

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 1. A. wither B. thesis C. thoughtful D. breath  
 Question 2. A. traffic B. configuration C. cinema D. camouflage

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 3. A. report B. conclude C. deter D. sanction  
 Question 4. A. advertise B. definite C. composite D. comunicate

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. Tim and his friends have founded \_\_\_\_\_ voluntary organisation which helps disabled people with their transport needs.

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

Question 6. Dana finally admitted \_\_\_\_\_ by what her father had said the day before.

- A. hurt B. hurting C. being hurt D. hurted

Question 7. The man was very brave. He \_\_\_\_\_, but he chose to stay and fight.

- A. must have escaped B. escaped C. had escaped D. could have escaped

Question 8. Air pollution is getting \_\_\_\_\_ serious in big cities such as Hanoi and Beijing.

- A. the more and the more B. more and more  
 C. most and most D. the most and the most

Question 9. The company has made an announcement that any application \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ after 30<sup>th</sup> April shall not be considered.

- A. sends B. is sent C. being sent D. sent

Question 10. Only after the teacher had explained the procedure clearly \_\_\_\_\_ to go ahead with the experiment.

- A. the students were allowed B. were the students allowed  
 C. the students allowed D. did the students allow

Question 11. Her parents are really strict. They rarely let her stay out late, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. do they B. don't they C. does she D. doesn't she

Question 12. Visitors to the local museum are mostly attracted by \_\_\_\_\_ rocking chair.

- A. an old wooden European beautiful B. a beautiful old European wooden  
 C. an old beautiful wooden European D. a wooden old beautiful European

Question 13. Many astronomers never get back to the Earth because of \_\_\_\_\_ accidents.

- A. tragedy B. tragic C. tragically D. tragedies

Question 14. After years of training hard, the athlete finally could \_\_\_\_\_ her ambition of winning an Olympic gold medal.

- A. reject B. exacerbate C. recognise D. realise

Question 15. The commission estimates that at least seven companies took \_\_\_\_\_ of the program.

- A. advantage B. use C. benefit D. dominance

Question 16. The cinema is no longer as popular as it was in the 1930 s and 1940's, but it is still an important \_\_\_\_\_ of entertainment.

- A. status B. source C. origin D. prospect

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**Question 17.** After years of derision from the world, the Hindi film industry is achieving its \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sun.

- A. position                      B. image                      C. shade                      D. place

**Question 18.** While I was looking through my old albums the other day, I \_\_\_\_\_ this photograph of my parents' wedding.

- A. took after                      B. made up                      C. turned down                      D. came across

**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 19.** Of more than 1,300 volcanoes in the world, only about 600 can classify as active.

- A. only                      B. classify                      C. volcanoes                      D. active

**Question 20.** In spite of the Indian lacked animals, they had the ability to cultivate plants suitable for daily use.

- A. suitable                      B. lacked animals                      C. in spite of                      D. had the ability

**Question 21.** A professor of economy and history at our university has developed a new theory of the relationship between historical events and financial crises.

- A. financial crises                      B. relationship                      C. historical                      D. economy

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

**Question 22.** **John no longer drinks a lot.**

- A. John rarely drank a lot.                      B. John used to drink a lot.  
C. John didn't use to drink a lot.                      D. John now drinks a lot.

**Question 23.** **"Stop smoking or you'll be ill," the doctor told me.**

- A. I was ordered not to smoke to recover from illness.  
B. The doctor advised me to give up smoking to avoid illness.  
C. The doctor suggested smoking to treat illness.  
D. I was warned against smoking a lot of cigarettes.

**Question 24.** **People think that increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will inevitably lead to global warming.**

- A. Global warming is thought to result in increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.  
B. Increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is thought to be responsible for global warming.  
C. Increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is attributed to global warming.  
D. Global warming is blamed for increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.**

**Question 25.** **He was very tired. He agreed to help me with my homework.**

- A. As tired as was he, he agreed to help me with my homework.  
B. Despite being very tired, but he agreed to help me with my homework  
C. Tired though he was, but he agreed to help me with my homework.  
D. Tired as he was, he agreed to help me with my homework.

**Question 26.** **Mary quarreled with her boyfriend yesterday. She didn't want to answer his phone call this morning.**

- A. Mary's refusal to answer the phone leads to her argument with her boyfriend yesterday.  
B. Much as Mary quarreled with her boyfriend yesterday, she answered his phone call this morning.  
C. Having quarreled with her boyfriend yesterday, Mary refused to answer his phone call this morning.

D. Before Mary quarrelled with her boyfriend yesterday, she answered his phone call.

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 27. Sam and David are talking about what to do after work.

- "Do you fancy going to a movie this evening?" - " \_\_\_\_\_ "

A. Not at all. Go ahead.

B. I'm sorry. I don't know that.

C. That would be nice.

D. Not so bad. And you?

Question 28. Laura: "What a lovely house you have!"

A. Of course not, it's not costly.

B. Thank you. Hope you will drop in.

C. I think so.

D. No problem.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 29. When the Titanic crashed into the iceberg, the crew quickly sent out distress signals to alert nearby ships of the disaster and request their help.

A. amusing

B. strange

C. bold

D. help

Question 30. I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the moon.

A. longing for what is beyond the reach

B. asking for what is attainable

C. doing something with vigor or intensity

D. crying a lot and for a long time

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 31. I prefer secure jobs because I don't like keeping on moving and changing all the time.

A. challenging

B. demanding

C. stable

D. safe

Question 32. When he passes the entrance exam, his parents will be walking on air.

A. extremely happy

B. extremely light

C. feeling extremely unhappy

D. feeling extremely airy

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word for each of the blanks from 33 to 37.

Most adults struggle to recall events from their first few years of life and now scientists have identified exactly when these childhood memories are lost forever. A new study into childhood amnesia has found that it tends to take (33) \_\_\_\_\_ around the age of seven.

The rapid decline of memories persisting while children are five and six is owing to the change in the way memories are formed.

Before the age of seven, children tend to have an (34) \_\_\_\_\_ form of recall with no sense of time and place in their memories. In older children, however, the early recollected events tend to be more adult like in their content and the way they are formed. Faster rate of forgetting in children and higher turnover of memories means early memories are less likely to survive. (35) \_\_\_\_\_, memories of younger children tend to lack autobiographical narrative leading to a process known as "retrieval induced forgetting" (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the action of remembering causes other information to be forgotten. Consequently, if childhood memories can survive into the ninth or tenth year of life, they may stay a chance of (37) \_\_\_\_\_ it into adulthood.

Question 33. A. affect B. effective C. effect D. effectively

Question 34. A. unbalanced B. immature C. insufficient D. irrational

Question 35. A. Besides B. However C. Therefore D. Otherwise

Question 36. A. whom B. which C. when D. where

Question 37. A. turning B. making C. transferring D. getting

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**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 38 to 42.**

Being repeatedly late may just be accidental - or could it show a deeply rooted psychological desire to express your own superiority? when I worked in an office, meetings would often start late, usually because of a certain individual. Then they would overrun and the whole day lost its shape. But the individual was high-ranking and self-important: nobody challenged. So, what are the ethics of lateness?

There's a psychotherapist called Irvin Yalom who argues that all behaviour reflects psychology. Just as people who like to be on time are motivated by certain deep-seated beliefs, so those who make others wait are acting out an inner agenda, often based on an acute sense of power. There's famous footage in which Silvio Berlusconi kept Angela Merkel waiting while he made a call on his mobile. It **speaks volumes**.

But that is when all lateness is in one's control, what about when your train is cancelled or your flight is delayed or you had to wait longer for the plumber to arrive? In such cases, there's not a lot of psychology involved. Or is there? Some people will genuinely worry about the impact it will have on those left waiting, while others might secretly enjoy the power of their absence.

The essential fact is that lateness means breaking a convention - you can only be late in respect of a time agreed with other people. Regardless of psychology, **it** has a social value. And when we treat other people's time as less valuable than our own, we treat them as inferior.

**Question 38. What is the main idea of the passage?**

- A. Lateness indicates superiority of important individuals.
- B. Social values of individuals are fostered through lateness.
- C. Being late can reveal a lot about people's psychology.
- D. People with high sense of power have a tendency to be late.

**Question 39. What is the "speaks volumes" in paragraph 2 closest in meaning to?**

- A. tells a lot
- B. makes sounds
- C. holds power
- D. talks loudly

**Question 40. Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?**

- A. The way our minds work is responsible for the way we behave.
- B. Some people control a situation for their benefit through lateness.
- C. Lateness can have an impact on other people who are made to wait.
- D. Most people react the same when lateness is out of their control.

**Question 41. It can be inferred from the reading passage that \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Berlusconi made Merkel wait as he wanted to show his importance.
- B. it is fashionable to be late to meetings because nobody challenges.
- C. the writer's daily schedule was unaffected by his colleague's lateness.
- D. nothing can be said about one's psychology if lateness is out of control.

**Question 42. What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to?**

- A. fact
- B. lateness
- C. convention
- D. psychology

**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 front 43 to 50.**

Homeopathy, the alternative therapy created in 1796 by Samuel Hahnemann, and now widely used all over the world, is based on the belief that the body can be stimulated to heal itself. A central principle of the "treatment" is that "like cures like", meaning a substance that causes certain symptoms can also help to remove those symptoms. Medicines used in homeopathy are created by heavily diluting in water the substance in question and subsequently shaking the liquid vigorously. They can then be made into tablets and pills. Practitioners believe that the more a substance is diluted in this way, the greater its power to treat symptoms.

However, in a new study, a working committee of medical experts at Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has claimed that homeopathic medicines are only as effective as

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placebos at treating illness. **Their** research, involving the analysis of numerous reports from homeopathy interest groups and the public, concluded that there is no reliable evidence that homeopathy works. Moreover, researchers uncovered no fewer than 68 ailments that homeopathic remedies had failed to treat, including asthma, sleep disturbances, cold and flu, and arthritis.

As a result of the findings, the NHMRC is urging health workers to inform their patients to be **wary** of anecdotal evidence that appears to support the effectiveness of homeopathic medicine. "It isn't possible to tell whether a health treatment is effective or not simply by considering the experience of one individual or the beliefs of a health practitioner" says the report. Experts believe that most illnesses said to have been cured by homeopathy would be cured by the body on its own without taking the medicine. Apparently, many illnesses are short-lived by their very nature which often leads to people believing that it is the homeopathy that cures them.

A more serious matter is highlighted by Professor John Dwyer of the University of New South Wales. As an immunologist, he is concerned about homeopathic vaccinations on offer for diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, none of which he considers effective. According to Professor John Dwyer, the concept that homeopathic vaccinations are just as good as traditional vaccinations is **delusion**, and those who believe it are failing to protect themselves and their children.

**Question 43.** Which could be the best title for the passage?

- A. "Homeopathy kills" say scientists                      B. "Avoid homeopathy" say scientists  
C. Homeopathy worth trying once                      D. Unknown effects of homeopathy

**Question 44.** According to the reading passage, homeopathic medicines are \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. prepared similarly for different diseases  
B. made up of a variety of ingredients  
C. suitable for a wide range of symptoms  
D. available only in the liquid form

**Question 45.** What does the word "their" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. committee                      B. NHMRC                      C. medicines                      D. placebos

**Question 46.** The Australian study reveals that homeopathy is \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. increasingly popular with the public                      B. helpful in the case of respiratory infections  
C. ineffective in treating many diseases                      D. of great interest to a certain group of people

**Question 47.** What is the word "wary" in paragraph 3 closest in meaning to?

- A. apprehensive                      B. reluctant                      C. cautious                      D. observant

**Question 48.** People tend to believe in homeopathy because of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. advertisements displayed in health center  
B. positive feedback from a small number of people  
C. reliable proof from recent medical reports  
D. results of research into some alternatives therapies

**Question 49.** What is the word "delusion" in paragraph 4 closest in meaning to?

- A. legend                      B. falsehood                      C. imagination                      D. hallucination

**Question 50.** In Professor John Dwyer's view, homeopathic vaccinations \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. may bring about bad consequences                      B. do harm to people's health  
C. might be ridiculously expensive                      D. are better than nothing at all