

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

- Question 1. A. agreed B. missed C. liked D. watched
 Question 2. A. table B. dad C. tale D. lake

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet 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. lemon B. physics C. bamboo D. decade
 Question 4. A. quality B. solution C. compliment D. energy

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- Question 5. You can find lots of interesting facts there, _____?
 A. can't you B. haven't you C. didn't you D. aren't you
 Question 6. The National Curriculum _____ by the government and must be followed in all state schools.
 A. is set B. set C. is setting D. will set
 Question 7. Why are you always so jealous _____ other people?
 A. in B. of C. below D. on
 Question 8. The more you practise speaking in your class, _____ you are at public speaking.
 A. the best B. the better C. best D. better
 Question 9. There is a _____ rug on the floor.
 A. soft woolen wonderful B. wonderful soft woolen
 C. woolen soft wonderful D. soft wonderful woolen
 Question 10. When I saw Brian yesterday, he _____ a taxi.
 A. drives B. was driving C. is driving D. drove
 Question 11. _____ she hadn't met him for a long time, she still recognized him when he stepped off the plane.
 A. Even though B. Despite C. Because of D. Because
 Question 12. _____ to an end, the students will have finished several assignments and tests.
 A. After the school year had come B. Before the school year will come
 C. Once the school year came D. When the school year comes
 Question 13. _____ trees around the house on the south and west sides, they can save up to about \$300 a year.
 A. To plant B. Having planted C. They have planted D. Being planted
 Question 14. One of the popular _____ used in smartphones at present is voice recognition.
 A. applicably B. applicable C. applications D. apply
 Question 15. They decided to _____ their journey till the end of the month because of the epidemic.
 A. take up B. turn round C. put off D. do with
 Question 16. Most of the employees in the company couldn't _____ the point of joining further training courses in August.
 A. see B. take C. mind D. have
 Question 17. Much of our knowledge about prehistoric animals comes from the study of _____.
 A. artefacts B. ruins C. relics D. fossils
 Question 18. Can I have a glass of water? I have got a _____ in my throat.
 A. duck B. frog C. chick D. goat
 Question 19. The dolphins drive a _____ of fish towards the shore where humans await with their nets
 A. class B. show C. school D. academy
 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 20. The young man earned the reputation of a brilliant lawyer during two fabulous law cases.
 A. studious B. remarkable C. rational D. promising
 Question 21. Global companies often have representatives operating in almost every country.
 A. delegates B. presenters C. providers D. nominees

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 22. My family is the base from which we can go into the world with confidence.

- A. excitement B. amazement C. embarrassment D. anxiety

Question 23. Unemployed youngsters still come to London in their hundreds thinking that the streets are paved with gold.

- A. it is easy to get rich in the place B. it is a boring place
C. it is a exciting place D. it is the place that makes you poor.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 24. Peter and David are on the way home after school.

- **David:** "How long do you plan on staying with your uncle?"

- **Kathy:** "_____."

- A. About 200 km B. Quite enjoyable C. For 1 year D. Quite flexible.

Question 25. Two students are talking about taking part in extracurricular activities at school.

- **Ted:** "Extracurricular activities are a waste of time."

- **Kate:** "_____. They improve students' essential life skills."

- A. You can make it B. I can't agree with you more.
C. Not at all D. I disagree with you.

Read the following and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 26 to 30.

ELECTRIC-CAR BATTERY CHARGES IN FIVE MINUTES

Car makers are spending a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of CO₂ (26) _____ into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully. (27) _____, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries (28) _____ were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot are being manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries could totally transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. (29) _____ people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the point of (30) _____ a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience".

(Adapted from <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>)

- Question 26.** A. come B. go C. release D. put
Question 27. A. Thus B. However C. Therefore D. Although
Question 28. A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
Question 29. A. Few B. Every C. Many D. No
Question 30. A. achieving B. gaining C. having D. taking

Read the following text and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 31 to 35.

The food we eat seems to have profound effects on our health. Although science has made enormous steps in making food more fit to eat, it has, at the same time, made many foods unfit to eat. Some research has shown that perhaps eighty percent of all human illnesses are related to diet and forty percent of cancer is related to the diet as well, especially cancer of the colon. People of different cultures are more prone to contract certain illnesses because of the characteristic foods they consume.

That food is related to illness is not a new discovery. In 1945, government researchers realized that nitrates and nitrites (commonly used to preserve color in meat) as well as other food additives caused cancer. Yet, these carcinogenic additives remain in our food, and it becomes more difficult all the time to know which ingredients on the packaging labels of processed food are helpful or harmful.

The additives that we eat are not all so direct. Farmers often give penicillin to cattle and poultry, and because of this, penicillin has been found in the milk of treated cows.

Sometimes similar drugs are administered to animals not for medicinal purposes, but for financial reasons. The farmers are simply trying to fatten the animals in order to obtain a higher price on the market. Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tried repeatedly to control these procedures, the practices continue.

A healthy diet is directly related to good health. Often we are unaware of detrimental substances we ingest. Sometimes well-meaning farmers or others who do not realize the consequences add these substances to food without our knowledge.

(Adapted from: "<https://moon.vn/english>")

Question 31. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. Harmful and Harmless Substances in Food.
- B. Improving Health through a Natural Diet.
- C. The Food You Eat Can Affect Your Health.
- D. Avoiding Injurious Substances in Food.

Question 32. According to the passage, how has science done a disservice to people?

- A. Because of science, disease caused by contaminated food has been virtually eradicated.
- B. It caused a lack of information concerning the value of food.
- C. As a result of scientific intervention, some potentially harmful substances have been added to our food.
- D. The scientists have preserved the color of meats, but not of vegetables.

Question 33. The word "**carcinogenic**" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. trouble-making
- B. color-retaining
- C. money-making
- D. cancer-causing

Question 34. The word "**these**" refers to _____.

- A. meats
- B. colors
- C. researchers
- D. nitrates and nitrites

Question 35. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as food additives?

- A. nitrates
- B. nitrites
- C. trans fat
- D. penicillin

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 from 36 to 42.

Marine experts estimate about 40,000 humpback whales are now migrating through Australian waters annually, up from about 1,500 half a century ago. The humpbacks' annual journey from Antarctica to subtropical waters along Australia's east and west coasts is one of nature's great migrations. It is a journey of up to 10,000 kilometers and is undertaken between April and November. Scientists have estimated 40,000 humpback whales have been in Australian waters to mate and breed. It is a remarkable recovery from the height of commercial whaling in the early 1960s when it was estimated there were fewer than 1,500 humpbacks. They were slaughtered mainly for their oil and baleen, or "whalebone."

Australia's environment department says no other whale species has recovered as strongly as the humpback since the end of commercial hunting, which **ceased** in Australia in 1978. Australia is now considering removing humpback whales from the endangered species list because of their growing numbers. The acrobatic humpbacks that can grow to 16 meters would still be protected in Australia. Conservationists, though, argue that they need more, not fewer, environmental safeguards to monitor the impact of climate change on krill – their main source of food. Krill are affected by the absorption of more carbon dioxide into the ocean.

Olaf Meynecke, a research fellow in Marine Science at Queensland's Griffith University, says **vigilance** is needed to ensure the whales continue to thrive. "Generally speaking, yes, it is a great success story that humpback whales have come back. But obviously we also need to ask questions as to how will this continue in the future, how are present threats already impacting the population, and how we are going to detect changes in the future," Meynecke said. Scientists say humpbacks face a combination of other threats including the overharvesting of krill, pollution, habitat degradation, and entanglement in fishing nets. Calves also face attack by killer whales or sharks.

The recovery of the humpback has helped the rapid growth of Australia's whale-watching industry. As their numbers have grown, much about the humpback, a species famous for its song, remains a mystery. Scientists do not know exactly, for example, where on Australia's Great Barrier Reef **they** mate and calve. Humpback whales live in all the world's oceans. They take their common name from a distinctive hump on the whale's back.

(Adapted from <https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/australian-humpback-whale-numbers-surge-scientists-warn-climate-change-threat>, retrieved 11 April, 2021)

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

- A. The migration of humpback whales
- B. The role of humpback whales in Australia's economy
- C. Threats to humpback whales
- D. The recovery of humpback whales

Question 37. The word "**ceased**" in paragraph 2 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

- A. stopped
- B. postponed
- C. prohibited
- D. persisted

Question 38. The word "**vigilance**" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. preparation B. misuse C. watchfulness D. observation

Question 39. Which of the following is NOT considered a threat to humpback whales?

- A. entanglement in fishing nets B. high abundance of krill
C. damage to their living environment D. commercial hunting

Question 40. What can be inferred from Olaf Meynecke's opinion in paragraph 3?

- A. The population of humpback whales may be affected unless necessary actions are taken.
B. Humpback whales will definitely grow in numbers in the future.
C. There will be a decrease in the number of humpback whales due to changes in the future.
D. The number of humpback whales will remain unchanged despite threats.

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

- A. Humpback whales were famous for the distinctive hump on their back.
B. Humpback whales mate and calve only on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
C. Humpback whales are no longer considered an endangered species in Australia.
D. There has been an increase of about 38,500 humpback whales in Australia after 5 decades.

Question 42. The word "they" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. scientists B. humpback whales C. numbers D. oceans

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

Question 43. People use to lead a hard life in the past; however, recently, life in many rural areas

- A B C
has been improved a lot.
D

Question 44. Research has proved that a baby can distinguish their mother's voice from

- A B C D
the womb.

Question 45. He claimed that he could provide numerate other examples of her incompetence.

- A B C D

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

Question 46. I haven't visited my hometown for a few years.

- A. I didn't visit my hometown a few years ago. B. I have been in my hometown for a few years.
C. I last visited my hometown a few years ago. D. I was in my hometown for a few years.

Question 47. Tom told his girlfriend, "Let me tell your parents about your health if you can't."

- A. Tom advised his girlfriend to tell her parents about her health if you couldn't.
B. Tom suggested that I should tell her parents about her health if his girlfriend couldn't.
C. Tom volunteered to tell his girlfriend's parents about her health if she couldn't.
D. Tom asked his girlfriend to tell her parents about her health if you couldn't.

Question 48. It is important to be hard working in any circumstances.

- A. You should work hard in any circumstances.
B. You may work hard in any circumstances.
C. You must not work hard in any circumstances.
D. You can't work hard in any circumstances.

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

Question 49. Laura's health isn't good. She can't take part in the singing contest.

- A. If Laura's health is very good, she will be able to take part in the singing contest.
B. If only Laura's health had been good and could have taken part in the singing contest.
C. Laura wishes her health were good and could take part in the singing contest.
D. As long as Laura's health is very good, she will be able to take part in the singing contest.

Question 50. They didn't stop arguing about the exercise. Then, the teacher explained it.

- A. Not until did the teacher explain the exercise they stopped arguing about it.
B. Only after the teacher explained the exercise, they stopped arguing about it.
C. Only until the teacher explained the exercise, they stopped arguing about it.
D. Not until the teacher explained the exercise did they stop arguing about it.