

TEST 93

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. bachelor B. chapter C. chemistry D. teacher

Question 2: A. bushes B. wishes C. researches D. headaches

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D 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. upset B. preserve C. rhino D. expand

Question 4: A. benefit B. pesticide C. cinema D. aquatic

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

Question 5: Hoang _____ his email four times a week in order not to miss anything important.

A. checks B. will check C. is checking D. check

Question 6: We're best friends as we have a _____ interest in music.

A. passion B. passionately C. passionless D. passionate

Question 7: However, some scientists argue that the historical evidence shows that over time the Earth heats _____ and cools _____ naturally.

A. up – away B. away – down C. up – down D. down – up

Question 8: Everyone can help the needy by making a/ an _____ to a charity organization.

A. volunteer B. donation C. effort D. fund

Question 9: They _____ your money if you haven't kept your receipt.

A. won't refund B. didn't refund C. no refund D. not refund

Question 10: The second-hand car Patrick bought was almost new _____ it was made in the 1995s.

A. or B. because C. although D. however

Question 11: People demand higher wages because prices are _____ all the time.

A. rising B. progressing C. growing D. exceeding

Question 12: What measures have been _____ to control traffic jam at rush hours?

A. imagined B. taken C. done D. carried

Question 13: He left on _____ 10 o'clock train yesterday to see his father who was taken to _____ hospital last week when he broke his right leg.

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

Question 14: Ann was very surprised to find the door unlocked. She remembered _____ it before leaving.

A. to lock B. having locked C. to have locked D. she locks

Question 15: I had a _____ chat with my manager and gave him an update on the project.

A. brief B. short C. quick D. lull

Question 16: It's normal for small businesses to operate at a _____ for the first couple of years before they start to break even.

- A. loss B. failure C. luck D. loose

Question 17: Mary expected _____ to her dreamy university, but she wasn't.

- A. to admit B. admitting C. to be admitted D. being admitted

Question 18: These thought-provoking poems ____ questions about what it means to love unconditionally.

- A. draw B. raise C. make D. give

Question 19: She had owned the telephone for 5 years _____ a new smartphone.

- A. until she decides to buy B. when she was deciding to buy
C. before she decided to buy D. after she had decided to buy

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 20: Both CARE and Oxfam organizations have programmes to help people in underdeveloped countries better their lives.

- A. make B. risk C. improve D. start

Question 21: Some tourist areas have suffered from some environmental damage.

- A. covered B. finished C. taken D. undergone

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 22: From my point of view, parental divorce can cause lasting negative consequences for children.

- A. beginning of a marriage B. the situation of not marrying
C. single person D. ending of a marriage

Question 23: Cutting down on energy use is the best way to help reduce global warming.

- A. Shrinking B. Declining C. Decreasing D. Increasing

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

Question 24: - Mai: "How fashionable a pair of trainers you have!"

- Nam: "_____."

- A. Do you want to know where I bought them? B. Thanks for your compliment.
C. I know it's fashionable. D. Yes, of course.

Question 25: - A: "What a beautiful wedding dress you are wearing today, Daisy!"

- B: "_____."

- A. I'm sorry to hear that. B. Thanks, it's nice of you to say so.
C. Don't mention it. D. Thanks for your gift!

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each the numbered blanks.

At present, single-parent families ought to be of great focus, be recognized and supported as they are a growing family form and should not be an afterthought in family, economic and labor market policies. Single parent families should be (26) _____ considered and addressed in all family policy discussions and decisions. (27) _____, home-care cash allowances, which are paid to a parent who abstains from employment to take care of her child at home, can have significant consequences encouraging lower levels of female employment among single-parent families, (28) _____ in turn results in higher childhood poverty. In this regard, work-life balance policies and workplace practices also need to (29) _____ a single-parent perspective, for example, the impact of non-standard work hours when childcare is not available.

The provision of educational and skill-building opportunities and affordable quality daycare becomes even more urgent in families with single parents. Such families should have a higher priority and subsidized access to childcare facilities. Governmental agencies should be established (30) _____ child support payment from non-resident parents in case of conflicts, disagreements or delayed payments, e.g., after a divorce or separation.

(Adapted from <http://www.socialtrendsinsitute.org/>)

Question 26: A. implicitly B. clearly C. indirectly D. completely

Question 27: A. For instance B. However C. Moreover D. Therefore

Question 28: A. who B. whose C. which D. that

Question 29: A. take responsible for B. take in hand
C. take no notice of D. take account of

Question 30: A. to facilitate B. facilitating C. facilitated D. facilitate

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the answer to each of the questions.

The world's oldest post office, which has been operating in Sanquhar, Scotland, for more than 300 years, faces an uncertain future. Current owner and stamp collector, Manzoor Alam, and his wife, Nazra, have been forced to put the business and its **accompanying** cottage on the market due to ill health.

The Alams are "heartbroken" to leave the post office, and are concerned that if a buyer cannot be found its rich history could be lost. "It was my husband who was always the one most interested in stamps and the postal service but over the last few years of working here it has grown on me too," said Mrs Alam. The couple are the post office's 16th postmasters, and if they become the last, the title will fall to a Stockholm branch, which opened in 1720.

Dumfries and Galloway councillor, Andrew Wood, said lots of rural areas were struggling to keep their post offices open. He said it would be a “sad day” if the business folded. “I was wondering if the community could arrange a buyout but it shouldn’t come down to that,” he said. “We’re a wealthy country and should be able to have **them** in good-sized towns.”

The property is on the market for £275,000, and includes a three-bed cottage with two bathrooms, a large living room, and garden with outbuildings. Agent Humberstones suggests the outbuilding could be a holiday let, tea room or postal museum, as Mr Alam had planned. “My ambition is to promote the rich heritage of the past by establishing a postal museum — the only one in Scotland — and combining it with a modern business, securing this wonderful post office for future generations,” he had said when he took on the business.

(Source: <https://www.countrylife.co.uk/>)

Question 31: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. The world’s oldest post office facing prospect of closure.
- B. The longest-standing post office closed due to weather.
- C. The world’s oldest post office re-opening this month.
- D. The longest-standing post office got revamping.

Question 32: The word “**accompanying**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. attending
- B. coinciding
- C. supported
- D. associated

Question 33: According to paragraph 2, what is **NOT** mentioned about the owners of Sanquhar post office?

- A. They are the 15th successor of the structure.
- B. They are married as husband and wife.
- C. They are the last postmasters of the place.
- D. Mrs Alam slowly displayed her love for the post office.

Question 34: The word “**them**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. rural areas
- B. post offices
- C. outbuildings
- D. postmasters

Question 35: According to paragraph 4, what is **NOT** included in the premises?

- A. A yard.
- B. A museum.
- C. A common rooms.
- D. Two washrooms.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the answer to each of the question.

Many people see large urban cities as a wonder of human imagination and creativity. They represent how far the human population has come in terms of community development. Many positive things come from urbanization, but there are also negatives. This article will discuss and present data on the implications of urbanization on the physical health of humans living in these large urban areas.

As it would be expected, developing countries tend to see more negative physical health effects than modern countries in regard to urbanization. One example of a developing country experiencing

these problems is China. China is a country that in the past 30–40 years went from being an agrarian-based society to a significant industrialized country. This industrialization has in effect caused the need for more centralized cities, centralized meaning having lots of jobs and living spaces within close proximity. This is what is known as urbanization. In most recent decades, since China’s change to being more of an industrial based economy, the country has experienced record high numbers of people migrating within its borders. In effect, the number of cities with over 500,000 people has more than doubled. These migrations are typically of people from rural areas of China moving to the new urban areas. Due to this large influx in the urban population, there are many possibilities for health challenges among these people.

One very common and fairly obvious negative aspect of highly **congested** urban areas is air pollution. Air pollution is defined as any harmful substance being suspended in the air. This could include particulate matter, most commonly attributed to industrial plants and refineries waste, or chemicals like CO₂ or Methane (which are also products of plants and refineries as well as cars and other modes of transportation). Due to the vast number of people in these urbanized cities, air pollution is known to be very extreme. These conditions can lead to many different health problems such as: Asthma, cardiovascular problems or disease, and different types of cancer (most commonly lung cancer). When exposed to these conditions for a prolonged period of time, one can experience even more **detrimental** health effects like: the acceleration of aging, loss of lung capacity and health, being more susceptible to respiratory diseases, and a shortened life span.

Another way that urbanization affects the populations’ health is people’s change in diet. For instance, urban cities tend to have lots of accessible, quick, and easy to get food. This food is also more than likely not as high quality as well as contains a large amount of sodium and sugar. Because this food is so accessible, people tend to eat it more. This increase in consumption of low quality food can then lead to diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, obesity, or any other health conditions.

(Adapted from <https://medium.com>)

Question 36: Which of the following could be served as the best title for the passage?

- A. Urbanization – Pros and cons
- B. Urbanization – How people’s health is impacted?
- C. Urban cities – The new opportunity for community development
- D. Developing countries – The fastest urbanization

Question 37: What does the phrase “**these problems**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. industrialized countries
- B. lots of jobs and living spaces
- C. immigrants
- D. negative physical health effects

Question 47: Nobody in my class is as outgoing as I am.

- A. I am as outgoing as nobody in my class.
- B. I am the more outgoing than nobody in my class.
- C. I am the most outgoing person in my class.
- D. I am not as outgoing as people in my class.

Question 48: It is pointless to ask me about it because I know nothing.

- A. It's no use asking me about it because I know nothing.
- B. It's no use to ask me about it because I know nothing.
- C. It's not use asking me about it because I know nothing.
- D. It's not use to ask me about it because I know nothing.

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: It's cold outside and my leg hurts. I haven't been out for weeks.

- A. I haven't been out for weeks, which makes the weather cold and my leg bad.
- B. The weather is cold and my leg is bad as a result of my stay indoors for weeks.
- C. Due to the cold weather and my bad leg, I haven't been out for weeks.
- D. What makes the weather cold and my leg bad is my stay indoors for weeks.

Question 50: His Wife phoned him early in the morning. She didn't want him to forget to bring along the document.

- A. His wife phoned him early in the morning lest he would forget to bring along the document.
- B. His wife phoned him early in the morning so that she wanted him to bring along the document.
- C. His wife phoned him early in the morning when she didn't want him to bring along the document.
- D. His wife phoned him early in the morning though she didn't want him to forget to bring along the document.