

Question 3: A. actual B. housework C. distract D. focus

Question 4: A. gratitude B. dominate C. entertain D. cultural

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

Question 5: He _____ Spanish for two years, and his fluency has improved significantly.

- A. has studied B. studied C. is studying D. will study

Question 6: She's been working tirelessly on this project for weeks, _____? Her dedication is truly admirable.

- A. hasn't she B. did she C. has she D. wasn't she

Question 7: Reading a novel in a foreign language is _____ reading a picture book.

- A. as demanding like B. so demanding as
C. much demanding like D. more demanding than

Question 8: They promised _____ a portion of their earnings to charity every month.

- A. to donate B. to donating C. donate D. donating

Question 9: He _____ an interesting article while browsing the internet.

- A. passed out B. came across C. gave up D. tried on

Read the following advertisement/school announcement and mark the letter *A, B, C, or D* to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 10 to 15.

Announcement

We would like to (10) _____ parents and students that the New Year 2024 break will run from February 5, 2024 to February 18, 2024.

(11) _____ February 19, 2024, everything will return to normal for the entire school community.

We wish (12) _____ enjoyable holiday and a New Year filled with Health and Joy for all parents, students, teachers, and school staff!

Question 10:

- A. inform B. information C. informative D. informatively

Question 11:

- A. At B. On C. In D. To

Question 12:

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø (no article)

Calling All Animal Lovers!

Want to make a difference in the lives of furry friends? Join our team of volunteer dogsitters!

Our volunteer program (13) _____ you the chance to give back to your community while spending quality time with adorable pups. No experience necessary - you (14) _____ with necessary training to become a confident and caring dogsitter.

(15) _____ you're ready to make tails wag and hearts melt, contact us today at 209-759. Together, let's spread love and happiness, one paw at a time!

Question 13:

- A. supplies B. enrolls C. offers D. prepares

Question 14:

- A. providing B. provide C. have provided D. will be provided

Question 15:

- A. Before B. Upon C. If D. Suppose

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

Question 16:

- a. Secondly, public transport helps reduce traffic congestion, leading to smoother and more efficient travel for everyone.
- b. Public transport offers numerous advantages that contribute to the well-being of individuals and communities.
- c. Finally, public transport enhances social inclusivity by providing accessible transportation options for individuals with disabilities or those without access to private vehicles.
- d. Additionally, it promotes environmental protection by reducing air pollution and carbon emissions compared to individual car travel.
- e. Firstly, it is a cost-effective option as it allows commuters to save money on fuel, parking fees, and vehicle maintenance expenses.

- A. e-b-a-a-d B. c-a-b-e-d
C. b-e-a-d-c D. b-d-e-c-a

Question 17:

- a. Innovation drives progress by inspiring us to think creatively so it helps to solve complex problems and improve our lives.
- b. In short, innovation is about pushing boundaries and creating a better future for everyone.
- c. Moreover, innovation creates opportunities for businesses and employment, boosting economic growth and prosperity.
- d. I'm writing to share my thoughts on the importance of innovation.
- e. Best regards.
- f. Dear Tom, I hope you're having a great day.

- A. f-c-b-d-a-e B. f-b-a-d-c-e
C. f-d-a-c-b-e D. f-a-d-c-b-e

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.

Climate change has brought about a range of environmental challenges, worsened by human activities. Firstly, the increasing temperatures have led to more frequent and severe extreme weather events such as hurricanes, wildfires, and droughts. (18) _____ but also have long-term consequences for economies and societies.

Secondly, changes in precipitation patterns have resulted in alterations in rainfall distribution, intensifying floods in some areas (19) _____. These changes in water availability have negative effects on agriculture and (20) _____.

Additionally, the melting of polar ice caps and glaciers has contributed to rising sea levels, which is a threat (21) _____.

Furthermore, (22) _____, endangering marine biodiversity and fisheries.

In conclusion, the connection between these climate changes emphasizes the urgent need for global collaboration and coordinated efforts. It's crucial for people worldwide (23) _____ the impacts of climate change and strengthen vulnerable communities.

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Question 18:

- A. Which events not only pose immediate dangers to human lives and infrastructure
- B. What is not only events posing immediate dangers to human lives and infrastructure
- C. These events not only pose immediate dangers to human lives and infrastructure
- D. Not only does these events pose immediate dangers to human lives and infrastructure

Question 19:

- A. in order to worsen drought conditions in others
- B. while worsening drought conditions in others
- C. having worsened drought conditions in others
- D. worsen drought conditions in others

Question 20:

- A. food security B. securing food C. food secured D. secure food

Question 21:

- A. coastal communities and to low-lying islands
- B. coastal communities and low-lying islands
- C. with coastal communities and low-lying islands
- D. to coastal communities and low-lying islands

Question 22:

- A. the warming of oceans has been caused by coral bleaching events
- B. warming oceans has not caused coral bleaching events yet
- C. the warming of oceans has caused coral bleaching events
- D. warming oceans and coral bleaching events have caused

Question 23:

- A. to work together to reduce B. working together to reduce

C. to working together to reduce

D. work together to reduce

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 24 to 28.

Taylor Swift, a widely admired figure in the music industry, has captured the hearts of audiences worldwide with her talent, honesty, and strength. Starting as a singer-songwriter in country music and later transitioning into a (24) _____ pop star, Swift has consistently pushed boundaries and exceeded expectations. Apart from her musical abilities, Swift is recognized for her charitable actions, (25) _____ include generous donations to charitable causes and support for fans in need. (26) _____ facing controversies and setbacks throughout her career, Swift has emerged stronger, using her platform to inspire (27) _____ and spark meaningful conversations. With her innovative approach to storytelling and dedication to her craft, Taylor Swift continues to (28) _____ an indelible mark on the music industry, proving she is one of the most influential artists of her generation.

Question 24:

A. prominent

B. notorious

C. sentimental

D. obscure

Question 25:

A. that

B. what

C. which

D. who

Question 26:

A. Moreover

B. Despite

C. Therefore

D. Provided

Question 27:

A. the other

B. another

C. each other

D. others

Question 28:

A. hold

B. leave

C. keep

D. run

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 29 to 33.

Cryptocurrency is like digital money that exists only on the internet. It's not like the cash you can hold in your hand or the coins you can jingle in your pocket. Instead, it's stored in a digital wallet on your computer or smartphone.

The most famous cryptocurrency is called Bitcoin. It was created in 2009 by someone using the name Satoshi Nakamoto. Since then, lots of other cryptocurrencies have been made, like Ethereum, Ripple, and Litecoin. Each one works a bit differently and has its own special features.

What makes cryptocurrencies special is that they don't need a bank or government to control them. Instead, **they** use something called blockchain technology. This is like a big digital record book that keeps track of every transaction ever made with that cryptocurrency. It's super secure and almost impossible to fake.

People use cryptocurrencies for all kinds of things. Some buy them as an investment, hoping the value will go up over time. Others use them to buy things online or send money to friends and family around the world. Cryptocurrencies can be sent from one person to another quickly and cheaply, without needing a **middleman** like a bank.

But cryptocurrencies can also be risky. Their value can go up and down a lot, like a rollercoaster. And because they're digital, if you lose your digital wallet or forget your password, you could lose all your cryptocurrency forever.

In conclusion, cryptocurrencies are a new kind of money that's changing the way we think about finance. They're exciting, but they come with risks, so it's important to be careful when using them.

Question 29: What would be the best title for the passage?

- A. Cryptocurrency: The Future of Money in the Digital Age
- B. A Revolution in Finance with Digital Wallet
- C. Opportunities and Risks of Bitcoin in the Future
- D. Decentralized Digital Currency and Its Implications

Question 30: What distinguishes cryptocurrency from traditional cash?

- A. It is tangible and can be held in hand.
- B. It exists only in digital form on the internet.
- C. It is controlled by banks and governments.
- D. It cannot be stored on blockchain.

Question 31: What does the word "they" in paragraph 3 refer to?

- A. special features
- B. cryptocurrencies
- C. banks
- D. governments

Question 32: What does the word "middleman" in paragraph 3 mostly mean?

- A. A person who mediates between two parties in a transaction.
- B. An individual who holds cryptocurrencies on behalf of others.
- C. A government authority overseeing cryptocurrency transactions.
- D. A digital platform used for trading cryptocurrencies.

Question 33: What is one of the risks associated with cryptocurrencies mentioned in the passage?

- A. They are stable and secure so they are exclusively used for illegal transactions.
- B. Their value does not fluctuate much so it is largely considered a high-risk investment.
- C. Loss of access to your digital wallet can result in permanent loss of cryptocurrency.
- D. They are backed by physical assets like gold so they are a reliable investment.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 34 to 40.

The Federal Reserve, often referred to simply as the Fed, is like the money manager of the United States. Established in 1913, its primary goal is to maintain economic stability and prevent financial crises. At **its** core is the Board of Governors, a group of seven individuals appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Led by the Chair, these governors oversee the Fed's operations and decisions.

One of the Fed's main responsibilities is to control interest rates. By adjusting the federal funds rate, the rate at which banks lend money to each other overnight, the Fed can influence borrowing and spending in the economy. Lowering interest rates makes borrowing cheaper, encouraging

people and businesses to spend and invest more, while raising interest rates can help prevent inflation from rising too quickly.

In addition to managing interest rates, the Fed also supervises and regulates banks to ensure they operate safely and fairly. They set rules and regulations to protect consumers and maintain the stability of the financial system. During times of financial stress, such as the 2008 financial crisis, the Fed acts as a lender of last resort, providing liquidity to banks to prevent widespread panic and instability.

The Fed's actions have **far-reaching** effects on the economy, influencing everything from job growth to inflation rates. Through research and analysis, the Fed continually **monitors** economic conditions and adjusts its policies accordingly. While its decisions can sometimes be controversial, the Fed plays a crucial role in maintaining the overall health of the U.S. economy.

In summary, the Federal Reserve is a vital institution tasked with managing the nation's monetary policy and financial system. By regulating banks, controlling interest rates, and providing stability in times of crisis, the Fed helps ensure a healthy and prosperous economy for all Americans.

Question 34: Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

- A. Understanding the Federal Reserve: America's Financial System
- B. The Role of the Fed: Maintaining Economic Stability
- C. The Federal Reserve: Guardians of All Americans
- D. Exploring the Fed: Analyzing America's Financial Health

Question 35: The word "its" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. primary goal
- B. economic stability
- C. The Federal Reserve
- D. crisis

Question 36: Which of the following aspects of the Federal Reserve's operations is discussed in paragraph 2?

- A. An important duty of the Federal Reserve.
- B. The establishment of the Board of Governors.
- C. The confirmation process for members of the Board of Governors.
- D. A specific task of the Chair of the Board of Governors.

Question 37: According to the passage, what role does the Federal Reserve play during times of financial crisis?

- A. Implementing policies to stimulate economic growth.
- B. Providing financial support for struggling industries.
- C. Acting as a lender of last resort to provide liquidity to banks.
- D. Intervening in international financial markets to stabilize exchange rates.

Question 38: The word "far-reaching" in paragraph 4 is opposite in meaning to _____.

- A. widespread
- B. insignificant
- C. considerable
- D. incautious

Question 39: The word "monitors" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. maintains B. observes C. acquires D.
modifies

Question 40: It can be inferred from the passage that _____ /

- A. the Federal Reserve's actions primarily focus on stimulating economic growth through monetary policy
- B. the Federal Reserve plays a significant role in maintaining the stability of the financial system and managing economic crises
- C. the Federal Reserve's decisions are guided by political considerations rather than economic indicators
- D. the Federal Reserve's interventions in the economy have negligible effects on job growth and inflation rates