

**PRONUNCIATION**

Question 1: A. invited      B. played      C. existed      D. extended

Question 2: A. knight      B. knife      C. kite      D. service

**STRESS**

Question 3: A. occur      B. listen      C. apply      D. prefer

Question 4: A. character      B. adventure      C. convention      D. awareness

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

Question 5: Susan usually stays up late, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. is she      B. isn't she      C. does she      D. doesn't she

Question 6: The story I've just read \_\_\_\_\_ by Agatha Christie.  
 A. were written      B. was written      C. written      D. wrote

Question 7: Due to severe weather condition, we had to wait long hours \_\_\_\_\_ the airport.  
 A. in      B. at      C. from      D. on

Question 8: The sooner you take the medicine, \_\_\_\_\_ you will feel.  
 A. the best      B. the better      C. better      D. best

Question 9: She has just bought a \_\_\_\_\_ watch.  
 A. Swiss beautiful brand-new      B. Swiss brand-new beautiful  
 C. brand-new beautiful Swiss      D. beautiful brand-new Swiss

Question 10: When I last saw him, he \_\_\_\_\_ in London.  
 A. is living      B. has been living      C. was living      D. lived

Question 11: Spider monkeys are the best climbers in the jungle \_\_\_\_\_ they do not have thumbs.  
 A. because of      B. because      C. despite      D. although

Question 12: Mrs Jenny will have lived here for 30 years \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. by the time she retires      B. when she retired  
 C. as soon as she had retired      D. after she had retired

Question 13: \_\_\_\_\_ classical dance for five years, Akiko finally felt ready to perform in public.  
 A. Being studied      B. Studying      C. Having studied      D. To study

Q14: The local authority asked for a \_\_\_\_\_ contribution from the community to repair roads and bridges.  
 A. volunteer      B. voluntary      C. voluntarily      D. voluntariness

Question 15: Such approaches should be supported and mainstreamed in health interventions in order to \_\_\_\_\_ positive behavior change.  
 A. put off      B. set off      C. bring about      D. hold up

Question 16: The principal will \_\_\_\_\_ a speech at the meeting.  
 A. make      B. think      C. speak      D. take

Question 17: It's wise to think about pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_ before leaving school.  
 A. business      B. career      C. living      D. profession

Question 18: After congratulating his team, the coach left, allowing the players to let their \_\_\_\_\_ down for awhile.  
 A. hearts      B. hair      C. souls      D. heads

Question 19: Your store needs a bold sign that will \_\_\_\_\_ the eye of anyone walking down the street. That may help to sell more products.

A. catch      B. capture      C. grab      D. hold

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s)*

Question 20: Her courage not only inspired her followers but moved her rivals as well.  
 A. depressed      B. motivated      C. overlooked      D. rejected

Question 21: The African rhino is an endangered species and needs protecting.  
 A. unstable      B. dangerous      C. insecure      D. indefensible

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s)*

Q22: If we continue to deplete our planets natural resources, we will damage the environment significantly.  
 A. use up      B. add to      C. reduce      D. exhaust

**Question 23:** John can list the capital cities of Asian countries **off the top of his head.**

A. without thinking much B. with careful consideration C. with a high speed D. with a low speed  
**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the exchanges.**

**Question 24:** Albert and Bill are having dinner in Bill's house.

- Albert: "This dish is really nice!" - Bill: "\_\_\_\_\_. It's called yakitori, and it's made with chicken livers."  
A. It's my pleasure. B. Sure, I'll be glad to. C. I'm glad you like it. D. I guess you're right.

**Question 25:** Hoa and Lan are at the party.

- Hoa: "You look terrific in that dress, Lan". - Lan: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. I don't mind B. Thanks for your compliment C. You tell a lie D. I'm sorry

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

### Pets can improve your life.

The role of animals in helping people recover from a range of health and emotional problem has long been widely recognized. Now a survey (26) \_\_\_\_\_ is reported in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology appears to show that owning a pet can benefit healthy individuals, too. A number of experiments, (27) \_\_\_\_\_ by two universities in the United States, indicate that pet owners are generally happier, healthier, fitter, more confident and better able to cope with everyday issues than non – owners.

The researchers discovered that individuals have as close relationship with the key people in their lives (28) \_\_\_\_\_ they have with their pets. And although they found no testimony that people choose emotional relationship with pets over relationships with (29) \_\_\_\_\_ people, a study of universities showed that owning a pet helped them (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the break-up of a relationship with a partner.

**Question 26.** A. which B. who C. where D. when

**Question 27.** A. carried B. conducted C. governed D. operated

**Question 28.** A. because B. because of C. as D. although

**Question 29.** A. other B. a lot of C. another D. every

**Question 30.** A. encounter B. conform C. conquer D. overcome

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

Transportation accounts for up to one-third of greenhouse gas emissions from the world's biggest cities and traffic is the largest source of toxic air pollution. To create sustainable, healthy and liveable cities, we need to increase the number of cyclists on our streets, and that means getting more women on their bikes. In San Francisco, only 29% of cyclists are women; in Barcelona, there are three male cyclists for every female cyclist; in London, 37% of cyclists are female.

Surveys reveal that potential cyclists of all genders are **deterred** by similar concerns, including aggressive and speeding drivers, the threat posed by large vehicles such as lorries and buses, and bike theft. However, women disproportionately view protected cycle lanes as a more urgent priority. According to research about women and cycling in San Francisco, cities should invest in protected cycle lanes with consistent and clear signage that function as a joined-up network to encourage female riders. Together with more secure cycle parking, these infrastructure investments would make cycling safer, supporting those who already cycle and encouraging those who do not yet ride.

The different decisions men and women make about cycling are not only based on issues of convenience or comfort. People's perceptions of safety influence how, when, where and why they travel. Women and girls learn early on to worry about their personal safety when out and about, and to change **their** behavior, dress, speech and travel patterns to avoid sexual harassment or violence. Cities must take women's and girls' safety considerations seriously through initiatives such as safety audits.

**Question 31:** What is the passage mainly about?

A. Ways to enable women to cycle to work. B. How to make cycling safer for women.  
C. Women learn to avoid sexual harassment or violence. D. How to get more women cycling in cities.

**Question 32:** The word "**deterred**" in paragraph 2 mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. prevented B. motivated C. encouraged D. decided

**Question 33:** According to paragraph 2, cities should invest in transport infrastructure \_\_\_\_\_.

A. to attract people who do not cycle yet B. to promote public transport  
C. to encourage male cyclists D. to enable people to use their private cars

**Question 34:** The word "**their**" in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. girls

B. people's perceptions

C. women

D. women and girls

**Question 35:** Which of the following statement is TRUE?

- A. The decisions men and women make about cycling are only based on the issue of comfort.
- B. The time when people travel does not depend on the degree of safety they perceive.
- C. Women and girls are equipped with the insight of personal safety while cycling.
- D. In order to make cycling more popular, female cyclists should be encouraged to travel alone

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

People are living longer and, in some parts of the world, healthier lives. This represents one of the crowning achievements of the last century, but also a significant challenge. Longer lives must be planned for. Societal aging may affect economic growth and lead to many other issues, including the sustainability of families, the ability of states and communities to provide resources for older citizens, and international relations. The Global Burden of Disease, a study conducted by the World Health Organization, predicts a very large increase in age-related chronic disease in all regions of the world. Dealing with this will be a significant challenge for all countries' health services.

Population aging is driven by declines in fertility and improvements in health and longevity. In more developed countries, falling fertility beginning in the early 1900's has resulted in current levels being below the population replacement rate of two live births per woman. Perhaps the most surprising demographic development of the past 20 years has been the pace of fertility decline in many less developed countries. In 2006, for example, the total fertility rate was at or below the replacement rate in 44 less developed countries.

One central issue for policymakers in regard to pension funds is the relationship between the official retirement age and actual retirement age. Over several decades in the latter part of the 20th century, many of the more developed nations lowered the official age at which people become fully entitled to public pension benefits. **This** was propelled by general economic conditions, changes in welfare philosophy, and private pension trends. Despite the recent trend toward increased workforce participation at older ages, a significant gap between official and actual ages of retirement persists. This trend is emerging in rapidly aging developing countries as well. Many countries already have taken steps towards much-needed reform of their old-age social insurance programs. One common reform has been to raise the age at which workers are **eligible** for full public pension benefits. Another strategy for bolstering economic security for older people has been to increase the contributions by workers. Other measures to enhance income for older people include new financial instruments for private savings, tax incentives for individual retirement savings, and supplemental occupational pension plans.

As life expectancy increases in most nations, so do the odds of different generations within a family coexisting. In more developed countries, this has manifested itself as the 'beanpole family,' a vertical extension of family structure characterized by an increase in the number of living generations within a lineage and a decrease in the number of people within each generation. As **mortality** rates continue to improve, more people in their 50's and 60's will have surviving parents, aunts, and uncles. Consequently, more children will know their grandparents and even their great-grandparents, especially their great-grandmothers. There is no historical precedent for a majority of middle-aged and older adults having living parents.

**Question 36:** Which of the following best describes the main purpose of the author in the passage?

- A. To present a synopsis of the causes and effects of the aging population.
- B. To provide an overview of the drawbacks of the world's aging population.
- C. To suggest some effective solutions to deal with the rapid increase of the aging population.
- D. To prove the significant contribution of the aging population to the world economy.

**Question 37:** As mentioned in the first paragraph, the following aspects will be influenced by the aging in the society, **EXCEPT** \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the stable progress of families
- B. social welfare
- C. medical care
- D. technology achievements

**Question 38:** What does the word "this" in paragraph 3 refer to?

- A. public pension benefits
- B. the reduction of the official age entirely pensioned
- C. the relationship between the official retirement age and actual retirement age
- D. central issue

**Question 39:** The word “**eligible**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. entitled      B. unqualified      C. mature      D. devoted

**40:** According to paragraph 3, which of the following is the measure of old-age social insurance programs?

A. The decrease in the age the elderly can receive pension.  
B. The encouragement the elderly to contribute more in economy.  
C. Enacting many policies to increase their income before retirement.  
D. Widening the gap between official and actual ages of retirement.

**Question 41:** The word “**mortality**” in the last paragraph could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

A. birth      B. survival      C. death      D. wealth

**Question 42:** What is the benefit of aging mentioned in the last paragraph?

A. The mortality rates are decreasing.  
B. People will have the chance to live with their parents longer.  
C. Children are likely to live in an extended family with more brothers and sisters.  
D. The life expectancy is being improved.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction**

**Question 43:** He (A) didn't meet her even one time (B) since they (C) said goodbye (D) together.

**Question 44:** I (A) bought an (B) interesting book last week, but I (C) cannot find (D) them now.

**Question 45:** It is (A) advisory that students (B) take a gap year so as (C) to gain practical experiences (D) as well as necessary skills for future employment.

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

**Question 46:** She began to play the piano three years ago.

A. She has played the piano since three years.      B. She has played the piano for three years  
C. She doesn't play the piano now.      D. She stops playing the piano now.

**Question 47:** “I'll help you repair this washing machine, Jenny”, he said.

A. He admitted helping Jenny repair that washing machine.  
B. He denied helping Jenny repair that washing machine.  
C. He promised to help Jenny repair that washing machine.  
D. He refused to help Jenny repair that washing machine.

**Question 48:** You were supposed to be here at 9 a.m, but it is 11 a.m now.

A. You needn't have been here two hours ago.      B. You must have been here two hours ago.  
C. You should have been here two hours ago.      D. You oughtn't to have been here two hours ago.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences**

**Question 49:** You didn't help me. I couldn't overcome the problem.

A. As long as you helped me, I could overcome the problem.  
B. If you didn't help me, I couldn't overcome the problem.  
C. If only you helped me to overcome the problem.  
D. I wish you had helped me to overcome the problem.

**Question 50:** I posted the letter. I realized that I had forgotten to put on a stamp.

A. Only after posting the letter did I realize that I had forgotten to put on a stamp.  
B. Hardly had I realized that I had forgotten to put on a stamp when I posted the letter.  
C. Not only did I realize that I had forgotten to put a stamp on the letter but I posted it as well.  
D. No sooner had I posted the letter than I forgot to put on a stamp.