

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. camping B. centre C. cover D. couch

Question 2. A. bear B. near C. wear D. pear

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. locate B. mingle C. pollute D. attract

Question 4. A. quality B. interview C. newspaper D. solution

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. I like getting around by ____ because I hate the smell of car exhaust.

- A. underground B. private car C. taxi D. bus

Question 6. The town's public amenities make it a ____ place for its residents.

- A. crowded B. boring C. livable D. dull

Question 7. After I found all the information I needed, I turn ____ the computer.

- A. in B. off C. on D. of

Question 8. There's a ____ in my neighborhood. It's noisy and dusty.

- A. building B. construction site C. hospital D. lake

Question 9. Hong Kong is like a concrete jungle with so many people in it. It's a ____ city.

- A. Calm B. quiet C. bustling D. high

Question 10. The ____ the price of living in the city, the ____ people can afford to live there comfortably.

- A. Higher/ less B. lower/ more C. higher/ more D. lower/ less

Question 11. The ____ the sky train system is, the ____ it is for people to travel across the city.

- A. More efficient/ easier C. less efficient/ easier
B. more efficient/ harder D. less efficient/ harder

Question 12. Tom: " Would you like to come to dinner next Friday?"

Lan: " ____ . I have much homework to do."

- A. Certainly not B. I'm afraid, I can't C. Unfortunately not. D. I hope not.

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

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Discover the excitement of city living with our new City Tour! Our guided tours provide a unique insight into (13) ____ urban life. Explore famous landmarks, hidden gems, and learn about (14) ____ and culture of our bustling metropolis. Tours are available daily and can (15) ____ online or (16) ____ our office.

Question 13. A. a B. an C. the D. X

Question 14. A. historic B. historian C. historically D. history

Question 15. A. book B. be book C. be booked D. booking

Question 16. A. in B. at C. on D. by

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions 17.

- a. Firstly, the city offers many chances for social and cultural activities.
b. Also, many people enjoy the variety of lifestyle and services available.
c. In conclusion, city life provides a lively and exciting environment for

- d. For example, from theaters to art galleries, there is always something to explore.
- e. However, despite the fun, living in the city can be challenging because of noise and crowded streets.
- A. a-c-d-b-e B. a-d-b-e-c C. a-b-c-d-e D. b-a-d-c-e

Question 18.

- a. Firstly, the city's nightlife is vibrant and full of energy.
- b. For example, there are numerous clubs, restaurants and theaters to visit.
- c. Moreover, many people enjoy spending this evenings exploring these places.
- d. However, the city can be noisy and busy, especially late at night.
- e. Despite this, the excitement of city life is something many find enjoyable.
- A. a-b-c-d-e B. b-a-d-c-e C. a-d-b-e-c D. a-b-d-c-e

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each numbered blank from 19 to 24.

Tokyo's rankings in several of the latest livability indexes speak for themselves. In 2022, Tokyo (19) _____ second on Global Finance Magazine's Best Cities Index and sixth on Monocle's Quality of Life Survey. Taipei-born Kay Lin, Executive Officer at Japan Exchange Group (JPX), first came to Japan as a student. After some years in Taiwan and the US, she decided (20) _____ in Tokyo in 2009. "The cleanliness and (21) _____ make it comfortable to live here and the infrastructure is very well developed," she says, noting that the (22) _____ of living is low compared with other financial cities. David Shirt, CEO of investment advisory firm Astris Advisory Japan, concurs. "Tokyo is clean and safe, with world-class education and lots of international schools. And it's (23) _____. People talk about low taxes in Singapore (24) _____ rents are sky-high. Here, on the other hand, rents are lower and you get a world-class city to live in."

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| Question 19. A. ranks | B. ranked | C. has ranked | D. will rank |
| Question 20. A. settle | B. to settle | C. settling | D. to settling |
| Question 21. A. safe | B. safety | C. safely | D. unsafe |
| Question 22. A. price | B. cost | C. expense | D. value |
| Question 23. A. affordable | B. pricey | C. expensive | D. dangerous |
| Question 24. A. which | B. where | C. who | D. whom |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.

Question 25. Living in the city is much more expensive than living in the countryside.

- A. Living in the countryside is much cheaper than living in the city.
- B. Living in the countryside is as expensive as living in the countryside.
- C. Living in the countryside is the most expensive.
- D. It is more expensive to live in the countryside than to live in the city.

Question 26. Her sister always runs more quickly than her.

- A. She doesn't always run as quickly as her sister.
- B. Her sister is always the quickest runner.
- C. She can run faster than her sister.
- D. Her sister has participated in many running competitions.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues in each of the following questions.

Question 25. Some cities/ be/ like/ concrete jungles/ so many buildings.

- A. Some cities be like concrete jungles as so many buildings.
- B. Some cities are like concrete jungles with so many buildings.
- C. Some cities are like concrete jungles like so many buildings.
- D. Some cities be likely to concrete jungles so many buildings.

Question 26. Reducing noise pollution/ the hometown/ can lead/ a better quality of life.

- A. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead in a better quality of life.
- B. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead of a better quality of life.
- C. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead to a better quality of life.
- D. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead from a better quality of life.

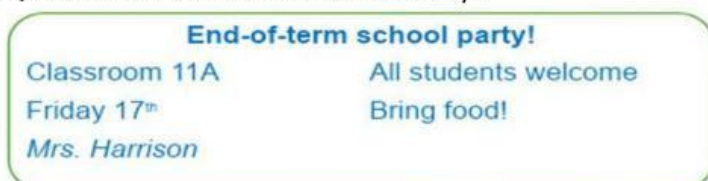
Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 29. What does the sign say?



- A. The elevator is working well and you can use it.
- B. The elevator is not working and you cannot use it
- C. The elevator is being repaired and will work again soon
- D. The elevator is for special use only and not for everyone.

Question 30. What does the notice say?



- A. To attend this party, you need to be a student from Classroom 3B.
- B. Mrs. Harrison will bring something to the party for students to eat.
- C. Everyone at the school is invited to the party on the 17th
- D. The party will take place after Friday 17th.

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 following questions from 31 to 36.

Traffic jams and pollution are two big problems in the city. Traffic jams occur when there are too many cars on the roads, making it difficult for people to move around quickly. To solve this, cities can encourage people to use public transportation, like buses or trains, instead of driving their own cars. This would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads, easing traffic congestion. Pollution is another issue in cities because there is too much dirty air from vehicles and factories. One solution for this problem is to plant more trees and create more green spaces in the city. Trees provide oxygen and clean the air. By increasing the number of trees, cities can improve air quality and make the environment healthier for everyone. In conclusion, we all need to work together to solve the problems of traffic and pollution. By using public transportation and starting green projects like planting trees, we can make our city environment more sustainable and enjoyable.

Question 31. Which title best suits the passage?

- A. The Benefits of Public Transportation
- B. Solutions for City Traffic and Pollution
- C. The Importance of Green Spaces
- D. The Role of Factories in Pollution

Question 32. What is one method suggested to reduce traffic congestion?

- A. Expanding road networks
- B. Increasing the number of vehicles
- C. Encouraging public transportation use
- D. Building more factories

Question 33. What is the OPPOSITE of "congestion" as used in the passage?

- A. Density
- B. Clarity
- C. Dispersal
- D. Compression

Question 34. What is a synonym for "pollution" in the passage?

- A. Cleanliness
- B. Contamination
- C. Purity
- D. Freshness

Question 35. What does the word "**this**" refer to in the context of the passage?

- A. Traffic congestion
- B. Air quality
- C. Planting trees
- D. Using public transportation

Question 36. What can be inferred about the author's viewpoint on solving city problems?

- A. The author believes that individual actions are more effective than collective efforts.
- B. The author thinks that increasing industrial activities will solve pollution problems.
- C. The author supports using a combination of methods to address traffic and pollution.
- D. The author prefers to ignore environmental issues in favor of economic growth.

Four phrases/ sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.

The majority of London's inhabitants live in its suburbs. (37) _____. These people are called "commuters". Commuters may spend as much as two hours every morning getting to work and another two hours getting home again. (38) _____. Millions of visitors come to London every year from all over the world to see the famous sights here such as (39) _____. London is also very famous for its theaters, red buses and black taxis. Some people find it a noisy and dirty place but it has many large, pleasant parks. (40) _____. London has many attractions both people from other parts of Britain and people from overseas.

- A. The cost of living in London is higher than that in most other parts of Britain.
- B. Here, everyone can enjoy some peaceful and quiet moments
- C. Many of them travel to the city to work every day by train, bus, tube or car
- D. Buckingham Palace and many other historic buildings

Question 37Question 38Question 39Question 40

Exercise 4: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences:

1. The life in the countryside is very quiet and relaxing
 A. noisy B. exciting C. modern D. hard
2. City people seem to react more quickly to changes than country people.
 A. noisy B. slow C. slowly D. fast
3. A buffalo ploughs better than a horse.
 A. well B. bad C. badly D. worse
4. This exercise is more difficult than that one.
 A. easy B. boring C. good D. easily
5. Life in the city is more convenient and exciting than life in the country.
 A. inconvenient B. more inconvenient C. slow D. A and B are correct

Exercise 10: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

1. I am not sure who lives happier: nomads or city dwellers.
 A. who B. lives C. happier D. city dwellers
2. A camel runs much more slowly as a horse.
 A. A B. runs C. much D. as
3. City people seem to react quickly to changes than in the countryside.
 A. seem B. quickly C. than D. the
4. My father used to hate eat sea food, but now he likes doing it.
 A. used B. eat C. but D. doing
5. How many water do you drink everyday?
 A. How many B. do C. drink D. everyday