PRACTICE

Mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation

Question 1: A. seasons B. tourists C. animals D. depends

Question 2: A. meat B. seat C. beat D. bread

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

Question 3: A. intend B. install C. follow D. decide

Question 4: A. romantic B. following C. summary D. physical

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

Question 5: Canned food is not as healthy as fresh food, _____?

A. isn't it B. does it C. doesn't it D. is it

Question 6: This student expected _____ the first winner of the Grand Prix.

A. be B. being C. to be D. will be

Question 7: If our teacher _____ here now, he would help us with this difficult exercise.

A. were B. is C. had been D. would be

Question 8: John has owned that car ever since he_____ married.

A. gets B. got C. has got D. had gotten

Question 9: _____ having the best qualifications among all the applicants, Justin was not offered the job.

A. Although B. Because of C. In spite of D. Because

Question 10: Most psychologists agree that the basic structure of an individual's personality is _____.

A. quite well established by the age of five B. well established quite by the age of five

C. by the age of five it is quite well established D. by the age of five and quite well established

Question 11: Jim didn't break the vase_____ purpose, but he was still punished for his carelessness.

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

Question 12: Despacito, _____ over six billion times on YouTube, is one of the most favourite songs among teenagers worldwide.

A. is viewed B. which viewed C. viewing D. viewed

Question 13: The success of the company in such a _____ market is remarkable.

A. compete B. competitively C. competitive D. competition

Question 14: The table in the living room should be moved to_____ the new TV set.

A. get rid of B. make room for C. pave the way for D. take hold of

Question 15: The jury _____ her compliments on her excellent knowledge of the subject.

A. paid B. gave C. made D. said

Question 16: A university degree is considered to be a _____ for entry into most professions.

A. demand B. requisite C. claim D. request

Question 17: China' placement of its oil rig in Vietnam's East Sea EEZ has been denounced by ASEAN and Western politicians and professionals as the violation of Vietnam's _____ waters.

A. inland B. farmed C. territorial D. fresh

Question 18: I hate going to the dentist, but I'll just have to bite the _____.

A. aspirin B. bullet C. iron D. tablet

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: Before the interview, you have to send a letter of application and your **résumé** to the company.

A. recommendation B. reference C. curriculum vitae D. photograph

Question 20: There is an increase in the **prevalence** of electronic books as more people are turning to digitalised reading materials.

A. popularity B. scarcity C. intensity D. deficiency

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

Question 21: It's not a pleasant feeling to discover you've been **taken for a ride** by a close friend.

A. driven away B. deceived deliberately C. given a lift D. treated with sincerity

Question 22: Today the number of start-ups in Vietnam is **mounting** as the government has created favourable conditions for them to develop their business.

A. peaking B. varying C. decreasing D. rising

Mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 23: Ken and Tom are high-school students. They are discussing where their study group will meet. Select the most suitable response to fill in the blank.

- Ken: "Where is our study group going to meet next weekend?"
- Tom: "_____"

A. We are too busy on weekdays. B. The library would be best.

C. Why don't you look at the atlas? D. Studying in a group is great fun.

Question 24: Two students are talking about the school curriculum.

- Ted: "Swimming should be made part of the school curriculum."
- Kate: "_____. It is an essential life skill."

A. Oh, that's a problem. B. I can't agree with you more.

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C. Not at all D. You can make it.

Read the fpassage and mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each blank

Vietnam planned to have a year packed with activities as the chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for 2020 and a (25)..... member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2020-2021 term. (26)....., the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation or postponement of numerous events and summit meetings. While it is said that the outbreak has derailed Vietnam's diplomatic ambitions, the door remains open for Hanoi to transfer its domestic (27)..... in fighting the disease into diplomatic achievements. As the world enters the fourth month of the pandemic, Vietnam boasts a (28)..... low infection rate in a country of almost 97 million people, with only 268 confirmed cases (97 active and 171 recovered) with no deaths as of April 17. This statistic is even more impressive given the long shared border with China, (29)..... the virus originated.

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Question 25: A. nonpermanent	B. nonofficial	C. nongovernmnent	D. noncombatant
Question 26: A. Although	B. Therefore	C. Moreover	D. However
Question 27: A. successful	B. success	C. succeed	D. successfully
Question 28: A. adversely	B. remarkably	C. deliberately	D. dramatically
Question 29: A. who	B. when	C. where	D. why

Read the passage and mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 30 to 34.

Until recently, most American entrepreneurs were men. Discrimination against women in business, the demands of caring for families, and lack of business training had kept the number of women entrepreneurs small. Now, however, businesses owned by women account for more than $40 billion in annual revenues, and this figure is likely to continue rising throughout the 1990s. As Carolyn Doppelt Gray, an official of the Small Business Administration, has noted, "The 1970s was the decade of women entering management, and the 1980s turned out to be the decade of the woman entrepreneur". What are some of the factors behind this trend? For one thing, as more women earn advanced degrees in business and enter the corporate world, they are finding obstacles. Women are still **excluded** from most executive suites. Charlotte Taylor, a management consultant, had noted, "In the 1970s women believed if they got an MBA and worked hard they could become chairman of the board. Now they've found out **that** isn't going to happen, so they go out on their own".

In the past, most women entrepreneurs worked in "women's" fields: cosmetics and clothing, for example. But this is changing. Consider ASK Computer Systems, a $22-million-a-year computer software business. It was founded in 1973 by Sandra Kurtzig, who was then a housewife with degrees in math and engineering. When Kurtzig founded the business, her first product was software that let weekly newspapers keep tabs on their newspaper carriers -and her office was a bedroom at home, with a shoebox under the bed to hold the company's cash. After she succeeded with the newspaper software system, she hired several bright computer-science graduates to develop additional programs. When these were marketed and sold, ASK began to grow. It now has 200 employees, and Sandra Kurtzig owns $66.9 million of stock.

Of course, many women who start their own businesses fail, just as men often do. They still face hurdles in the business world, especially problems in raising money; the banking and finance world is still dominated by men, and old attitudes die hard. Most businesses owned by women are still quite small. But the situation is changing; there are likely to be many more Sandra Kurtzigs in the years ahead.

Question 30: What is the main idea of this passage?

A. Women today are better educated than in the past, making them more attractive to the business world.

B. The computer is especially lucrative for women today.

C. Women are better at small business than men are.

D. Women today are opening more business of their own.

Question 31: The word **"excluded"** is closest meaning to _____.

A. not permitted in B. often invited to C. decorators of D. charged admission

Question 32: All of the following were mentioned in the passage as detriments to women in the business world **EXCEPT** _____.

A. Women were required to stay at home with their families. B. Women lacked ability to work in business.

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C. Women faced discrimination in business. D. Women were not trained in business.

Question 33: It can be inferred from the passage that the author believes that business operated by women are small because _____.

A. Women prefer a small intimate setting. B. Women can't deal with money.

C. Women are not able to borrow money easily. D. many women fail at large businesses.

Question 34: The word **"that"** refers to _____.

A. a woman becomes chairman of the board. B. women working hard.

C. women achieving advanced degrees. D. women believing that business is a place for them.

Read the passage and mark A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 42.

Think for a moment about the last music album you bought. Most likely, you'll think of the singer or band that made you want to buy the album. You might even know the name of the guitar player or the drummer. Those talented performers, however, are only some of the people involved in making the music you enjoy. The **majority** of people in the music industry work behind the scenes, but the roles they play in the musical process are very important.

Songs begin with the songwriter, of course. Some songwriters work alone, but many work in teams that combine the talents of a lyricist, who writes the words to songs, and an **instrumentalist**, often a piano player or guitarist, who writes the music. Many of today's pop stars work with songwriters. For example, some of Lady Gaga's biggest hits were written by Nadir Khayat, also known as "Red One." Some songwriting teams have become very famous, such as Mike Stock, Matt Aitken and Pete Waterman, who were responsible for many big 80s pop hits.

After a song has been written, music arrangers make it more appealing by deciding which instruments will be used, what tempo, or speed, the song will have, and whether the song should have a lower or higher pitch. A good arrangement can bring a song to life and make **it** a classic.

Not every singer or instrumentalist can be a star, and many work in the background as studio musicians. These artists are not a part of any one musical group. Instead, they are hired for recording sessions that eventually become the albums you buy, as well as soundtracks for television shows, movies, and radio ads.

Recording engineers also play a major role in creating the final sound that you hear. First, these engineers set up the recording studio, the room where the performers play, placing musicians and microphones in exactly the right places to get the best sound. Next, they use electronic equipment, such as multitrack recorders, to capture the music. Finally, long after the musicians have gone home, recording engineers use a mixing board to balance the melodies and rhythms of each musician, and sometimes to incorporate special sound effects or additional tracks.

Many people make a living with music. You may not recognize all of their names, but all of them work together to create the songs you love to listen to.

Question 35: What is the article mainly about?

A. Pop stars who write the biggest hits B. Songwriting teams who combine their talents

C. People who play a background role in creating music D. Instrumentalists who work as hired musicians

Question 36: The word **"majority"** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to_____.

A. the larger part B. the smaller part

C. the middle-class D. the group of background people

Question 37: The word **"instrumentalist"** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to_____.

A. a person who writes the lyrics B. a person who records the music

C. a person who plays an instrument D. a person who adds sound effect to a song

Question 38: Why does the author mention Lady Gaga?

A. To explain why she doesn't write her own songs

B. To give an example of a star who works with a songwriter

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C. To compare her with other talented songwriters

D. To persuade readers to buy her music

Question 39: Which of the following do music arrangers probably NOT do?

A. decide which pitch to use B. decide how fast or slow a song will be

C. decide which instruments to use D. decide how to change some lyrics

Question 40: Which piece of equipment is used at the end of the recording process?

A. a guitar or piano B. a microphone C. a mixing board D. a multitrack recorder

Question 41: The word "**it**" in paragraph 3 refers to_____.

A. the song B. the tempo of the song C. the speed of the song D. the pitch of the song

Question 42: Which sentence is NOT true about studio musicians?

A. They work in the recording studio. B. They usually support or play for the same artist.

C. They are not as famous as the artists they play for. D. They earn money for each session that they do.

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

Question 43: Measles <u>are</u> an <u>infectious</u> <u>disease that</u> causes fever <u>and small</u> red spots.

A. disease that B. are C. infectious D. and small

Question 44: <u>All of the students</u> in this course will be assessed <u>according</u> to their attendance, <u>performance</u>, and <u>they work hard</u>.

A. according B. performance C. All of the students D. they work hard

Question 45: This win could <u>prove to</u> be a <u>historical</u> <u>turning point</u> in <u>the fortunes</u> of the team.

A. historical B. prove to C. the fortunes D. turning point

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

Question 46: My sister is good at cooking. My brother is not.

A. My sister is not as good at cooking as my brother. B. My brother is better at cooking than my sister is.

C. My sister is worse at cooking than my brother. D. My brother is not as good at cooking as my sister.

Question 47: "No, I won't go to work at the weekend," said Sally.

A. Sally refused to go to work at the weekend. B. Sally promised to go to work at the weekend.

C. Sally apologized for not going to work at the weekend. D. Sally regretted not going to work at the weekend.

Question 48: My suit needed to be cleaned before the interview but didn't do that.

A. I must have my suit cleaned before the interview. B. I must clean my suit before the interview.

C. I should have cleaned my suits before the interview. D. I must have my suit cleans before the interview.

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

Question 49: She gave a great performance at the festival. We now know she has artistic talent.

A. Amazing as her artistic talent is, we don't know about her great performance at the festival.

B. Hardly had we known about her artistic talent when she gave a great performance at the festival.

C. Although she gave a great performance at the festival, now we still don't know she has artistic talent.

D. But for her great performance at the festival, we wouldn't know about her artistic talent now.

Question 50: Mary left home to start an independent life. She realised how much her family meant to her.

A. Only when Mary realised how much her family meant to her did she leave home to start an independent life.

B. To realise how much her family meant to her, Mary decided to leave home to start an independent life.

C. Not until Mary had left home to start an independent life did she realise how much her family meant to her.

D. Mary left home to start an independent life with a view to realising how much her family meant to her.

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