

A. LANGUAGE FOCUS

Part 1: 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 1:** A. drumhead B. pollution C. cultural D. frustrated
Question 2: A. social B. ocean C. receive D. special

Part 2: 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 3:** A. popular B. position C. horrible D. positive
Question 4: A. minority B. communicate C. celebration D. efficiency

Part 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 5: Japan is the _____ developed country in the world.

- A. second most B. second in most C. most second D. two most

Question 6: The hotel is beautifully _____ in a quiet spot near the river.

- A. located B. surrounding C. lying D. stayed

Question 7: If I were in your _____, I'd take it easy and try to forget it.

- A. shoe B. shoes C. sandal D. sandals

Question 8: _____ this hand-embroidered picture was expensive, we bought it.

- A. Even though B. Because C. As D. In order that

Question 9: I can't _____ your loud music any longer. I am leaving.

- A. make out B. keep out C. hold on to D. put up with

Part 4: 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 the following question.

Question 10: They offered him a place at the company, but he refused it.

- A. turned it up B. turned it down C. continued it D. set it up

Part 5: 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 11: - "Would you mind lending me your bike?" - " _____ "

- A. Yes. Here it is. B. Not at all. C. Great. D. Yes, let's.

Question 12: - "I think we should use less paper so that we can save trees." - " _____ "

- A. Congratulations! B. It's nice of you to say so.
C. Yes, I'd love to. D. That's a good idea.

B. READING

Part 1: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct words or phrases that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Sociologists have been carrying out research into the social pressures of being a teenager. Many adolescents are unhappy at school because they find it difficult to (13)_____ friends. This stress can bring on illness or result in poor grades. They may also worry about their appearance and often feel (14)_____ enormous pressure to dress, talk and behave the same as (15)_____. This phenomenon is called peer pressure, and it is very common in today's society. Advertising contributes a lot to the social pressures teenagers feel. Advertisers know how important it is to feel that you belong to a group when you are in your teens, so they try to persuade teenagers that certain products will make them (16)_____ with their classmates. Sadly, many teenagers act irresponsibly and even do dangerous things just to make others accept them. Peer pressure is often the reason for teenage smoking, drug (17)_____ or dangerous driving. Teenagers need to learn to say "no" to social pressure and to find friends who they can talk things (18)_____ when they have a problem.

- Question 13:** A. keep B. create C. remain D. make
Question 14: A. in B. under C. over D. below
Question 15: A. another B. the other C. others D. other
Question 16: A. common B. popular C. open D. favorite
Question 17: A. overdose B. abuse C. addicted D. overuse
Question 18: A. to B. by C. up with D. over with

Part 2: 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.

We are slowly **destroying** the earth. The seas and rivers are too dirty to swim in. There is so much smoke in the air that it is unhealthy to live in many of the world's cities. In one well-known city, for example, poisonous gases from cars pollute the air so much that traffic policemen have to wear oxygen masks.

We have cut down so many trees that there are now vast areas of wasteland all over the world. As a result, farmers in some parts of America can't grow enough to eat. In certain countries in Asia, there is too little rice. Moreover, we do not take enough care of the countryside. Wild animals are quickly disappearing. For instance, tigers are rare in India now because we have killed too many for them to survive. We must act now before it is too late to do anything. Save the earth. It is too important to ignore.

Question 19: The word "**destroying**" in the first paragraph means _____.

- A. preventing B. ruining C. conserving D. protecting

Question 20: What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Protect the earth B. Dirty water C. Pollution D. Wildlife

Question 21: Why do the traffic policemen have to wear oxygen masks? - Because of _____.

- A. the cars B. poisonous gas C. smoke D. dirt

Question 22: Do the farmers in America have enough farmland to grow?

- A. No. They don't want to. B. Of course, they have. C. No, they don't. D. Yes, they do.

Question 23: How are the wild animals disappearing?

- A. Rapidly B. Hardly C. Normally D. Slowly

Question 24: What should we do to protect the earth from the pollution?

- A. Grow more rice B. Save the earth C. Act now D. both A & B

C. WRITING

Part 1: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence which has a similar meaning to the first one in each of the following questions.

Question 25: Mary said: "What will you do this afternoon, John?"

- A. Mary asked John what would he do that afternoon.
B. Mary asked John what John did that afternoon.
C. Mary wanted to know what she and John would do that afternoon.
D. Mary wanted to know what John would do that afternoon.

Question 26: It was raining, but the baseball game was not cancelled.

- A. In spite of the rain, the baseball game was not cancelled.
B. The baseball game was not cancelled, however it was raining.
C. Although of the rain, the baseball was not cancelled.
D. However the baseball game was cancelled, it was raining.

Question 27: "Should I tell him the truth about my misery?" she asked herself.

- A. She wondered whether she tells him the truth about her misery.
B. She wondered if she told him the truth about her misery.
C. She wondered if tell him the truth about her misery.
D. She wondered whether to tell him the truth about her misery.

Question 28: He said to them: "Don't tell me such a story!"

- A. He told them to tell them such a story.
B. He told them not to tell them such a story.
C. He told them to tell him such a story.
D. He told them not to tell him such a story.

Part 2: Rewrite the sentence in each of the following questions so that the second sentence has the similar meaning to the first one, using the words given. Do not change the words given in any way.

Question 29: My mother isn't satisfied with my study. I have tried very hard. (although)

Question 30: I am thinking with pleasure about the upcoming visit to Melbourne. (forward)

Question 31: "I don't know what Fred is doing", said my sister. (didn't know)

Question 32: We are not sure where we should hang the painting. (to hang)