

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 from 1 to 2.

Question 1: A. attaineded B. resolveded C. disuseded D. decreaseded

Question 2: A. certificate B. decorate C. considerate D. doctorate

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 from 3 to 4.

Question 3: A. office B. nature C. result D. farmer

Question 4: A. scientific B. intensity C. disappearance D. expectation

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 5 to 12.

Question 5: Giang is 1.55 meters tall, and Hien is 1.6 meters tall. Giang is _____ Hien.

A. older than B. shorter than C. taller than D. younger than

Question 6: He broke the vase ____; it slipped from his hands while he was cleaning.

A. on purpose B. in advance C. by chance D. at least

Question 7: Many organizations work hard to protect _____ species from illegal hunting and habitat loss in Vietnam.

A. danger B. endangered C. dangerous D. endanger

Question 8: Mr. Nam talks about smart devices.

Mr. Nam: "In the future, we may use smart glasses to translate languages instantly."

Hoa: "_____ Did you say smart glasses?"

A. Really? That's silly. B. Pardon?
C. I don't want to listen. D. Say it again now!

Question 9: I always look forward to reading the latest issue of _____ fashion magazine to keep up with current trends.

- A. the B. Ø C. a D. an

Question 10: Teenagers often _____ online videos in their leisure time.

- A. watch B. watched C. will watch D. are watching

Question 11: If I _____ as energetic as a teenager, I _____ travel more and explore new places.

- A. were - would travel B. would - would travel
C. were - will travel D. would be - would travel

Question 12: I am new to _____ my own money, so I sometimes buy things I don't need.

- A. save B. to save C. saved D. saving

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.

BOOK SWAP & READING CORNER

- **Who:** Grade 9 students
- **When:** Friday, 23 January | 3:30–5:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Library Hall

The School Library is hosting a Book Swap afternoon. Bring one English or Vietnamese book (no torn pages) to (13) _____ with another reader, and you may write a short note inside it. Volunteers will help you label your book and choose a new title that matches your level. Entry is free, but please keep your voice low during reading time.

- **How to join:** Hand your name slip (14) _____ Mr. Minh at the front desk before 3:20 p.m.
- **Note:** If you are helping move boxes, bring a (15) _____ of gloves.
- **Safety:** A teacher will have a first aid (16) _____ ready in case someone gets a small cut.
- **Contact:** Visit the library office at break time or call 09xx xxx xxx.

Question 13: A. change B. compare C. exchange D. excuse

Question 14: A. to B. for C. with D. at

Question 15: A. many

B. some

C. little

D. pair

Question 16: A. case

B. kit

C. bottle

D. bag

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

Many young people leave their villages because they expect city life to offer better chances. (17) _____

Rent is often high, so some workers share small rooms to save money. (18) _____ Still, they may miss quiet evenings and close neighbors from their hometown.

Question 17: Choose the sentence that best **FITS** the blank.

A. City life may be harder than they expect, because living costs and work pressure can be high.

B. Yet city life is not always easy, and living costs can be higher than people expect.

C. Many workers move to the city mainly because they like bright lights and nightlife.

D. Meanwhile, some workers choose the city only for entertainment, and they rarely think about work.

Question 18: Put the sentences (a–c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

a. Also, long commuting time can make them tired before they even start work.

b. With this new life, they also need to learn new skills, because many jobs require them to learn fast.

c. When they feel lonely, they may call home more often to hear familiar voices.

A. a – b – c

B. b – a – c

C. c – a – b

D. b – c – a

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 19 to 24.

Many high school students choose to (19) _____ on a part-time job during their summer break.

While the main reason is often to earn extra money, the benefits go far beyond financial gain. Working a few hours a week helps teenagers attain a sense of independence and maturity. It also provides a practical environment where they can apply what they have learned in school to real-life situations.

However, students (23) _____ make an effort to balance their work and rest. Working too many hours can lead to exhaustion, which might negatively affect their health. (20) _____, having a job teaches them how to (21) _____. This is a crucial skill that will be very useful in their future careers.

For the teenagers (22) _____, the workplace is an excellent place to build self-confidence. They may often find that interacting with customers is too difficult at first. However, with practice, they become more (24) _____. Overall, a part-time job is a valuable stepping stone toward adulthood.

Question 19: A. make B. take C. give D. do

Question 20: A. In contrast B. As a result C. Therefore D. What's more

Question 21: A. time manage well B. manage time well
 C. well manage time D. time well manage

Question 22: A. who are shy B. which are shy C. whom shy are D. whose shy are

Question 23: A. shall B. might C. must D. will

Question 24: A. comfortably and professionally B. comfort and profession
 C. comforting and professing D. comfortable and professional

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 from 25 to 26.

Question 25: "Don't forget to go to the supermarket after work!" he said.

- A. He told me that I shouldn't forget to go to the supermarket after work.
- B. He requested me not to forget to go to the supermarket after work.
- C. He reminded me to go to the supermarket after work.
- D. He asked me not to forget to go to the supermarket after work.

Question 26: I can't decide whether to join the club or stay at home.

- A. I want to join the club because I don't want to stay at home.
- B. I have decided to stay at home instead of joining the club.
- C. I stayed at home although I wanted to join the club.
- D. I'm not sure whether to join the club or stay at home.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best made from the given cues in each of the following questions from 27 to 28.

Question 27: teacher / explain / that / students / must / protect / personal data / online.

- A. A teacher explained that students must protect personal data online.
- B. Teacher explains students must protect our personal data online.
- C. The teacher explained that students must protect their personal data online.
- D. A teacher explains that students must protected their personal data online.

Question 28: It / responsible / Minh / choose / walk / to work / instead of / driving / every day.

- A. It was very responsible of Minh choosing walking to work instead of driving every day.
- B. It was very responsible of Minh to choose to walk to work instead of driving every day.
- C. It was very responsible on Minh to choose to walk to work instead of driving every day.
- D. It was very responsible of Minh choosing to walk to work instead of driving every day.

Read the following notice or message 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 29 to 30.

Question 29: What does the notice mean?

- A. Charging is not allowed in this building.
- B. Don't leave devices charging overnight for safety.
- C. Overnight charging is allowed for laptops only.
- D. You can charge overnight if you stay in the room.



Question 30: What does the message mean?

- A. Jed wants Friday tickets and will meet Anna inside the cinema at 7:30.
- B. Jed prefers Saturday, not Blue Juice, and will meet Anna near the cinema at 7:30.
- C. Jed cannot go this weekend, so he asks Anna to go with someone else.
- D. Jed wants to see Blue Juice early, then eat after the film ends.



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.

The Summer I Looked Up

I was fourteen when my parents decided we would spend the whole summer in my grandmother's village in the mountains. No shopping malls. No fast food. No Wi-Fi. At the time, I thought it was the worst punishment imaginable. I packed my phone, my earphones, and a bad attitude, and I got on the bus. For the first three days, I sat on the porch feeling completely **restless**, watching chickens walk across the yard and wondering how anyone could possibly live like this.

But something shifted in the second week. Without a screen to look at, I started noticing things. The way the fog sat in the valley every morning before the sun came up. The sound of my grandmother humming while she cooked. The names of plants my uncle knew by heart, and the quiet pride he had when he explained each one to me. I began helping in the garden, joining neighbours for evening meals, and listening to stories about the village that I had never heard before. For the first time in years, I was not scrolling through someone else's life. I was living my own.

I still love my phone. I still spend time online every day. But that summer taught me something I did not expect. Being a teenager today means growing up with more choices, more noise, and more pressure than any generation before us. Sometimes the most **courageous** thing you can do is simply stop, step outside, and pay attention to what is already there. My grandmother's village did not change that summer. I did.

Question 31: Which of the following is **TRUE** about the author's initial reaction to the trip?

- A. She felt excited about exploring the nature in the mountains.
- B. She was curious about the lifestyle of the village residents.
- C. She perceived the stay as a form of disciplinary measure.
- D. She was eager to escape from the noise of modern life.

Question 32: The word "**restless**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. lonely
- B. uneasy
- C. exhausted
- D. confused

Question 33: The word "**courageous**" in the third paragraph is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. talented B. careful C. cowardly D. generous

Question 34: What does the author imply about her experience in the second week?

- A. She found it difficult to interact with the people in the village.
B. She managed to access the internet through her grandmother's devices.
C. The lack of digital distraction allowed her to engage with her surroundings.
D. She felt pressured to learn about the plants from her uncle.

Question 35: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage regarding the author's growth?

- A. She returned to the village every summer to avoid digital pressure.
B. She developed a dislike for modern technology after that trip.
C. She learned that self-awareness often requires disconnecting from screens.
D. She realized that living in a village is the only way to be happy.

Question 36: Which of the following best summarises the main content of the passage?

- A. The negative impact of modern technology on teenagers' mental health.
B. The process of adapting to a new environment in a remote village.
C. The lesson of finding value in the present moment beyond the screen.
D. The importance of maintaining family relationships during summer holidays.

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.

Visions of the future should combine travel, heritage, and responsibility. Schools and media can teach people to respect local rules, protect nature, and support local workers. English is also important here, because it helps communities (37) _____. In my opinion, the best tourism is not the fastest or the most popular—it is the one that leaves a place as beautiful as it was before.

These days, many people talk about "quiet luxury" and "slow living," but at the same time, we see the opposite trend: fast content, fast shopping, and fast opinions online. I felt this contrast recently when I tried

a popular “no-buy week” challenge. I wanted to stop buying small things I didn’t need, like snacks, clothes, or random online deals. At first, it was uncomfortable because ads were everywhere, and my friends kept sending links. (38) _____. I cooked at home, repaired an old backpack, and even enjoyed simple walks instead of going to malls.

This experience also connects to another hot topic: AI tools in daily life. Some people use AI to save time, plan meals, or manage money, (39) _____. I think it depends on how we use it. AI can support better choices, but it can also make decisions feel automatic. During my no-buy week, I used an AI budget tracker to record spending, but I still made the final choice myself. (40) _____. Our experiences become stronger when we slow down, think, and choose with intention.

- A. But after a few days, I started noticing my real needs more clearly
- B. share their stories with the world, not only sell products
- C. For me, the lesson was simple: trends can guide us, but they shouldn’t control us
- D. while others worry we will depend on it too much

Question 37: _____. Question 38: _____. Question 39: _____. Question 40: _____.