

Test 2

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.

What are digital generations? You can look at it from (1) _____ viewpoints. As a singular view, a digital generation can be considered as encompassing only people (2) _____ were born into or raised in the digital era, meaning with widespread (3) _____ to modern-age technology such as smartphones, tablets, computers, and digital information like the internet.

Authors David Buckingham and Rebekah Willett penned a book, "Digital Generations," that hones in on this premise and explores both the dangers and opportunities technology holds for these generations. (4) _____, the term digital generation was also adopted for an NPR series that explores how different generations and communities engage with technology.

However, for this overview, we prefer the viewpoint that every living person today can be considered part of a digital generation, because — no matter how much we engage with technology — we are living in a digital-first world. This inclusive perspective recognizes that technology pervades every (5) _____ of modern life, influencing everyone regardless of their age or familiarity with digital tools.

Adapted from <https://us.norton.com/>

- Question 1:** A. every B. much C. a D. several
Question 2: A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
Question 3: A. taste B. skill C. limit D. access
Question 4: A. Moreover B. Although C. However D. Therefore
Question 5: A. industry B. innovation C. conflict D. aspect

Read the following advertisement/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.

WANT TO EXPERIENCE A MEMORABLE FAMILY VACATION?

Are you looking (6) _____ the perfect getaway that caters to the needs of your entire family?

Join ABC Family Travel for (7) _____ family vacations:

- Tailored family packages (8) _____ prices
- Fun and engaging activities for all ages.

Contact us:

- Email: abcxyz@web.mail

Address: 200 Sunshine Boulevard, Family Town

- Question 6:** A. after B. for C. up D. at
Question 7: A. unforgettable B. common C. boring D. regular
Question 8: A. Expensive B. Interesting C. High D. Affordable

HEALTH ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT

A Long and Healthy Life

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is key to achieving a long life. Regular exercise, a balanced diet, and enough sleep are essential for staying healthy. Health experts (9) _____ that adults engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily. Additionally, (10) _____ a nutritious diet rich in fruits and vegetables can significantly improve your overall well-being. It is also important to avoid unhealthy habits, such as smoking or excessive alcohol consumption, as these can lead to serious (11) _____ conditions like heart disease and cancer. Regular check-ups with your doctor will help monitor your health and catch any potential issues early.

- Question 9:** A. are suggesting B. suggest C. suggests D. is suggesting
Question 10: A. maintains B. maintained C. maintain D. maintaining
Question 11: A. medications B. medical C. medically D. medicine

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.

Grandparents are becoming the forgotten generation, with youngsters now too busy to listen to their stories from the olden days.

A study of 1,000 five- to 18-year-olds reveals just 21 per cent will visit their older relatives to hear about how their lives were different in the past; such as where they worked, how it was living in the war, and how they met the love of their life. More than half of youths have no idea what job their grandparent did before retirement. Sadly, one in ten **admit** they are simply not interested in their grandmother's or grandad's talents and interests, and a quarter only turn up to see **them** for pocket money. But 23 percent claim the reason they don't know anything about their older relatives is that they don't really get the

chance to talk properly.

Researchers found that although 65 per cent of youngsters do see their grandparents every single week, 37 per cent claim this is only because their parents want them to. And while 39 per cent talk to their grandparents on the phone, Facebook or Skype at least once a week - 16 per cent once a day - conversation is rarely focused on what they are doing or have done in the past. Four in 10 kids have no idea what their grandparent's proudest achievements are, while 30 per cent don't know if they have any special skills or talents. And 42 per cent don't spend any time talking about their grandparent's history - and are therefore clueless about what their grandmother or grandad was like when they were younger. Perhaps due to this lack of communication and respect, just six per cent of children say they **look up to** their grandparents as a role model and inspiration.

Question 12: Which of the following could be the main idea of the passage?

- A. Young people's tendency to neglect their grandparents
- B. Grandparents' attitudes towards youngsters
- C. Young people's disinterest in their grandparents' stories
- D. Grandparents' loneliness in their old age

Question 13: According to the study in paragraph 2, which information is **NOT true**?

- A. Nearly a quarter of young people don't have suitable opportunities to talk to older relatives.
- B. Merely one fifth of people in the survey keep asking about the bygone time of their grandparents.
- C. Most of youths visit their grandparents to ask for pocket money.
- D. Over 50% of the young don't know about their older relatives' past professions.

Question 14: According to the last paragraph, the proportion of the young voluntarily visiting their older family members every week is _____.

- A. 28%
- B. 65%
- C. 39%
- D. 27%

Question 15: The word 'admit' in paragraph 2 is **CLOSEST** in meaning to _____.

- A. confess
- B. conceal
- C. refuse
- D. dissent

Question 16: The word 'them' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. youngsters
- B. talents
- C. grandparents
- D. relatives

Question 17: The phrase 'look up to' in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to?

- A. disrespect
- B. admire
- C. dread
- D. imagine

Question 18: Which of the following can be inferred from the last paragraph?

- A. Children's lack of communication with grandparents leads to mutual misunderstanding.
- B. Grandchildren never care for their elderly relatives' special skills and talents.
- C. Most young people use modern technology to keep in touch with their older generation.
- D. Youngsters nowadays are too indifferent to their grandparents' lives in the past.

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

Question 19: Her parents rarely let her stay out late, _____?

- A. do they
- B. don't they
- C. doesn't she
- D. does she

Question 20: The young boy _____ his father, both in appearance and personality.

- A. turns out
- B. makes out
- C. takes after
- D. picks up

Question 21: Facebook is used _____ among the young.

- A. communicate
- B. communicating
- C. to communicating
- D. to communicate

Question 22: Their children _____ lots of new friends since they moved to that town.

- A. are making
- B. make
- C. have made
- D. made

Question 23: The revised manuscript is _____ than the previous one.

- A. the simplest
- B. simpler
- C. simple
- D. simplest

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 24: A. freedom B. value C. result D. conflict

Question 25: A. media B. extended C. influence D. digital

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.

In 1977, Governor Raul Castro signed a paper suggesting that August 7, 1977 was American Family Day. One year later, Governor Bruce Babbitt signed the day into law as an official Arizona holiday. American Family Day is now celebrated across the United States on the first Sunday in August. (26) _____ Principally, the day encourages families to spend time with one another. Unlike some other family holidays, people do not give gifts on this day. Instead, they celebrate the day by focusing on family relationships. People believe that the best gift one can give their families is themselves. So on this day, people enjoy being with (27) _____ families. The most common activities family members often do together include playing games outdoors or going for a walk in the park, watching a movie, (28) _____ and bringing them a picnic lunch. Some families enjoy taking an art class together, visiting a museum or (29) _____ and getting the whole family involved in the cooking. (30) _____, the most important thing should be that they do it with their families. Americans love their Family Day because it reminds them to express their love to their family and (31) _____.

Question 26:

- A. Which encourages people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them.
- B. What encourages people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them.
- C. Encouraging people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them.
- D. It encourages people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them.

Question 27:

- A. our
- B. your
- C. its
- D. their

Question 28:

- A. to visiting grandparents
- B. to visit grandparents
- C. visiting grandparents
- D. grandparents' visiting

Question 29:

- A. trying out a new recipe
- B. trying a new recipe out
- C. try out a new recipe
- D. to try a new recipe out

Question 30:

- A. Having done whatever
- B. Whatever people do
- C. People do whatever
- D. To do whatever

Question 31:

- A. help strengthen their family bonds
- B. their family bonds are strengthened
- C. helps strengthen their family bonds
- D. to help strengthen their family bonds

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

- Question 32:** a, Water helps our bodies function well and keeps our temperature normal.
b, Drinking enough water is very important for our health.
c, Furthermore, drinking enough water can improve digestion and make our skin healthy.
d, In addition, water helps remove toxins from our bodies.
e, To stay healthy, we should drink at least 8 glasses of water every day.
f, In conclusion, water is an essential part of our daily lives.

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

Question 33: a, Dear Family,

My name is Emma, and I am writing to express how grateful I am for each one of you.

- b, Growing up in such a loving environment has shaped who I am today.
c, This year, I hope we can strengthen our bonds and create lasting memories together.
d, Thank you for always supporting my dreams and encouraging me to pursue my passions.
e, I have made an effort to help around the house more, especially with cooking and cleaning.
f, Wishing you all a wonderful year filled with happiness and health!
- Love, Emma.

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

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 34:** A. admire B. historic C. recognize D. excited
Question 35: A. looked B. weighed C. laughed D. released

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.

Everyone knows that good sleep is vitally important for our health. Not everyone knows how important it is to sleep in the dark. A new report says that sleeping with the light on could be bad for our health. Researchers say that turning off the light when we sleep helps to keep away diabetes and heart diseases. Sleeping with the light on could increase the risk of getting these diseases. The researchers said that around 40 percent of people sleep with some sort of artificial light. They said even the light from a television or alarm clock could affect our health. They added that the worst thing to sleep with is a main light. Sleeping in the dark is more difficult for people who live in cities where there is a lot of outdoor light at night.

Dr Phyllis Zee, who is an expert in sleep medicine, said that it is healthier for us to turn off all lights when we sleep. Her team conducted a study of the blood sugar levels of 20 people after nights of sleep. The people who slept with a light on had higher blood sugar levels the next morning compared to those who slept in total darkness. Dr. Zee said this is because light stimulates brain activity, which raises blood sugar levels. She said there are three things we can do to reduce the risk of

illness. The first thing is we should turn off the lights. Moreover, we should never sleep with white or blue light. Finally, it is a good idea to use a blackout curtain or wear an eye mask.

(Adapted from: <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220324-sleeping-with-the-light-on.html>)

Question 36: What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Sleep and the risk of illness
- B. Light and the risk of illness
- C. Sleep and sleep medicine
- D. Sleep and light

Question 37: According to the passage, why do people who live in cities find sleeping in the dark difficult?

- A. Because there is a lot of outdoor light at night in cities.
- B. Because people in cities like sleeping with white or blue light.
- C. Because they sleep with an artificial light, like a television.
- D. Because all people in cities never turn off the lights when they sleep.

Question 38: The word "stimulates" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____

- A. encourages
- B. increases
- C. generates
- D. expands

Question 39: The pronoun "They" in paragraph 1 refers to _____

- A. People in cities
- B. People sleeping with lights on
- C. The researchers
- D. Diabetes and heart diseases

Question 40: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as the things that we can do to reduce the risk of illness?

- A. Sleep with the light from a television or alarm clock.
- B. Use a blackout curtain or wear an eye mask.
- C. Never sleep with white or blue light.
- D. Turn off the light.

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Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

ASEAN countries are known for their rich cultural traditions and celebrations. These celebrations, often marked by colourful parades and performances, are an important way to honour ancestors, strengthen community bonds, and **promote** regional cooperation and understanding.

One of the most popular cultural celebrations in many ASEAN countries is the Lunar New Year, which takes place in late January or early February. Based on the lunar calendar, this holiday is a time to honour ancestors, make offerings of food and gifts, and wish for **prosperity** and good fortune in the coming year. During the Lunar New Year, people often take part in traditional activities such as tug of war, bamboo dancing, stilt walking, dragon and lion dances, and the lighting of firecrackers to scare away bad luck.

Another popular cultural celebration in many ASEAN countries is the Water Festival, which takes place in April or May. This festival, also known as Songkran in Thailand, celebrates the start of the rainy season and the power of water to wash away bad luck and start fresh. During the festival, people splash water on each other in the streets and participate in other fun activities.

In addition to these celebrations, many ASEAN countries also have unique cultural traditions and practices **that** are specific to their region or community. For example, in Viet Nam, people often release lanterns into the sky during the Mid - Autumn Festival to symbolise the desire for a bright future. In Indonesia, people celebrate the end of Ramadan with a feast known as Idul Fitri, which is a time to strengthen community bonds and forgive past grievances.

Overall, cultural celebrations are an important part of life in ASEAN countries, promoting regional identity, cultural exchange, and mutual support among communities.

Question 33. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Cultural Celebrations in Asean Countries
- B. Cultural Practices in Asean Countries
- C. Popular Activities in Cultural Celebrations in Asean Countries
- D. The Development of Culture in Asean Countries

Question 34. The word '**promote**' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. discourage
- B. encourage
- C. exclude
- D. avoid

Question 35. Which of the following is TRUE about the Lunar New Year celebration?

- A. It is celebrated in ASEAN countries during the summer season.
- B. It involves activities such as stilt walking and firecracker lighting.
- C. It is primarily focused on washing away bad luck with water.
- D. It is celebrated in April or May based on the lunar calendar.

Question 36. The word '**prosperity**' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. well-being
- B. necessity
- C. wealth
- D. restriction

Question 37. According to paragraph 2, what is the Water Festival in ASEAN countries?

- A. A festival that celebrates the start of the rainy season
- B. A festival that celebrates the end of the rainy season
- C. A festival that celebrates the power of the wind
- D. A festival that celebrates the start of the dry season

Question 38. What is the alternative name for the Water Festival in Thailand?

- A. Lunar New Year
- B. Mid-Autumn Festival
- C. Songkran
- D. Idul Fitri

Question 39. The word '**that**' in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. celebrations
- B. countries
- C. cultural practices
- D. traditions and practices

Question 40. According to paragraph 4, what is the purpose of releasing lanterns into the sky during the Mid-Autumn Festival in Viet Nam?

- A. To express the wish for a better future
- B. To celebrate the start of the rainy season
- C. To scare away bad luck
- D. To honour ancestors