

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. because B. nurse C. horse D. purpose

Question 2. A. passed B. realized C. touched D. wished

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. stress-free B. workout C. upgrade D. darkroom

Question 4. A. coordination B. discrimination C. interpersonal D. environmental

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

Question 5. Jane's eyes burned and her shoulders ached. She ____ at the computer for five straight hours. Finally, she took a break.

A. had sat B. has been sitting C. had been sitting D. has sat

Question 6. If the weather is fine this weekend, we ____ to see our grandparents.

A. were going B. will go C. would do D. went

Question 7. The hospital had ____ given her up for dead, but she eventually recovered.

A. virtually B. merely C. totally D. intensively

Question 8. ____, noise pollution adversely affects the human being, leading to irritation, loss of concentration, and loss of hearing.

A. Often neglected B. Often it was neglected

C. Often neglecting D. Often people neglected

Question 9. Different ____ have not only their own distinct worldview but also their own way of working and preferred methods of communication.

A. generators B. generate C. generations D. generation

Question 10. Some must have taken my keys. I clearly remember ____ them by the window and now they are nowhere to be seen.

A. to be leaving B. to have left C. to leave D. leaving

Question 11. His rudeness when we first met didn't dispose me very kindly ____ him.

A. with B. to C. for D. in

Question 12. We must find a better way to ____ of plastics because they cause serious environmental problems.

A. deposit B. dispose C. discard D. dump

Question 13. A new study by University College London shows that teenager girls are twice as likely as to be depressed ____ social media as boys.

- A. as a result B. thanks to C. despite D. due to

Question 14. Some studies have suggested a link between certain types of ____ sweetener and cancer.

- A. fake B. artificial C. wrong D. false

Question 15. Mr John is held in high ____ for his dedication to the school.

- A. respect B. esteem C. homage D. honor

Question 16. I still remember the ____ afternoons that we spent at the beach when I was a child.

- A. long fantastic summer B. fantastic summer long
C. fantastic long summer D. summer fantastic long

Question 17. The Great Pyramid of Giza is ____ biggest and ____ oldest one among the three pyramids forming the Giza Pyramid Complex.

- A. 0/0 B. a/the C. the/the D. 0/the

Question 18. An 18-year-old girl, of no fixed ____, was charged with robbery in connection with the incident.

- A. abode B. accommodation C. dwellings D. lodgings

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. People usually look through travel brochures to decide on their holiday destinations.

- A. scan B. skim C. spot D. swallow

Question 20. He sank into deep despair when he lost his job.

- A. became very enjoyable B. became very unhappy
C. was delighted D. burst into tears

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. She waved her hand about, ostentatiously displaying her large diamond ring.

- A. expensively B. showily C. enormously D. humbly

Question 22. You'll really have to work hard if you want to make the grade as a journalist.

- A. succeed B. fail C. win D. fulfill

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.

Acupuncture is a Chinese method of treating illnesses by inserting needles into certain points of the body. The idea is that this restores the natural balance of energy, (23) ____ is disturbed when a person is ill. The origins of this therapy have been traced back over five thousand years, but it only began to be accepted in the West in the 1970s.

In 1971, James Reston, a well-known journalist from the New York Times, was visiting China when he developed appendicitis. He was operated (24) ____ in a hospital in Peking, where the doctors used acupuncture to relieve his pain. Reston was surprised at how (25) ____ it was, and wrote about it in an article for the newspaper.

Soon afterwards, Chairman Mao Tse-tung invited a group of distinguished Western doctors over to China to witness for themselves that (26) ____ worked. They were accompanied by television crews, and soon viewers in the West were watching operations being carried out on patients with acupuncture needles sticking out of them. The patients felt no pain.

The Western experts were a little embarrassed at what they saw, because they had (27) ____ ridiculed the idea that patients could be treated with needles. But now they were forced to admit that it actually worked, and acupuncture became a popular form of therapy.

(Source: <https://www.encyclopedia.com>)

Question 23. A. which B. that C. where D. what

Question 24. A. at B. over C. in D. on

Question 25. A. practical B. effective C. influential D. used

Question 26. A. acupuncturist B. acupuncture C. puncture D. acupoint

Question 27. A. previously B. before C. early D. anciently

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

Question 28. Many different kinds of food are sold today have artificial flavoring added to them.

A. Many different B. are sold C. artificial D. added to

Question 29. Under no circumstances we should do anything that will benefit ourselves but at the same time harm the interests of others.

A. Under B. we should do C. benefit D. harm

Question 30. Sparkling pools of water lay trapped among the rocks as the tide retreated.

A. Sparkling B. lay trapped C. as D. retreated

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.

Bali, the fabled "Island of the Gods", has been enchanting visitors for centuries with its rich cultural traditions and spectacular panoramas. From lofty, mist enshrouded volcanoes and cool mountain lakes down through terraced rice fields to a golden strand lapped by azure waters, every square inch of Bali offers a fresh and unforgettable image.

No less enchanting are its people, some 2.7 million souls whose artistry and piety are recognized throughout the world. Balinese Hinduism, a complex fusion of Indian cosmology, Tantric Buddhism and homegrown mythology, is the primary faith of Bali's inhabitants, and so deeply woven into the fabric of their daily lives that the line between the spiritual and the material is blurry at best.

Those of you keen on delving into the island's fascinating culture will have plenty of opportunities, as colorful ceremonies and traditional performances occur with regularity of sunrise. Most hotels offer nightly dance shows of one form or another, tailored to tourist audiences but none the less exquisite. The hill town of Ubud, the island's premier arts center, also has a full schedule of performance, and the nearby stone-cutter's village of Batubulan is famed for its Barong lion dances. The shoppers among you will find Bali a

treasure house of handicrafts and fine works of art. The Balinese are incredibly gifted artists and craftsmen, and their material creations are imbued with the same sense of wonderment with which they regard their universe. Stone and wood carvings, traditional and modern paintings and intricately designed jewelry in gold and silver are readily in shops and galleries throughout the island.

As for recreation, there is no shortage of option. Nature walks, horseback riding, diving, surfing, even bungy jumping, and white water rafting await the adventurous here.

(Source: <https://books.google.com.vn/books>)

Question 31. The topic of the given passage is ____.

- A. Balinese life B. Scenery in Bali C. Tourism in Bali D. Bali for recreation

Question 32. The second paragraph of the passage mainly discusses ____.

- A. Population of Bali B. artistry and piety of Bali
C. Balinese religion D. daily lives of Balinese

Question 33. The word "**their**" in the second paragraph refers to ____.

- A. 2.7 million souls B. Bali's inhabitants C. daily lives D. the spiritual and the material

Question 34. Which of the following might be a synonym of the word "**exquisite**" in the third paragraph?

- A. skillful B. clever C. spiritual D. material

Question 35. You can find all these recreational activities in Bali EXCEPT ____.

- A. horseback riding B. nature walks C. water rafting D. parachute jumping

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.

Astronomers have for the first time definitively ID'd the birth of a specific heavy element during a neutron-star smashup. They found strontium. And **it** showed up in the wavelengths of light — or spectra — making up this collision's afterglow.

Scientists had assumed that a collision by two super-dense objects, such as neutron stars, would trigger a chain of nuclear reactions. They're known as the r-process. In such an environment, the nuclei of atoms could rapidly gobble up neutrons. Afterward, those nuclei would become transformed in a process known as radioactive decay. The r-process was seen as a way to transform old, smaller elements into newer, bigger ones. About half of all elements heavier than iron were thought to be made in the r-process. Finding strontium in the recent collision at last offered the most direct evidence yet that neutron-star collisions really do trigger the r-process.

Physicists had long predicted that silver, gold and many other elements more massive than iron formed this way. But scientists weren't sure where those r-process reactions took place. After all, no one had directly seen the r-process underway in a celestial event. Or they didn't until the merger of two neutron stars in 2017. Scientists quickly analyzed light given off by that cataclysm. In it, they found evidence of the birth of a **hodgepodge** of heavy elements. All would seem to have come from the r-process.

The researchers were examining mostly very heavy elements — ones whose complex atomic structures can generate millions of spectral features. And all of those features were not yet fully known, Watson points out. This made it extremely difficult to **tease** apart which elements were present, he says.

Strontium, however, is relatively light compared to other r-process elements. And its simple atomic structure creates a few strong and well-known spectral clues. So Watson and his colleagues expanded their analysis to consider it. In doing so, they turned up the clear "fingerprint" of strontium. It emerged in light collected by the Very Large Telescope in Chile within a few days of the neutron-star collision. Seeing strontium in the afterglow wasn't all that unexpected, says Brian Metzger. He's an astrophysicist at Columbia University in New York City and not involved in the new work. Strontium, he notes, "does tell us something interesting" about the elements formed during the neutron-star collision.

(Source: <https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/>)

Question 36. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Gravitational waves linked to neutron star collision.
- B. A nearby neutron star crash could cause calamity on Earth.
- C. Neutron-star collision shakes space and time.
- D. Heavy element identified from a neutron-star collision.

Question 37. The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to ____.

- A. collision
- B. afterglow
- C. smashup
- D. strontium

Question 38. According to paragraph 2, what is NOT mentioned about the r-process?

- A. R-process happens before the radioactive decay process.
- B. R-process reactions are similar to thermonuclear weapon explosions.
- C. R-process is a set of nuclear reactions initiated by neuron-star collision.
- D. It is responsible for the creation of approximately half of the atomic nuclei heavier than iron.

Question 39. The word "hodgepodge" in paragraph 3 can be replaced by ____.

- A. selection
- B. jumble
- C. assemblage
- D. medley

Question 40. The word "tease" in paragraph 4 can be replaced by ____.

- A. tell
- B. tear
- C. taunt
- D. move

Question 41. Which of the following statements is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Gold fell from the sky as either the tears or the sweat of the sun god Inti.
- B. Scientists' couldn't pinpoint precisely which elements were in the resultant mix.
- C. S-process and r-process are the predominant mechanisms for the production of heavy elements.
- D. Researchers focused on the light elements when observe the crash's aftermath.

Question 42. According to paragraph 5, why did the researchers extend the reviewed scale of elements for strontium?

- A. Strontium is similar to Barium and the lanthanides – which have strong spectroscopic feature.
- B. It had been thought that only the most robust elements would be made in neutron-star collisions.
- C. Strontium was only discovered after the observation of the crash, thus could not be considered.

D. Strontium's properties are quite different from the original considered set of elements.

Question 43. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Spotted strontium supports the idea that neutron-star mergers create many elements heavier than iron.
- B. Scientists have detected a new element for the periodic table in the aftermath of a neutron star crash.
- C. A neutron-rich environment generates lighter r-process elements than a neutron-free one.
- D. A pair of black holes is more productive than that of neutron stars in creating gold.

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. "Your application must be submitted before the end of the month," said the secretary to applicants.

- A. The secretary told the applicants not to submit their application before the end of the month.
- B. The secretary said that the application had to be submitted before the end of the month.
- C. The secretary asked that the applicants submit their application before the end of the month.
- D. The secretary reminded the applicants to submit their applications before the end of the month.

Question 45. Governments should take measures to protect wildlife, or more and more animals will become endangered.

- A. The sooner governments take measures to protect wildlife, the fewer animals will become endangered.
- B. Because more governments take measures to protect wildlife, fewer animals will become endangered.
- C. The more measures governments take to protect wildlife, the fewer animals will become endangered.
- D. Governments take measures to protect wildlife, so that fewer animals will become endangered.

Question 46. It was wrong of you not to show any concern for her mom's health.

- A. You should show concern for her mom's health.
- B. You should have shown concern for her mom's health.
- C. It was wrong that you showed concern for her mom's health.
- D. You shouldn't have shown any concern for her mom's health.

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

Question 47. A: "Have you ever done any volunteer work?" - B: " ____ "

- A. I'm doing a part-time job to support my student life.
- B. You see, earning money is difficult these days.
- C. Sure. When I was a student, I helped in the hospital.
- D. I have been trying to work with all my heart.

Question 48. A: "Are you attending the conference on gender equality this week?" - B: " ____ "

- A. I don't think I will be able to come.
- B. Did you say that?
- C. Well, things are different now.
- D. That's the way life is.

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. After Harry had packed his luggage, he loaded it into the car and set off for the airport.

- A. Having packed his luggage, Harry loaded it into the car and set off for the airport.
- B. Only after Harry had packed his luggage, he loaded it into the car and set off for the airport.
- C. No sooner had Harry packed his luggage when he loaded it into the car and set off for the airport.
- D. Not until Harry had packed his luggage did he load it into the car and set off for the airport.

Question 50. Trees should be planted everywhere possible. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

- A. Trees, which should be planted everywhere possible, absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.
- B. Trees should be planted everywhere possible as they absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.
- C. Trees should be planted everywhere possible to be able to absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.
- D. Trees should be planted everywhere possible where they absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

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