

**I. Choose the word / phrase / sentence (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space or best answers the question given in each sentence. (3.5 pts)**

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?  
A. inboxes                      B. defences                      C. rewrites                      D. publishes
2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?  
A. timeline                      B. memorise                      C. financial                      D. citadel
3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?  
A. visit                      B. extinct                      C. survive                      D. evolve
4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?  
A. butterfly                      B. departure                      C. tradition                      D. protection
5. **Mark:** You have already finished the project report for the manager, \_\_\_\_\_?  
**Lucy:** Yes, I sent it to his email address about twenty minutes ago.  
A. haven't you                      B. did you                      C. have you                      D. didn't you
6. **Peter:** Was the Temple of Literature built \_\_\_\_\_ the Ly Dynasty in 1070?  
**Mary:** That is correct, it was constructed to honor scholars and sages.  
A. within                      B. in                      C. on                      D. under
7. **Waiter:** Would you like to pay for the buffet \_\_\_\_\_ advance or afterwards?  
**Guest:** I would prefer to pay now so we can leave quickly later.  
A. in                      B. by                      C. from                      D. with
8. **Jane:** It is very wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ people just because they are poor.  
**Jack:** I totally agree, everyone deserves to be treated with equal respect.  
A. make up for                      B. look down on                      C. do away with                      D. come in for
9. **Tom:** Is that the famous professor \_\_\_\_\_ you were talking about yesterday?  
**Anna:** Yes, he is the one who won the international award for science.  
A. which                      B. whose                      C. whom                      D. when
10. **Liam:** Why does Sarah always think that the worst things will happen?  
**Mona:** I don't know, she has always been such a/an \_\_\_\_\_ person lately.  
A. pessimistic                      B. adorable                      C. resourceful                      D. disorganized

11. **David:** Why was the outdoor music festival cancelled at the last minute?

**Elena:** It was mainly \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy rain and the strong winds.

- A. though                      B. in spite of                      C. so as to                      D. due to

12. **Victor:** Is it true that your father is the only one working now?

**Sophie:** Yes, he has been the sole \_\_\_\_\_ of our family for years.

- A. housekeeper                      B. breadwinner                      C. babysitter                      D. caregiver

13. **Ann:** Then, are you working or taking a postgraduate course?

- **Ben:** \_\_\_\_\_

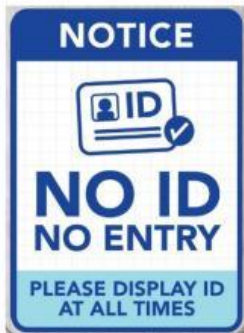
- A. I think I should earn a living myself rather than live on my parents.  
B. I'm for working and getting experience before going into further study.  
C. I think taking a postgraduate course when unemployed will really do.  
D. I guess, taking a course is better than doing nothing.

14. **Harry:** \_\_\_\_\_?

**Sophie:** No, you shouldn't park your car here because it's a restricted area.

- A. Do I have to park my car here?                      C. May I park my car over there?  
B. Should I park my car in this spot?                      D. Must I park my car here today?

**II. Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 15 and 16. (0.5 pt)**



15. What does the sign imply?

- A. You are required to show your identification at the entrance desk.  
B. You must keep your identification visible while you are in the area.  
C. You should leave your identification with the security staff here.  
D. You can enter the building only if you are wearing a uniform.

**SCHOOL TIMINGS AND UNIFORM**

Dear Parents

It has been observed that many students are coming to school late. Please ensure that your child reaches school by 8:00 am sharp. Students must also wear proper school uniform.

16. What does the sign imply?

- A. Students are allowed to arrive after 8:00 am if they wear uniforms.  
B. Parents must accompany their children to school every morning.  
C. Students are required to be punctual and wear the correct clothing.  
D. The school will provide new uniforms for those who arrive early.

**III. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage. (1.5 pts)**

Dear Linda,

I am writing this to share my incredible experience of traveling (17) \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time! I'm currently in Japan, and although I was nervous initially, it has been an eye-opening (18) \_\_\_\_\_.

Traveling solo is quite different from our usual trips. I have to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ everything myself, from navigating the complex subway system to finding local eateries. To be honest, I was a bit worried about getting lost, but the locals are so helpful. I've realized that being on my own allows me to be more flexible; I can spend hours in a museum or just sit in a park (20) \_\_\_\_\_ worrying about a schedule.

I want to thank you for your constant (21) \_\_\_\_\_ before I left. You always believed I could do this, and your support gave me the confidence to step out of my comfort (22) \_\_\_\_\_. I'm trying my best to make every moment count and ensure this trip bears fruit in terms of personal growth.

I'll bring back plenty of stories!

Best,

Daniel

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| 17. A. single        | B. alone        | C. lonely      | D. solely      |
| 18. A. adventure     | B. exercise     | C. location    | D. business    |
| 19. A. accept        | B. wonder       | C. manage      | D. believe     |
| 20. A. in            | B. against      | C. by          | D. without     |
| 21. A. encouragement | B. satisfaction | C. arrangement | D. achievement |
| 22. A. area          | B. room         | C. site        | D. zone        |

**IV. Read the following passage. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)**

#### **Should You Listen to Music While You Study?**

Many students wonder if listening to music while studying is a good idea. The answer depends on your personality and what you are studying.

On one hand, music can make studying more enjoyable. If you are doing repetitive tasks, like organizing notes or drawing, background music can help you stay relaxed and focused. Many people prefer "lo-fi" beats or classical music because these styles don't have lyrics. Without words, the music doesn't distract your brain from reading.

On the other hand, listening to songs with lyrics can be a problem. When you try to memorize new words or write an essay, your brain has to process language. If you listen to a song with singing, your brain gets "noisy," and it becomes harder to remember information. This is called the "irrelevant sound effect."

In conclusion, if you need to concentrate deeply, silence is usually best. However, if you are bored or doing easy work, light music without lyrics can be a great tool to keep you motivated. You should experiment to see what works for you!

23. Background music is helpful when you are doing repetitive tasks like drawing.
24. Most people prefer music with lyrics while they are reading books.
25. The "irrelevant sound effect" makes it easier for your brain to remember new information.
26. Silence is generally recommended for tasks that require deep concentration.
27. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Silence is a requirement for any student aiming for high academic achievement.
  - B. Repetitive tasks are effectively performed in a silent environment.
  - C. Music without lyrics can be beneficial to certain tasks.
  - D. Classical music is more effective than lo-fi beats for improving memory.
28. According to the passage, why is it difficult to write an essay while listening to songs with lyrics?
- A. Because the "irrelevant sound effect" only happens when writing.
  - B. Because the brain struggles to process two different language sources at once.
  - C. Because "lo-fi" beats are more motivating for creative writing.
  - D. Because singing makes the listener want to stop studying and dance.

**V. Use the correct form of the word given in each sentence. (1.5 pts)**

29. Learning a new language \_\_\_\_\_ your mind and helps you understand different cultures.

**(BROAD)**

30. He showed me his large \_\_\_\_\_ of old coins from many different countries. **(COLLECT)**

31. My family occasionally receives holiday cards from \_\_\_\_\_ relatives who live overseas.

**((DISTANCE))**


32. The blue and red pens cost two dollars and three dollars \_\_\_\_\_. **(RESPECT)**

33. If someone \_\_\_\_\_ the directions, they might get lost in the city. **(UNDERSTAND)**

34. The magazine \_\_\_\_\_ decides to change the title of the article to make it more exciting.

**(EDITION)**

**VI. Look at the entry of the word “pride” in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with no more than three words. (0.5 pt)**

★  [uncountable, singular] a feeling of being pleased or satisfied that you get when you or people who are connected with you have done something well or own something that other people admire

- *The sight of her son graduating filled her with pride.*
- *He felt a glow of pride as people stopped to admire his garden.*
- *Success in sport is a source of national pride.*
- **pride in something** *I take (a) pride in my work.*
- *They have a strong sense of pride in their work.*
- *Their reputation for fairness is a matter of pride.*
- **pride in doing something** *We take great pride in offering the best service in town.*

35. Good students \_\_\_\_\_ their studies and always try to do their best.  
36. He felt a \_\_\_\_\_ when he finally received his university diploma.

**VII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it. (1.0 pt)**

37. Finish your homework or you can't go out with your friend.  
→ If.....
38. They spent more money, they had to work harder.  
→ The more .....
39. You should reduce the amount of sugar you eat every day.  
→ You should cut .....
40. I haven't eaten this kind of food before.  
→ This is the first .....

**THE END OF THE TEST**