

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 1. A. creature B. creative C. creamy D. crease

Question 2. A. chooses B. houses C. rises D. horses

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3. A. advent B. adverb C. adventure D. advocate

Question 4. A. comparable B. comparative C. compass D. company

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

Question 5. On their way to the station they were caught \_\_\_\_ the rain and before long were wet \_\_\_\_.

A. under/from B. in/with C. in/through D. during/out

Question 6. I still keep wondering if I was doing the right thing when I asked my father for \_\_\_\_ permission to leave school.

A. a B. an C. the D. 0

Question 7. She has told me I should stay till she \_\_\_\_ a replacement. Well, last time it took two weeks.

A. found B. finds C. has found D. will find

Question 8. One of the men was lying on the ground after \_\_\_\_ down by a piece of rock.

A. being knocked B. knocking C. having been knock D. having knocked

Question 9. Intellectuals think that if we \_\_\_\_ daily on tolerance and racism, we will end up killing one another.

A. won't lecture B. are not lectured C. don't lecture D. won't have lectured

Question 10. What I strongly object to is the very principle \_\_\_\_ on one another.

A. to get the boys themselves inform B. of getting the boys themselves to inform  
C. of getting the boys themselves inform D. to get the boys themselves informing

Question 11. "Fantastic sale. Everything must be sold \_\_\_\_ of the price."

A. in spite B. regardless C. in case D. on account

Question 12. The recreation plan \_\_\_\_ they disagreed would require the construction of two new dams.

A. which B. about which C. on whom D. whom

Question 13. The judge said that there was no doubt about the outcome of the trial. The man was a \_\_\_\_ criminal.

A. self-centered B. self-confessed C. self-conscious D. self-contained

Question 14. The boy was punished for playing \_\_\_\_ from his physics lessons.

A. truant B. runaway C. absent D. joyride

**Question 15.** People didn't believe his \_\_\_\_ that he had stolen the money in order to give it to charity.

- A. explanatory      B. explanation      C. explain      D. explainable

**Question 16.** The students in the nursing department are \_\_\_\_ female.

- A. restrictively      B. predominantly      C. arbitrarily      D. spontaneously

**Question 17.** Factory workers have threatened \_\_\_\_ action if their demands are not met in the next two days.

- A. business      B. working      C. industrial      D. manufacturing

**Question 18.** It's said that the government has made no \_\_\_\_ in the fight against inflation; indeed, the situation has worsened recently.

- A. triumph      B. effect      C. avail      D. headway

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

**Question 19.** The ministry of Defense has been holding up the decision to withdraw from the military action for the past several months.

- A. carrying off      B. putting off      C. playing down      D. giving up

**Question 20.** Bill Gates is famous for his generosity. He donated a large part of his possessions to charities.

- A. hospitality      B. kindness      C. greediness      D. wealthiness

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

**Question 21.** Renewable resources, such as solar, wind, tidal energy, etc., are the resources that can be replenished overtime naturally.

- A. depleted      B. restored      C. replaced      D. substituted

**Question 22.** John's decision to drop out of university to go to a vocational school drove his mother up the wall. She thought that it is really a stupid decision.

- A. made his mother pleased      B. made his mother angry  
C. made his mother worried      D. made his mother ashamed

**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.**

Asia is very rich in cultures, races and languages. Indians and most people in (1) \_\_\_\_ South Asian countries commonly speak more than one language daily, as a matter of routine. Their highly diverse expat, diaspora and migrant communities provide them not only with global access, but also with global sources of income. India and other South Asian countries are (2) \_\_\_\_ the largest recipients of monthly transfers from their diaspora workers. Due to their religious, ethnic and social diversity, more than 30 million Indians access and transfer (3) \_\_\_\_ from countries as various as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Malaysia, Singapore, the US, Canada, the UK and Australia.

Regional languages and minority religions have (4) \_\_\_\_ themselves as global community networks. This is as much true for the Tamils in Malaysia as for the Sikhs in Canada. Such connections provide them with (5)



\_\_\_\_\_ to education and jobs, partly through professional visa arrangements, and despite the limitations and constraints of our current times. These communities have created their own formats, many of which have become international actors, such the Global Tamil Forum and the World Sikh Organization.

**Question 23.** (1) A. neighboring      B. neighborhood      C. neighbor      D. neighbored

**Question 24.** (2) A. in      B. of      C. between      D. among

**Question 25.** (3) A. remittances      B. salary      C. payment      D. taxes

**Question 26.** (4) A. considered      B. regarded      C. established      D. formed

**Question 27.** (5) A. access      B. limitation      C. routes      D. solutions

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

**Question 28.** It is necessary that the use of public transport is encouraged to reduce traffic jam and air pollution.

A. necessary      B. use      C. is encouraged      D. traffic jam

**Question 29.** People who spend too much time on the Internet run the risk of getting addiction to it.

A. spend      B. on      C. run      D. addiction

**Question 30.** She didn't get a high mark because she had made the classical mistake of forgetting to put the "s" on the verb in the third person singular.

A. didn't get      B. classical      C. to put      D. on

**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.**

Called the 'Red Planet,' Mars is roughly half the size of Earth, and one of our closest neighboring planets. Though Mars is the most Earth-like of any other planet, the two are still worlds apart. Living on Mars has been the stuff of science fiction for decades. However, can humans really live on Mars? Will it ever be possible or safe? NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) hopes to find out. NASA researchers on Earth are conducting several experiments together with the International Space Station (ISS) to study the health and safety issues that may tell us if life on Mars is possible.

Food and oxygen would be the main necessities for travelers living extended periods on Mars. The need to grow plants, which provide both food and oxygen, would be a key. But the decreased gravity and low atmospheric pressure environment of the planet will stress the plants and make them hard to grow. However, space station crews are growing plants in controlled environments in two of the station's greenhouses. **They** take care of the plants, photograph them, and collect samples to be sent back to Earth. Researchers then use the data to develop new techniques that will make it possible to grow plants successfully in space.

Another concern for space travelers is the health **hazards** posed by the effect of space radiation on humans. A spacecraft traveling to Mars would be exposed to large amounts of radiation. Since human exposure to such intense radiation would mean certain death, the spacecraft used for such travel would have to protect the humans on the inside of the craft from exposure. Researchers are using special machines inside the crew areas of the International Space Station to carefully watch radiation levels. NASA scientists, who have

maintained radiation data since the beginning of human space flight, continue to learn about the dangers it poses. Researchers use the station to test materials that could be used in making a spacecraft that could successfully travel to Mars.

Will it ever be safe for humans to live on Mars? It is still too early to say. But thanks to the dedicated researchers of NASA and the results of ISS experiments, we are getting closer to knowing every day.

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**Question 31.** What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The potential of Mars.
- B. Life on Mars.
- C. The experiments on Mars.
- D. The pressure on Mars.

**Question 32.** What does the word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. space station crews
- B. plants
- C. environments
- D. station's greenhouses

**Question 33.** As mentioned in paragraph 2, why can't people grow plants successfully in space?

- A. Because there is a lack of food and oxygen on Mars.
- B. Because there aren't enough station's greenhouses to control the environments.
- C. Because of the reduced gravity and low atmospheric pressure environment.
- D. Because of the shortage of new techniques.

**Question 34.** The word "**hazards**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. dangers
- B. problems
- C. diseases
- D. symptoms

**Question 35.** According to paragraph 3, which of the following is the demand for manufacturing spacecrafts travelling to Mars?

- A. They must contain special machines inside to watch radiation levels.
- B. They have to be made from special materials which are light and safe for travelling.
- C. They have to maintain radiation data from the beginning of human space flight inside.
- D. They have to protect travelers from radiation exposure effectively.

**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.**

Belgium is a very old country, with a fascinating mixture of old customs and modern laws. Belgium weddings may be performed as a civil ceremony or as a religious ceremony.

Traditionally, when a couple in Belgium wishes to announce their marriage, the wedding invitations are printed on two sheets of paper, one from the bride's family and one sheet from the groom's family. These wedding invitations symbolize the union of the two families and the partnership of the new union.

An ancient Belgium custom that is designed to unite the two families calls for the bride to stop as she walks up the isle and to hand her mother a single flower. The two then embrace. Then, during the recessional, the bride and groom walk to the groom's mother and the new bride hands her new mother-in-law a single flower and the two of **them** embrace, symbolizing the bride's acceptance of her new mother.



One of the most important and enduring traditions of the Belgium wedding is for the bride to carry a specially embroidered handkerchief that has her name embroidered on it. After the wedding this handkerchief is framed and hung on the wall in a place of honor. When the next female member of the bride's family is to be wed, the handkerchief is removed from its frame, the new bride's name is embroidered onto it, and it is passed down. The wedding handkerchief is passed from generation to generation, and is considered an important family **heirloom**.

During the wedding mass, the bride and the groom are enthroned in two large chairs placed near the altar, symbolizing that on this day and in this place they are the king and the queen. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the groom slips the wedding ring onto the third finger of his bride's left hand. The ring, being an endless circle, symbolizes never-ending love, and the third finger of the left hand is believed to hold the vein that travels to the heart, symbolizing love. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bride and groom share their first kiss as husband and wife. The kiss is considered a symbolic act of sharing each other's spirit as the couple each breathes in a portion of their new mate's soul.

The bridesmaids traditionally take up a collection of coins and as the bride and groom exit the church, the bridesmaids toss the coins to the poor outside the church. Giving gifts of money to the poor helps to **insure** prosperity for the new bride and groom.

Following the wedding the bride and groom are off on their honeymoon. In ancient times the honeymoon, which was celebrated by the drinking of mead, or honey wine, would last 28 days, one complete cycle of the moon. This was to make sure that the bride's family did not try to steal their daughter back from her new husband.

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**Question 36.** Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. Belgium's wedding customs and traditions.
- B. The bride's and groom's traditional activities in their wedding day.
- C. The differences between an ancient wedding and a modern one in Belgium.
- D. Belgium's wedding ceremony.

**Question 37.** What does the word "**them**" in the third paragraph refer to?

- A. the bride and her mother
- B. the bride and the groom
- C. the bride and her mother-in-law
- D. the groom and his mother-in-law

**Question 38.** The following is true about Belgium's wedding, **EXCEPT** \_\_\_\_.

- A. The weddings in Belgium are not only a civil event but also a religious one.
- B. The wedding invitations are the symbol of both the bride's and the groom's families.
- C. Each mother of the couple is given a single flower in their children's wedding.
- D. The bride often hugs her mother-in-law before embracing her mother.

**Question 39.** It can be inferred from the passage that the wedding handkerchief \_\_\_\_.

- A. is prepared for the bride by her mother before the wedding.
- B. is highly appreciated in the home of Belgian people.

- C. is only replaced by another person in their house.
- D. is embroidered in most important occasions in Belgium.

**Question 40.** The word “**heirloom**” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. inheritance                      B. dowry                      C. representation                      D. pride

**Question 41.** According to paragraph 5, what is **CORRECT** about the wedding ring?

- A. It is worn onto the third finger of the bride’s right hand.
- B. The groom wears the ring for his mate at the beginning of the ceremony.
- C. The ring represents the boundless love of the couple.
- D. The ring is presented by the queen and the king of their country.

**Question 42.** The word “**insure**” in paragraph 6 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_.

- A. express                      B. indemnify                      C. determine                      D. affirm

**Question 43.** The author mentioned honeymoon in the past in the last paragraph as a period that \_\_\_\_.

- A. the bride and the groom live far from each other.
- B. lasts for a fortnight after wedding.
- C. protects the new bride from her family’s effort to take her back.
- D. the new couple serves the guests honey wine.

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

**Question 44.** The diagram shows it is hotter in summer than in winter in the northern hemisphere.

- A. As can be seen from the diagram, the weather of the northern hemisphere is hotter in summer than that in winter.
- B. According to the diagram, in the northern hemisphere is colder in winter than in summer.
- C. The diagram illustrates the trend of the climate in the northern hemisphere is that summer is cooler than winter.
- D. As we can see from the diagram, the climate of the northern hemisphere is hotter in summer more than in winter.

**Question 45.** "I'm sorry I forgot your birthday," he told me.

- A. He complained that I forgot his birthday.                      B. He refused to go to my birthday party.
- C. He begged me to forget my birthday.                      D. He apologized for forgetting my birthday.

**Question 46.** I really believe my letter came as a great surprise to John.

- A. John may be very surprised to receive my letter.
- B. John might have been very surprised to receive my letter.
- C. John must be very surprised to receive my letter.
- D. John must have been very surprised to receive my letter.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best completes following exchanges.**

**Question 47.** Nam and Nga are talking with each other about artificial intelligence. Nam: "I think that the rapid development of artificial intelligence would pose a threat to humankind. What do you think?"



Nga: " \_\_\_\_ . Human beings are very smart. They create artificial intelligence and would know how to keep it under control."

- A. I totally agree with you
- B. No. I don't think so
- C. What on earth you are talking about
- D. You can't say it again

**Question 48.** Binh is inviting Nam to join the football club.

Binh: "I know you are very good at playing football. Would you like to join our club?"

Nam: " \_\_\_\_ "

- A. Yes. I am very busy.
- B. Yeah. Good idea. I'd love to.
- C. What a good friend you are!
- D. What do you think?

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

**Question 49.** Fast-food restaurants attract children. They offer toys and a party atmosphere.

- A. If fast-food restaurants offer toys and a party atmosphere, they will attract children.
- B. Whenever fast-food restaurants offer toys and a party atmosphere, they attract children.
- C. To attract children to their restaurants, fast-food restaurants offer toys and a party atmosphere.
- D. By attracting children, fast-food restaurants offer toys and a party atmosphere.

**Question 50.** Smoking is unhealthy. It also costs governments billions of dollars in health-care costs.

- A. Not only is smoking unhealthy but it also costs government billions of dollars in health-care costs.
- B. Whereas smoking is unhealthy, it costs government billions of dollars in health-care costs.
- C. If smoking is unhealthy, it will cost government billions of dollars in health-care costs.
- D. Smoking is so unhealthy that it costs government billions of dollars in health-care costs.

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