

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 1. During their five-decade history the Asian Games have been advancing in all aspects.

- A. going off B. going over C. going by D. going ahead

Question 2. The International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List is a comprehensive catalogue of the conservation status of species.

- A. complete B. rational C. understandable D. valuable

Question 3. Old buildings should be razed to make space for new and modern ones.

- A. renovated B. demolished C. remodeled D. built

Question 4. This special offer is exclusive to readers of this magazine.

- A. presentable B. rewarding C. attractive D. limited

Question 5. I used to meet him occasionally on Fifth Avenue.

- A. in one occasion B. once in a while C. one time D. none is correct

Question 6. Dissemination of information is frequently carried out via satellite through local or national TV network.

- A. compilation B. condensing C. collection D. dispersal

Question 7. The cultural life of New Orleans is a synthesis of contributions by both black and white.

- A. product B. demonstration C. reflection D. combination

Question 8. Marry is always making a mountain out of the molehill.

- A. exaggerating B. extravagant C. squandering D. overextending

Question 9. In astronomy, a scale of magnitude from one to six denotes the brightness of a star.

- A. predicts B. examines C. contrasts D. signifies

Question 10. A lack of qualifications can be a major obstacle to finding a job.

- A. impediment B. encouragement C. impetus D. assistance

Question 11. E-cash cards are the main means of all transactions in a cashless society.

- A. cash-starved B. cash-strapped C. cash-in-hand D. cash-free

Question 12. The repeated commercials on TV distract many viewers from watching their favourite films.

- A. advertisements B. contests C. businesses D. economics

Question 13. "A friend in need is a friend indeed": Our friends have voiced their strong criticism of China's escalation of tension on our continental shelf.

- A. facing the reality B. worsening the situation
C. easing the tension D. improving the condition

Question 14. Those children who stay longer hours at school than at home tend to spend their formative years in the company of others with similar aims and interests.

- A. being separated B. forming a new business company
C. being together with friends D. enjoying the care of parents

- Question 15.** Relaxation therapy teaches one not to fret over small problems.
 A. worry about B. look for C. get involved in D. get angry about
- Question 16.** Unless I miss my guess, your computer needs a new hard drive.
 A. you are my guess B. I break the sort drive
 C. I make a mistake D. you lack money.
- Question 17.** The education system is a mirror that reflects the culture.
 A. points B. explains C. shows D. gets
- Question 18.** Lucky will be like a dog with two tails if she gets into the team.
 A. very proud B. very exhausted C. extremely pleased D. extremely dazed
- Question 19.** By the end of the storm, the hikers had depleted their emergency stores.
 A. lost B. greatly dropped C. destroyed D. used almost all of
- Question 20.** Domestic chores will no longer be a burden thanks to the inventions of laborsaving devices.
 A. Official B. Household C. Foreign D. Schooling
- Question 21.** Everyone is hoping and praying that lasting peace will eventually come to the area.
 A. durable B. ongoing C. temporary D. enduring
- Question 22.** Before you begin the exam paper, always read instructions carefully.
 A. orders B. answers C. rules D. directions
- Question 23.** My cousin tends to look on the bright side in any circumstance.
 A. be confident B. be optimistic C. be pessimistic D. be smart
- Question 24.** Domestic chores will no longer be a burden thanks to the inventions of laborsaving devices.
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- Question 25.** That is the instance where big, obvious non-verbal signals are appropriate
 A. matter B. place C. attention D. situation
- Question 26.** My close friend, Lan, helps me when I am in need
 A. sends money B. gives a hand C. buys a book D. gives care
- Question 27.** Yes, we went away on holiday last week, but it rained day in day out.
 A. every single day. B. every other day C. every two days. D. every second day.
- Question 28.** The government has passed laws to protect wildlife from commercial trade.
 A. enforced B. enabled C. ensured D. enacted
- Question 29.** Such problems as haste and inexperience are a universal feature of youth.
 A. marked B. hidden C. shared D. separated
- Question 30.** I stayed there with her for a while before I left.
 A. in the difficult time B. whenever she needed me
 C. for relaxation D. for a short period of time
- Question 31.** A US man with a large online following in Vietnam has caused widespread anger, and faces possible criminal charges, over a Facebook post thought to have insulted a military hero.
 A. embarrassed B. offended C. confused D. depressed

Question 32. Jack **persisted** in attempting to convince his employers to use more technology and fewer people.

- A. endured B. remained C. repeated D. insisted

Question 33. The way the care-taker treated those little children was **deplorable**. She must be punished for what she did.

- A. respectable B. unacceptable C. mischievous D. satisfactory

Question 34. My parent' warnings didn't **deter** me from choosing the job of my dreams.

- A. influence B. discourage C. reassure D. inspire

Question 35. When the protester entered the meeting clad in a beach tower, the audience was **dumbfounded**.

- A. speechless B. excited C. content D. applauding

Question 36. She is always **diplomatic** when she deals with angry students.

- A. strict B. outspoken C. tactful D. firm

Question 37. The dog saw his **reflection** in the pool of water.

- A. imagination B. bone C. leash D. image

Question 38. The government decided to **pull down** the old building after asking for the ideas from the local residents.

- A. demolish B. purchase C. maintain D. renovate

Question 39. Tet marks the beginning of spring and, for **agrarian people** who depend on the lunar calendar to manage their crops, the start of the year.

- A. farmers B. old people C. traditional ones D. minority people

Question 40. Laws on military service since 1960 still **hold good**.

- A. remains for good B. is still in good condition
C. stands in life D. remains in effect

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Question 41. Your experience with oil well fires will be invaluable to the company in case of trouble

- A. precious B. priceless C. important D. worthless

Question 42. A thrifty buyer chases fruit and vegetables in season.

- A. professional B. economical C. careful D. extravagant

Question 43. An employer must be very careful in dealing with subordinates and documenting their files in order to avoid complaints.

- A. bosses B. coordinators C. outside help D. employees

Question 44. My friend and his soccer coach are incompatible. They are always arguing.

- A. too different to work together B. almost exactly the same type
C. really disliking each other D. getting on very well

Question 45. She wrote me a vicious letter.

- A. healthy B. helpful C. dangerous D. gentle

Question 46. Mr Mickey is a man of affability.

- A. warm B. caution C. hostility D. passion

Question 47. The consequences of the typhoon were disastrous due to the lack of precautionary measures.

- A. damaging B. severe C. physical D. beneficial

Question 48. The motorist felt that the ticket for infraction was unwarranted.

- A. conscientious B. justified C. inadvertent D. inevitable

Question 49. His career in the illicit drug trade ended with the police raid this morning.

- A. irregular B. legal C. elicited D. secret

Question 50. Lakes occupy less than two percent of the Earth's surface, yet they help sustain life.

- A. prolong B. obstruct C. support D. destroy

Question 51. His boss has had enough of his impudence, and doesn't want to hire him any more.

- A. respect B. agreement C. obedience D. rudeness

Question 52. It is widely known that the excessive use of pesticides is producing a detrimental effect on the local groundwater.

- A. useless B. harmless C. fundamental D. damaging

Question 53. Tim was so insubordinate that he lost his job in one week.

- A. understanding B. fresh C. obedient D. disobedient

- Question 54.** No one knew precisely what would happen to a human being in space.
 A. wrongly B. casually C. flexibly D. informally
- Question 55.** A chronic lack of sleep may make us irritable and reduces our motivation to work.
 A. uncomfortable B. responsive C. calm D. miserable
- Question 56.** After a grueling and busy week at work, the stillness of the river reminded Lara of the silence she's been searching for since Monday.
 A. uproar B. tranquility C. serenity D. tameness
- Question 57.** But what the most prevents women from reaching the boardroom, say bosses and headhunters, is lack of hands-on experience of a firm's core business.
 A. unavailable B. untested C. impractical D. insignificant
- Question 58.** Nowadays, it was rather easy to buy a modern TV, and it does pack a punch to bring to life some really awesome visuals.
 A. have little effect on something.
 B. make bad things happen.
 C. prevent something from coming into use
 D. produce the results that aren't intended
- Question 59.** After her husband's tragic accident, she took up his position at the university.
 A. incredible B. boring C. mysterious D. comic
- Question 60.** Doctors have criticized the government for failing to invest enough in the health service.
 A. praised B. blamed C. accused D. commented
- Question 61.** He is over the moon about his examination results.
 A. stressed B. very sad C. very happy D. satisfied
- Question 62.** The only means of access to the station is through a dark subway.
 A. arrival B. admission C. outlet D. output
- Question 63.** Punctuality is imperative in your new job.
 A. Being efficient B. Being courteous C. Being cheerful D. Being late
- Question 64.** Travel insurance is sometimes mistaken for temporary health insurance, but the two are actually different.
 A. mutable B. permanent C. passing D. transitory
- Question 65.** The Vietnamese consider it rude to interrupt a person while he is talking
 A. bad mannered B. polite C. uneducated D. ignorant
- Question 66.** Differently from English taught to all Vietnamese students, Chinese and Russian have been made optional languages taught at secondary schools in Vietnam.
 A. compulsory B. important C. comfortable D. necessary
- Question 67.** School uniform is compulsory in most of Vietnamese schools.
 A. depended B. optional C. obligatory D. required

Question 68. Names of people in the book were changed to preserve anonymity.

- A. cover B. conserve C. presume D. reveal

Question 69. I am glad that we see eye to eye on the matter of the conference location.

- A. dislike B. agree C. disagree D. approve

Question 70. I don't want to live in this filthy colony.

- A. dirty B. nice C. pretty D. clean

Question 71. The doctor asked John to exhale slowly

- A. inhale B. move in C. enter D. breathe in

Question 72. The soldier was demoted for improper behavior.

- A. promoted B. lowered C. resigned D. let off

Question 73. I think it's impossible to abolish school examinations. They are necessary to evaluate students' progress.

- A. stop B. extinguish C. continue D. organize

Question 74. At first, no one believed she was a pilot, but her documents lent colour to her statements.

- A. provided evidence for
B. got information from
C. borrowed colour from
D. gave no proof of

Question 75. This speedy and secure service of transferring money can be useful.

- A. slow B. rapid C. careful D. hurried

Question 76. Our well-trained staffs are always courteous to customers.

- A. helpful B. friendly C. help D. polite

Question 77. Ships crossing the oceans can receive signals from satellites that enable them to calculate their position accurately.

- A. uneasily B. imprecisely C. carelessly D. untruthfully

Question 78. He is very absent-minded. He is likely to forget things or to think about something different from what he should be thinking about.

- A. easy-going B. retentive C. old-fashioned D. unforgettable

Question 79. Nutritionists believe that vitamins circumvent diseases.

- A. defeat B. nourish C. help D. treat

Question 80. Adverse weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.

- A. favorable B. bad C. comfortable D. severe

