

RRRACTICE TEST 48

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

Question 1. I'm not sure, but Tony _____ probably get that demanding job.

- A. must B. need C. ought D. might

Question 2. They were among the first companies to exploit the _____ of the Internet.

- A. potential B. prospect C. possibility D. ability

Question 3. Thanks to her father's encouragement, she has made great _____ in her study.

- A. standard B. development C. contribution D. progress

Question 4. I _____ all of my homework last night.

- A. finish B. will finish C. have finished D. finished

Question 5. The people _____ live in this village are very friendly.

- A. who B. where C. which D. when

Question 6. Jim didn't break the vase on _____, but he was still punished for his carelessness.

- A. occasion B. chance C. intention D. purpose

Question 7. Domestic appliances like washing machines and dishwashers have made _____ life much easier.

- A. the B. a C. Ø D. An

Question 8. Travelling to _____ countries in the world enables me to learn many interesting things.

- A. differ B. difference C. differently D. different

Question 9. Peter is disappointed at not getting the job, but he will _____ it soon.

- A. take on B. get over C. go through D. come over

Question 10. I am not used to the cold weather here, so I need to have a heating system _____.

- A. installed B. serviced C. developed D. repaired

Question 11. The only thing he bought on his trip to Italy was a _____ watch.

- A. nice Italian new B. nice new Italian C. new Italian nice D. new nice Italian

Question 12. The more you practise speaking English, _____.

- A. the more fluently you can speak it B. the more fluent you can speak it
C. the more you can speak it fluent D. the more you can speak it fluently

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 13. Linda is thanking Daniel for his birthday present.

Linda: "Thanks for the book. I've been looking for it for months." - Daniel: "_____."

- A. You can say that again B. Thank you for looking for it C. I like reading books D. I'm glad you like it

Question 14. David and his teacher are meeting at the school gate.

David: "Good morning, Mr Deakin. How are you?" - Mr Deakin: "_____. And you?"

- A. I'm busy now B. I'm fine. Thank you C. I'm going home D. I'm having a class now

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 15. A. possible B. cultural C. confident D. supportive

Question 16. A. office B. nature C. result D. farmer

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 17. A. dresseded B. droppeded C. matched D. joined

Question 18. A. walk B. call C. take D. talk

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 19. Today students are under a lot of pressure due to the high expectations from their parents and teachers.

- A. nervousness B. emotion C. stress D. relaxation

Question 20. Don't tell Jane anything about the surprise party for Jack. She has got a big mouth.

- A. can't eat a lot B. hates parties C. talks too much D. can keep secrets

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 21. The place has rapidly evolved from a small fishing community into a thriving tourist resort.

- A. developed B. generated C. created D. increased

Question 22. Many people left early because the film was uninteresting.

- A. exciting B. informative C. attractive D. boring

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 from 23 to 27.

As teenagers approach university level, a decision has to be made on what course to pursue. In this world of diversity, (23) _____ such a choice is not easy for both children and parents. In the old days, it was not much a problem to do the task because there were not so many diverse learning areas to choose from. Besides, there were only a few distinctive professional careers like doctor, engineer, accountant, nurse, teacher, etc. to think about. Most higher learning usually led to a financially successful life. (24) _____, the cost of education was not so high. Today's world is entirely different from the things (25) _____ have just been described. The job market is constantly changing due to innovative technology and new (26) _____. Meanwhile, most teenagers have difficulty in identifying their own interests. There are a variety of well-organized career talks and student counseling workshops to guide and help teenagers (27) _____ what course to take. Furthermore, psychological tests are also used. Certain instruments such as surveys, interviews and computer software can help to find out preferences, interests, or learning styles of the students.

(Source: *Essential Reading for IELTS* by Humin & John A. Gordon)

Question 23. A. making B. taking C. giving D. having

Question 24. A. In addition B. Otherwise C. For example D. Therefore

Question 25. A. when B. that C. what D. where

Question 26. A. competition B. competitively C. competitive D. compete

Question 27. A. apply B. study C. decide D. employ

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 from 28 to 34.

Children all around the world love to read comic books. Maybe they like to read the kind of comic books that come out once a month, like *Spiderman* or *Batman*, or maybe **they** like manga-style comic books. That means that publishers who make comic books need to keep in touch with the things young people like to do. One thing that many young people today are interested in is technology, so of course kids want to read digital comic books on electronic devices.

Let's take Japanese manga as an example. There are lots of people around the world who enjoy reading manga. However, in the past, it was difficult to find translated versions of manga in comic bookstores. But that did not stop manga fans. Some fans who could translate Japanese into their own language started translating manga themselves. Then they scanned the pages of manga books and uploaded the scanned pages to the Internet with their translation. This practice has become so popular. People in the comic book industry made up a name for it. By combining the words *scan* and *translation*, they call it "**scanlation**", and it is a big problem today. The people who do scanlation usually share their manga for free, so readers do not buy manga books. Writers, artists, and publishers all end up losing money because of scanlation. Another problem is **piracy** in the comic book industry. Illegal copies of old and brand new comics alike have been hurting comic book sales.

Despite the progress made in converting comics to digital formats, hardcopy comic books are still by far the most popular format among fans. In the meantime, comic book publishers and stores will just have to keep an eye on their buyers' habits. As the popularity of digital books for e-readers and tablets grows, the popularity of digital comic books will grow as well.

(Source: *Reading Advantage* by Casey Malarcher)

Question 28. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The need for digital comic books B. Children's most favourite type of books
C. Problems in the book industry D. The manga industry in Japan

Question 29. The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. children B. comic books C. publishers D. things

Question 30. According to paragraph 1, *Spiderman* is the name of _____.

- A. a TV programme B. a comic book C. an electronic device D. a child

Question 31. According to paragraph 2, the practice of "**scanlation**" mostly involves _____.

- A. selling translated manga books B. scanning and translating manga books

C. scanning uploaded manga books D. translating uploaded manga books

Question 32. According to the passage, in the past, some manga fans who knew Japanese translated manga because _____.

A. it was enjoyable to translate Japanese books B. they wanted to make a name for themselves

C. it was difficult to buy translated manga books D. they wanted to read manga for free

Question 33. According to paragraph 2, who could benefit from scanlation?

A. Readers B. Publishers C. Writers D. Artists

Question 34. The word "**piracy**" in paragraph 2 probably means the act of _____.

A. controlling the production of a book B. hurting the sale of illegal comic books

C. copying and using a book illegally D. advertising a book without permission

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 from 35 to 42.

The oceans are so vast and deep that until fairly recently, it was widely assumed that no matter how much trash and chemicals humans dumped into them, the effects would be **negligible**. Proponents of dumping in the oceans even had a catchphrase: "The solution to pollution is dilution."

Today, we need look no further than the New Jersey-size dead zone that forms each summer in the Mississippi River Delta, or the thousand-mile-wide swath of decomposing plastic in the northern Pacific Ocean to see that this "dilution" policy has helped place a once flourishing ocean ecosystem on the brink of collapse.

There is evidence that the oceans have suffered at the hands of mankind for millennia. But recent studies show that degradation, particularly of shoreline areas, has accelerated dramatically in the past three centuries as industrial discharge and run-off from farms and coastal cities have increased.

Pollution is the introduction of harmful contaminants that are outside the norm for a given ecosystem. Common man-made pollutants reaching the oceans include pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, detergents, oil, sewage, plastics, and other solids. Many of these pollutants collect at the ocean's depths, where **they** are consumed by small marine organisms and introduced into the global food chain.

Many ocean pollutants are released into the environment far upstream from coastlines. Nitrogen-rich fertilizers applied by farmers inland, for example, end up in local streams, rivers, and groundwater and are eventually deposited in estuaries, bays, and deltas. These excess nutrients can **spawn** massive blooms of algae that rob the water of oxygen, leaving areas where little or no marine life can exist.

Solid wastes like bags, foam, and other items dumped into the oceans from land or by ships at sea are frequently consumed, with often fatal effects, by marine mammals, fish, and birds that mistake them for food. Discarded fishing nets drift for many years, ensnaring fish and mammals. In certain regions, ocean currents corral trillions of decomposing plastic items and other trash into gigantic, swirling garbage patches. One in the North Pacific, known as the Pacific Trash Vortex, is estimated to be the size of Texas.

Pollution is not always physical. In large bodies of water, sound waves can carry undiminished for miles. The increased presence of loud or persistent sounds from ships, sonar devices, oil rigs, and even from natural sources like earthquakes can disrupt the migration, communication, and reproduction patterns of many marine animals, particularly aquatic mammals like whales and dolphins.

(Source: Reading Advantage by Casey Malarcher)

Question 35. What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. Marine pollution and its many forms
B. Noise and its disruptive effects on marine life
C. Various kinds of harmful pollutants
D. The end of the "dilution" era

Question 36. The word "**negligible**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. serious B. insignificant C. unpredictable D. positive

Question 37. It can be inferred from paragraph 2 that the "dilution" policy is related to _____.

A. dealing with the problems of water pollution B. helping the ecosystem of the oceans flourish
C. neglecting the effects of dumping trash into the oceans D. treating harmful materials in the oceans properly

Question 38. The word "**they**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. ocean's depths B. man-made pollutants C. marine organisms D. the oceans

Question 39. The word "**spawn**" in paragraph 5 can be best replaced by _____.

