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* **Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction.**

1. The **senior** architect tries hard **mentoring** new employees to help them **build** successful **careers**.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

2. You must **to update** your software **regularly** so that hackers **cannot** steal your **personal data**.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

3. **The** new **subway** line, **which opened** last week, is used by **thousands** daily.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

* **Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the ending that best completes the sentence.**

4. The IT department completely disconnected the main servers from the internet on Friday night. Therefore, the hackers _____.
A. can't have stolen the user data over the weekend
B. must have stolen the user data even during weekend
C. might not have anyone stealing the user data during weekend
D. shouldn't have the user data stolen over the weekend

5. After weeks of sleepless nights in the studio, the young designer felt incredibly proud of _____.
A. to have finishing the new clothing collection before the deadline
B. having finished the new clothing collection before the deadline
C. having finish the new clothing collection before the deadline
D. have finished the new clothing collection before the deadline

6. While we were exploring the crowded downtown area of the city yesterday afternoon, my sister, unfortunately, _____.
A. had her passport stolen by a pickpocket
B. having her passport stolen by a pickpocket
C. had stolen her passport by a pickpocket
D. had a pickpocket to steal her passport

7. Ms. Jenkins was an incredible mentor during my early days at the firm. Without her constant guidance and support, I _____.
A. hadn't achieved so much success for my career
B. wouldn't climb the career ladder this high during those years
C. wouldn't have achieved such a successful career
D. won't have attained a high ranking in my career

8. The contemporary art museum decided to extend the new exhibition by three more weeks. Actually, it was because of the popularity of the interactive light sculptures _____.
A. which made the director change the schedule
B. so the director decided to change the schedule
C. so that the director would change the schedule
D. that the director changed the schedule

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* **Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to choose the word or phrase that best fits each other numbered blanks.**

Ký Ức Hỏa Thần: A Journey of Fire and Wonder

Discover the ancient legends of the Fire God in an extraordinary circus production that is taking Ho Chi Minh City by storm. Ký Ức Hỏa Thần is not just a show; it is a masterpiece of contemporary performance art (9)_____.

Watch in awe as the Gia Định Park Circus stage is transformed into a mystical world. Experience the seamless fusion of fire, water, and light while world-class performers showcase exquisite skills in aerial silk, fire drumming, and daring acrobatics. This is an unforgettable cultural event that appeals to (10)_____ children's imaginations and adults' appreciation for fine art.

Highlights of the Show:

- Spectacular Fire Effects: Witness the raw power of fire used in stunning artistic (11)_____.
- Water Circus Magic: A unique stage design that brings the element of water into the heart of the action.
- Profound Storytelling: A beautiful tale of courage and the origins of the Fire God.

Event Details:

- Venue: Gia Định Park Circus (Hoàng Minh Giám St, Hạnh Thông Ward)
- Showtimes: Fridays at 8:00 PM Saturdays & Sundays at 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM
- Tickets: (12)_____ from 180,000 VND

Ignite your senses. Step into the legend.

9. _____

A. where high-stakes acrobatics are kept strictly separate from the compelling mythological narrative

B. whose compelling mythological narrative is often interrupted by the high-stakes acrobatics

C. that blends high-stakes acrobatics with a compelling mythological narrative

D. in which the compelling mythological narrative completely overshadows the high-stakes acrobatics

10.	A. either	B. not only	C. both	D. neither
11.	A. maneuver	B. choreography	C. directory	D. manipulation
12.	A. Setting	B. Kicking	C. Adding	D. Starting

* **Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each sentence below.**

13. I am absolutely certain that a technician mistakenly turned off the main servers.

A. The main servers might mistakenly be turned off by a technician.

B. The main servers must have been mistakenly turned off by a technician.

C. A technician should have mistakenly turned off the main servers.

D. A technician can't have deliberately turned on the main servers.

14. Sarah felt a great sense of relief after she had successfully submitted her final project.

A. Having successfully submitted her final project, Sarah felt a great sense of relief.

B. Submitting her final project successfully, Sarah had felt a great sense of relief.

C. Submitted her final project successfully, Sarah felt a great sense of relief.

D. Having felt a great sense of relief, Sarah successfully submitted her final project.

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15. Because of her business trip, Mrs. Robinson arranged for a professional nurse to look after her elderly father.

A. Leaving on a business trip, Mrs. Robinson had her elderly father looked after by a professional nurse.

B. Due to her business trip, Mrs. Robinson had a professional nurse looked after her elderly father.

C. Being away on a business trip, Mrs. Robinson got her elderly father to look after a professional nurse.

D. To prepare for her business trip, Mrs. Robinson had her elderly father look after a professional nurse.

16. The team didn't prepare well for the negotiation, so they lost the important contract.

A. If the team had prepared well for the negotiation, they wouldn't have lost the important contract.

B. The team wouldn't have lost the important contract unless they had prepared well for the negotiation.

C. If the team hadn't prepared well for the negotiation, they would have lost the important contract.

D. Hadn't the team prepared well for the negotiation, they wouldn't have lost the important contract.

17. The company's sudden bankruptcy resulted entirely from the CEO's refusal to adapt to digital trends.

A. It was entirely because the company suddenly went bankrupt that the CEO refused to adapt to digital trends.

B. It was entirely because the CEO refused to adapt to digital trends that the company suddenly went bankrupt.

C. It was because of the CEO's refusal to adapt to digital trends that made the company suddenly go bankrupt.

D. It is the CEO's refusal to adapt to digital trends that led to the company's sudden bankruptcy.

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

Grammar Builder: PARTICIPLE AND INFINITIVE CLAUSES

We use participle and infinitive clauses to give more information about a noun. They can be described as shortened (or reduced) relative clauses.

Structure	Form	Look for these "Flags"	Example
Present Participle	-ing	The **Noun** is the "Doer"	A **woman** wearing a yellow T-shirt ran out of the shop. (= who was wearing a yellow T-shirt)
Past Participle	-ed/V3	The **Noun** is the "Receiver"	A Roman **vase** found in France last year is being sold. (= which was found in France last year) Mental check: Is the vase finding itself? (No, it was found)
Infinitive	to V to be Ved/V3	1. Sequence: the first, last, next 2. Quantity: the only, the best 3. Purpose: have / need / must do something	Mark became **the first** teenage runner to finish (= who finished) the city marathon. I still have a few jobs to do (= that **must** be done) this afternoon.

💡 Pro-Tip for Students:
- If you see the first, the last, the next, or the only, use the Infinitive (to + verb).
- If the noun is the receiver of the action (it can't do the action itself), use the Past Participle (-ed/V3).
- If the noun is the doer of the action, use the Present Participle (-ing).

18. Sarah became the second student in our school _____ the prestigious International Science Award.

A. to win B. won C. winning D. was won

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19. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECT?

A. I am the last person leaving the office every Friday.

B. My sister, feeling exhausted after work, went straight to bed.

C. The books written by that author are always very exciting.

D. The man sitting next to me on the bus was sleeping.

20. If a noun cannot do the action itself, which form should you use?

A. The to V form (Infinitive)

B. The must do form (Modal)

C. The -ing form (Present Participle)

D. The -ed/V3 form (Past Participle)

* **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.**

Have you ever wondered why music from different countries sounds so unique? Many experts believe it is because of the language we speak. The idea is simple: our mother tongue shapes how we hear rhythm and sound, which influences how we create music.

Think about the differences between English and French. English is a "stress-timed" language. This means some syllables are loud and strong, while others are weak and short. This natural, bumpy rhythm fits perfectly with rock and roll music, which relies on strong, heavy beats. On the other hand, French is a "syllable-timed" language. [**I**] Every syllable is spoken for almost the exact same amount of time. [**II**] This creates a smooth, flat delivery. [**III**] While this might not fit rock music very well, it is perfect for electronic music, which usually has a steady, continuous beat. [**IV**]

Grammar and sound quality also play a big role. The French language is rich in unique mouth and nasal sounds. Therefore, French music often focuses on creating beautiful and interesting sound textures. In contrast, German grammar is known for being very complex. **You often have to hold a lot of information in your head and wait until the end of a long sentence to hear the main verb**. German classical music, like pieces by Beethoven, does the exact same thing. It builds up complex structures slowly before finally giving the listener a big musical **resolution**.

What about other languages around the world? Languages like Mandarin and Vietnamese are "tonal." This means that changing the pitch of your voice changes the meaning of a word. Because speakers of these languages must pay close attention to sound, they are much more likely to have "perfect pitch" in music.

For students learning a foreign language like English, this is an exciting idea. Learning a new language does not just help you talk to new people. It might actually change the way your brain processes rhythm and sound, letting you experience the world's music in a completely new way!

21. According to paragraph 2, why does English fit well with rock and roll music?

A. It requires speakers to memorize very complex rules.

B. It features a dynamic mix of strong and weak syllables.

C. It has a steady, continuous, and highly flat delivery.

D. It uses unique nasal sounds to create musical textures.

22. The word "**resolution**" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. conclusion B. instrument C. confusion D. beginning

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23. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a characteristic of a language in the passage?

A. French utilizes many unique mouth and nasal sounds.

B. Vietnamese changes word meanings based on pitch.

C. German grammar places the main verb at the end.

D. Mandarin has a very bumpy and heavy spoken rhythm.

24. Where would the following sentence best fit in paragraph 2?

"Because of this equal timing, no single word stands out more than the rest."

A. [**III**] B. [**I**] C. [**IV**] D. [**II**]

25. What can be inferred about people who speak "tonal" languages?

A. They are more likely to enjoy listening to loud rock and roll.

B. They might find it easier to identify exact musical notes.

C. They prefer music with long, complex grammatical structures.

D. They struggle to understand the rhythm of electronic music.

26. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

A. Speakers usually forget the main verb because their sentences are far too long.

B. You have to wait a long time to understand the music if it lacks a main action.

C. Listeners must remember many details before the action is revealed at the end.

D. It is very difficult to learn verbs in German because they contain too much data.

27. What is the best title for this passage?

A. The best foreign languages to learn for musicians.

B. The historical origins of classical and rock music.

C. How our native language shapes the music we make.

D. Why electronic music is highly popular in France.

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

28. The 19th-century outlaw became _____ for his series of daring bank robberies.

A. infamous B. apathetic C. personal D. lethargic

29. - Teacher: "_____"

- Jake: "I think they'll live more sustainably, using smart technology and green energy."

A. Could you tell me how people will live in future cities?

B. Please tell me how will people live in future cities!

C. Could you tell me how will people live in future cities?

D. Do you think where people will live in future cities?

30. The new air-conditioning system _____ when the first heat wave of the summer arrived.

A. had installed B. has installed C. installed D. had been installed

31. The music was specially _____ for the film.

A. directed B. composed C. carved D. conducted

32. Within just 15 minutes of pencil-work, the _____ of the fruit basket was masterfully finished.

A. graffiti B. portrait C. drawing D. painting

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33. The students submitted their final essays before the deadline, _____?

A. weren't they B. did they C. were they D. didn't they

34. Many cities are working hard to _____ a balance between urban development and environmental sustainability.

A. attain B. alter C. alert D. abide

35. I'll never forget _____ Japan for the first time.

A. being visited B. visiting C. to have visited D. to visit

36. Many tourists enjoy buying local food from a(n)_____ because it is cheap and authentic.

A. immigrant B. resident C. vendor D. commuter

* **Listen to the recording and decide whether each statement TRUE or FALSE. (Question 37 to 46)**

(.....)

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

47. _____

(a) Paul: Yes, it is! The camera quality is amazing, but the battery drains quite fast.

(b) John: Wow, is that the new smartphone model you just bought?

(c) John: That is a shame, but you can always carry a portable charger with you.

A. a-c-b B. b-c-a C. b-a-c D. c-a-b

48. _____

(a) James: It showed how she discovered two new elements and won two Nobel Prizes.

(b) James: Did you watch the documentary about Marie Curie last night?

(c) Andy: That sounds incredibly inspiring; I will find it online and watch it tonight.

(d) Andy: No, I missed it. What was the main focus of the film?

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

49. _____

Dear Neighbors,

(a) Second, planting more trees along the main street would provide better shade.

(b) I hope we can discuss these suggestions at the next community meeting.

(c) I am writing to suggest a few ideas to make our living area cleaner and greener.

(d) First, we should place more recycling bins around the local park.

(e) Finally, organizing a monthly clean-up day could bring everyone closer together.

Best regards, Sarah.

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

50. _____

(a) Artists can easily undo mistakes and experiment with millions of colors instantly.

(b) In recent years, digital art has become incredibly popular among young creators.

(c) As a result, many online galleries have opened to display these stunning creations.

(d) Furthermore, they can share their finished artworks on social media with just one click.

(e) Unlike traditional painting, this new style uses tablets and computer software to create images.

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

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