

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE: (8 points)

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. historical B. system C. landscape D. business

Question 2: A. carved B. impressed C. embroidered D. weaved

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. museum B. lantern C. impress D. desire

Question 4: A. negative B. determine C. forbidden D. attraction

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 5: (A) One of the (B) worse diseases (C) mankind has ever (D) faced is cancer.

Question 6: (A) The Jacksons (B) live in a (C) fascinated (D) neighbourhood.

Question 7: We (A) reached the (B) nearest village after (C) walked (D) for 30 minutes.

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

Question 8: What do you usually wear _____ weekdays?

A. on B. at C. of D. in

Question 9: I'm responsible for cooking dinner as my mother usually works _____.

A. lately B. early C. later D. late

Question 10: I usually _____ my younger sisters when my parents are away on business.

A. take off B. take care of C. take over D. take after

Question 11: When I turned up, the hall was already _____ of teenagers.

A. packed B. crowded C. full D. jammed

Question 12: They.....in touch since they.....school 2 years ago.

A. kept/ have left B. have kept/ leave C. have kept/ left D. keep/ had left

Question 13: The roads are very _____ in rush hours so you should drive carefully.

A. busy B. noisy C. bumpy D. crazy

Question 14: She enjoys _____ her health.

A. swim/to swim B. swimming/ improve
C. to swim/ improve D. swimming/ to improve

Question 15: Japan is the _____ developed country in the world.

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

Question 16: When I was a child, my father used _____ me to school by bike.

A. to taking B. to take C. to drive D. to driving

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 17: Mai: "I love studying science as it allows me to answer questions about the natural world."

Tim: "_____"

A. No, I won't. B. Neither do I. C. Yes, I like it. D. So do I

Question 18: – How do you feel about your English now? - "_____"

A. All right.
B. I'm fluent in English now.
C. English is not my mother tongue.
D. English is the official language in the world.

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 19: I didn't think his comments were very appropriate at that time.

A. right B. correct C. exact D. suitable

Question 20: Have you found out how much all this is going to cost? Is it expensive?

A. got information about B. found by chance
C. talked to someone about D. met someone and asked

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s).

Question 21: A small fish needs camouflage to hide itself so that its enemies cannot find it.

A. cover B. beautify C. show D. locate

Question 22: You have a problem with your classmates at school and you don't know who to talk to. You may feel depressed.

A. worried B. stressed C. delighted D. tense

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.

It's quite rare to meet teenagers who don't like sports. When you are young, you know how important (23)_____ to do physical exercise if you want to be healthy and strong, and for that reason, you often concentrate on just one sport with so (24)_____ enthusiasm that in the end, you can't live without it. The problem is, though, that as you grow up you have less and less spare time. At your age, you have to study harder if you want to get good marks to go to university, with perhaps only one afternoon a week to do any sport. This happens just when you are at the best (25)_____ for many sports, such as gymnastics and swimming. By the time you finish all your studies you will probably be too old to be really good at sports like those, but if you spend enough time on (26)_____ while you are young, then one day you will find that you are very good at your sport but too old to study, and you will find it (27)_____ to get a good job. Somehow, it doesn't seem fair.

Question 23: A. this is B. you are C. it is D. things are

Question 24: A. keen B. many C. great D. much

Question 25: A. stage B. age C. period D. time

Question 26: A. training B. making C. exercise D. sporting

Question 27: A. impractical B. impossible C. unhealthy D. unlikely

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.

Books which give instructions on how to do things are very popular in the United States today. Thousands of these How-to books are useful. In fact, there are about four thousand books with titles that begin with the words “How to”. One book may tell you how to earn more money. Another may tell you how to save or spend it and another may explain how to give your money away.

Many *How-to* books give advice on careers. They tell you how to choose a career and how to succeed in it. If you fail; however, you can buy the book “*How to Turn Failure into Success*”. If you would like to become very rich, you can buy the book “*How to Make a Millionaire*”. If you never make any money at all, you may need a book called “*How to Live on Nothing*”.

One of the most popular types of books is one that helps you with personal problems. If you want to have a better love of life, you can read “*How to Succeed in Love every Minute of Your Life*”. If you are tired of books on happiness, you may prefer books which give **step-by-step** instructions on how to redecorate or enlarge a house.

Why have *How-to* books become so popular? Probably because life has become so complex. Today people have far more free time to use, more choices to make, and more problems to solve. *How-to* books help people deal with modern life.

Question 28: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. How to turn failure into success
- B. How-to books
- C. How to make a millionaire
- D. How to succeed in love every minute of your life

Question 29: The word “it” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. advice B. How-to books
- C. instruction D. career

Question 30: Which of the following is NOT the type of books giving information on careers?

- A. “How to Turn Failure into Success”
- B. “How to Live on Nothing”
- C. “How to Make a Millionaire”.
- D. “How to Succeed in Love every Minute of Your Life”.

Question 31: The word “step-by-step” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. faster and faster B. little by little
- C. rapidly D. slower and slower

Question 32: It can be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A. Today people are more interested in modern life.
- B. Today people have fewer choices to make.
- C. Modern life is more difficult to deal with.
- D. Today people are more bored with the modern life.

II. WRITING (2 points)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

Question 33: The local government will enlarge the roads in upcoming years.

=> The roads

Question 34: As I get older, I want to travel less.

=> The older

Question 35: He feels sorry that he can't come to his brother's wedding.

=> He wishes

Question 36: I haven't done gardening for three months.

=> The last time

Combine two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets.

Question 37: My son was ill. I had to take a day off to look after him. (**so**)

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Question 38: If she doesn't work harder, she'll fail her entrance exam. (**unless**)

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Question 39: Phong didn't notice the sign. It was right in front of him. (**even though**)

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Question 40: Jane is quite warm and friendly. Her sister is quite warm and friendly. (**Both**)