

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.

1. A. cough                      B. spaghetti                      C. laugh                      D. enough  
2. A. dough                      B. scout                      C. sound                      D. noun

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.

3. A. curious                      B. athletic                      C. delicious                      D. terrific  
4. A. creation                      B. occasion                      C. equity                      D. decision

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

5. This is \_\_\_\_\_ time I have overworked on a homework assignment.  
A. hardest                      B. the hardest                      C. the most hardly                      D. most hard
6. Can you pass me \_\_\_\_\_ salt from the table?  
A. a                      B. a few                      C. this                      D. some
7. Huong cannot remember the name of the café \_\_\_\_\_ she enjoyed her favorite cheesecake.  
A. whose                      B. where                      C. which                      D. when
8. If you had revised the lesson, you \_\_\_\_\_ higher in the examination.  
A. might have scored                      B. could score  
C. will score                      D. would score
9. Mom: "You did a great job with the photo album! Just a heads-up, some of the frames are looking a bit worn out."  
Dad: " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
A. Got it, I'll get on that soon.                      B. What do you think?  
C. It looks wonderful!                      D. Thank you, I worked hard on it.
10. John told his best friend that he \_\_\_\_\_ a promotion at work.  
A. is getting                      B. gets                      C. will get                      D. had got
11. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about the diverse accents during her travels in Europe.  
A. excited                      B. exciting                      C. excite                      D. excitement
12. People in our town believe that preserving old traditions can \_\_\_\_\_ community bonds.  
A. lengthen                      B. widen                      C. brighten                      D. strengthen

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.

**WHAT TO DO IN A FLOOD**

1. Move to higher ground as soon as a flood warning is issued. Refrain (13) \_\_\_\_\_ walking, driving, or swimming through floodwaters. If trapped, go to the highest floor but avoid (14) \_\_\_\_\_ attics without windows or access points.
2. Be aware that floodwaters may contain (15) \_\_\_\_\_ debris or contamination.
3. Shut off utilities such as gas and electricity if instructed.
4. Stay informed through emergency (16) \_\_\_\_\_ or alerts. Prepare a flood emergency kit with essentials like water, food, and first aid supplies.

13. A. to                      B. away                      C. from                      D. off  
 14. A. Ø                      B. a                      C. an                      D. the  
 15. A. hazard                      B. hazardous                      C. hazardously                      D. hazarded  
 16. A. broadside                      B. broadhands                      C. broadcasts                      D. broadsheets

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to the questions from 17 to 18.*

**17. Put the sentences (a-c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.**

A new invention was introduced at the tech expo today. This device blends AI with robotics to make daily tasks easier. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. It uses voice control to manage schedules and handle chores.  
 b. Through such tasks, the device aims to improve convenience and efficiency.  
 c. Demonstrations showed it organizing rooms and providing updates on the weather.  
 A. b-c-a                      B. b-a-c                      C. a-c-b                      D. c-b-a

**18. Choose the sentence that can end the text (in Question 17) most appropriately.**

- A. The sleek design of the device was a hit among the attendees.  
 B. Many people were eager to test the device and see how it could work.  
 C. This invention could be a major advance in smart technology.  
 D. Experts at the expo discussed its potential impact on various industries.

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Fast food is one of the things that the USA has given to the world. In fact, the Americans did not invent fast food - they just made it (19) \_\_\_\_\_ a lifestyle. For many years, British fish and chip shops had been offering customers a real meal to eat in the street. Other forms of fast food were also common all over the world. For (20) \_\_\_\_\_, the "packed lunch", some bread and something to eat with, was part of the daily (21) \_\_\_\_\_ of millions of workers all over Europe and North America for over a century.

American-style "fast food" took existing models, improved them, and created a new style of eating (22) \_\_\_\_\_ can adapt to today's fast-paced lifestyle. "Hamburger", (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a German dish, is known as the most popular type of fast food thanks to America, (24) \_\_\_\_\_ it was the first nation in the world to master large-scale food production, distribution and conservation.

*(Adapted from <https://linsuapress.com/advanced/american-food.htm>)*

19. A. on                      B. in                      C. from                      D. into  
 20. A. instance                      B. sure                      C. now                      D. sale  
 21. A. schedule                      B. routine                      C. habit                      D. tasks  
 22. A. who                      B. which                      C. where                      D. what  
 23. A. origin                      B. originally                      C. original                      D. originate  
 24. A. as                      B. although                      C. despite                      D. thus

*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.*

25. "Where did you go on vacation last summer?" I asked her.  
 A. I asked her where she had gone on vacation the previous summer.  
 B. I asked her where did she go on vacation the previous summer.  
 C. I asked her where she went on vacation the previous summer.  
 D. I asked her where had she gone on vacation the previous summer.  
 26. They decorated the tree with colorful Christmas balls.  
 A. The tree was decorated with colorful Christmas balls.  
 B. Colorful Christmas balls had been decorated under the tree.  
 C. The tree had been decorated with colorful Christmas balls.  
 D. They had decorated colorful Christmas balls and the tree.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best written from the words/phrases given.**

27. More people / probably / use / solar energy / the future.

- A. More people probably will use solar energy in the future.
- B. More people will probably use solar energy in the future.
- C. More people is probably use solar energy on the future.
- D. More people probably uses solar energy on the future.

28. Flora and fauna / Earth / create / ecological balance / make life possible / humans.

- A. Flora and fauna on Earth creates an ecological balance, which makes life possible for humans.
- B. Flora and fauna in Earth create an ecological balance, which makes life possible to humans.
- C. The flora and fauna on Earth create an ecological balance, which makes life possible for humans.
- D. The flora and fauna in Earth creates an ecological balance, which makes life possible to humans.

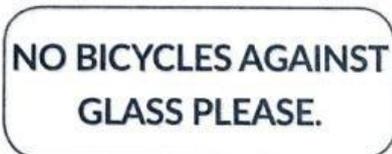
**Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

29. What does the sign say?



- A. Student ID cards are unavailable after 14 January.
- B. The earliest students can pick up their ID cards is 14 January.
- C. Students should bring in their ID card on 14 January.
- D. Students must collect their ID card on 14 January.

30. What does the notice say?



- A. Do not leave your bicycle touching the window.
- B. Broken glass may damage your bicycle tyres.
- C. Your bicycle may not be safe here.
- D. Do not break the glass using your bicycle.

**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.**

If you use instant messaging services, it's very likely that WhatsApp is one of them. But what do you know about it? Did you know that it was invented by Jan Koum, a Ukrainian-born entrepreneur? After he had bought his first iPhone, he got annoyed of missing calls when he went to the gym and WhatsApp grew out of the simple idea that it is good to let people know if you're available. He came up with the name WhatsApp because it sounded like 'What's up?'

There was nothing in Koum's upbringing to suggest that the young Ukrainian would one day change the world of social media. He was brought up in a small village near Kiev. When Koum was sixteen, he emigrated to California with his mother and grandmother, while his father stayed behind and never left Ukraine. It was a hard time for the family who lived in very run-down accommodation.

Koum studied Computer Science and Maths, but at school he came up against bullying from other boys and often got into trouble. In Ukraine, Koum had left behind his close friends and at that time, he looked down on the **casual** friendships that people had at highschool in America and he eventually dropped out of college.

Things changed when he got a job at Yahoo in the early 2000s. First he met Brian Acton, who would go on to co-found WhatsApp. When Koum and Acton left Yahoo in 2007, they applied for jobs at Facebook.

Both were turned down.

Following rejection from Facebook, the two friends decided to go travelling in South America, and it was when they returned to the USA that they co-founded WhatsApp. The app didn't **take off** straight away, which was a real let down for Koum and Acton. However, in 2014 it had more than 400 million users globally. In the end, the huge success of WhatsApp came down to the excellent user experience. Facebook paid more than \$19 billion to acquire WhatsApp, which more than made up for their earlier rejection, turning both Koum and Acton into billionaires.

*(Adapted from Focus 4)*

**31.** What is the main idea of the reading passage?

- A. The life of Koum, the inventor of WhatsApp
- B. The way Koum and Acton tried to sell WhatsApp to Facebook
- C. The way WhatsApp changed social media
- D. The journey of Koum finding his way to America

**32.** Which of the following things inspired Jan Koum to create WhatsApp?

- A. His gym class
- B. His first iPhone
- C. Missing calls
- D. The name 'What's up?'

**33.** What is the challenge that Koum and his family faced after moving to California?

- A. Living in unpleasant living conditions
- B. Leaving his father in Ukraine
- C. Studying computer science and maths
- D. Bullying from other schoolmates

**34.** The word "**casual**" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. informal
- B. serious
- C. strange
- D. intentional

**35.** The word "**take off**" in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. achieve
- B. prosper
- C. flop
- D. decline

**36.** Which of the following activities is NOT true about WhatsApp?

- A. WhatsApp is an instant messaging service.
- B. There is only one inventor who created WhatsApp.
- C. WhatsApp was sold at the price of about \$19 billion.
- D. In the beginning, WhatsApp was not a success.

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

A prolonged strike could seriously hurt Boeing's already struggling finances. Although the company reached a tentative deal with union leaders, workers rejected the offer, (37) \_\_\_\_\_. Boeing stated its willingness to return to the negotiation table and work towards a better agreement. (38) \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, many have been protesting outside Boeing's factories in the Seattle area, (39) \_\_\_\_\_. The strike is also expected to delay deliveries to airlines and disrupt Boeing's financial recovery. (40) \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Adapted from Reuters)*

- A. affecting the production of key planes
- B. saying the terms weren't good enough
- C. The proposed contract included a signing bonus and a promise to build Boeing's next commercial jet in Seattle, but workers were unhappy about losing an annual bonus.
- D. Past strikes have caused major issues for the company, leading to factory shutdowns and significant losses in revenue.

**37.** \_\_\_\_\_      **38.** \_\_\_\_\_      **39.** \_\_\_\_\_      **40.** \_\_\_\_\_