

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

#### HOME LIFE

"Parents today want their kids spending time on things that can bring them success, but (1) \_\_\_\_\_, we've stopped doing one thing that's actually been a proven predictor of success-and that's household chores," says Richard Rende, a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ psychologist in Paradise Valley, Ariz, and co- author of forthcoming book "Raising Can-Do Kids." Decades of studies show the benefits of chores- academically, emotionally and even professionally. Giving children household chores at an early age (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to build a lasting sense of mastery, responsibility and self-reliance, according to research by Marty Rossmann, professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota. In 2002, Dr. Rossmann analyzed data from a longitudinal study (4) \_\_\_\_\_ followed 84 children across four periods in their lives-in preschool, around ages 10 and 15, and in their mid-20s. She found that young adults who began chores at ages 3 and 4 were more likely to have good relationships with family and friends, to achieve academic and early career success and to be self-sufficient, as (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with those who didn't have chores or who started them as teens. Chores also teach children how to be empathetic and responsive to others' needs, notes psychologist Richard Weissbourd of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

- Question 1.** A. ironically      B. especially      C. brutally      D. bitterly  
**Question 2.** A. develop      B. developing      C. developed      D. developmental  
**Question 3.** A. help      B. helps      C. helped      D. has helped  
**Question 4.** A. whom      B. that      C. what      D. when  
**Question 5.** A. compared      B. compare      C. comparing      D. to compare

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 6.** A. link      B. handkerchief      C. donkey      D. handful  
**Question 7.** A. mineral      B. miniature      C. minor      D. minimum

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 8.** A. impatient      B. arrogant      C. familiar      D. uncertain  
**Question 9.** A. forgettable      B. philosophy      C. humanism      D. objectively

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

**Question 10.** In most \_\_\_\_\_ developed countries, up to 50% of \_\_\_\_\_ population enters higher education at some time in their lives.

- A. the – Ø      B. Ø – the      C. Ø – Ø      D. the-a

**Question 11.** The launch of the first liquid-fuelled rocket in 1926 by flight historians \_\_\_\_\_ as significant as the Wright Brothers' flight.

- A. has considered/ to have been      B. was considered/ being  
C. is considered/ to be      D. is considered/ to have been

**Question 12.** Only three of the students in my class are girls; \_\_\_\_\_ are all boys.

- A. the others      B. other student      C. others      D. the other

**Question 13.** Although \_\_\_\_\_, he has been to more than 30 countries in the world and gained a lot of knowledge.

- A. his young age      B. young      C. his youth      D. he was young

**Question 14.** To protect \_\_\_\_\_ hackers, security experts advise longer passwords \_\_\_\_\_ combinations of upper and lowercase letters, as well as numbers.

- A. from/to      B. on/between      C. against/in      D. against/with

**Question 15.** The incredible thing about telephone \_\_\_\_\_ across the continents, but that you can recognize the other person's voice.

- A. is it provides instant talking to each other.
- B. is it allows people to talk instantly
- C. is not that people can instantly talk to each other
- D. is that people can talk instantly

**Question 16.** Jack has a collection of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. old valuable Japanese postage stamps
- B. old Japanese valuable postage stamps
- C. valuable Japanese old postage stamps
- D. valuable old Japanese postage stamps

**Question 17.** There are \_\_\_\_\_ that not only governments but also individuals should join hand to tackle.

- A. such a lot of environmental problems
- B. too numerous environmental problems
- C. so fewer environmental problems
- D. such many environmental problems

**Question 18.** To solve this problem, it is advisable \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a drastic measure to be adopted
- B. that a drastic measure be adopted
- C. that a drastic measure is adopted
- D. that a drastic measure to be adopted

**Question 19.** She \_\_\_\_\_ for her parents' support during her university education, but she preferred to work part-time and support herself.

- A. must have asked
- B. could have asked
- C. should have asked
- D. ought to ask

**Question 20.** After the interview, don't neglect the thank-you note or letter.

- A. follow-up
- B. turn-up
- C. start-up
- D. break-up

**Question 21.** \_\_\_\_\_ the film's director, Ben Affleck, was famously left off the 85th Oscar's Best Director list of nominees surprised everyone.

- A. What
- B. Due to
- C. Although
- D. That

**Question 22.** The goal is to make higher education available to everyone who is will and capable \_\_\_\_\_ his financial situation.

- A. regardless of
- B. owing to
- C. in terms of
- D. with reference to

**Question 23.** Timmy dropped the \_\_\_\_\_ on doing this task again because of his carelessness. I can't stand him anymore.

- A. pin
- B. needle
- C. button
- D. ball

**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.**

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 contact 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 label 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 medical 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.

**Question 24.** How has science done to disservice to people?

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

**Question 25.** The word "**prone**" is nearest meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. supine
- B. unlikely
- C. healthy
- D. predisposed

**Question 26.** All of the following statements are TRUE except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Food may cause forty percent of the cancer in the world
- B. Drug are always given to animals for medical reasons
- C. Researchers have known about the potential hazard of food additives for more than 45 years
- D. Some of the additives in our food are added to the food itself and some are given to the living animals

**Question 27.** The word "**additives**" is closest meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dangerous substance
- B. natural substance
- C. begin substance
- D. added substance

**Question 28.** What is best title for this passage?

- A. The food you eat can affect your health
- B. Harmful and Harmless substances in food
- C. Avoiding injurious substances in food
- D. Improving health through a Natural Diet

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 29.** When a country in an early stage of development, investments in fixed capital are vital.

- A. country
- B. investments
- C. fixed
- D. are vital

**Question 30.** Bacteria that live in soil and water play a vital role in recycling carbon, nitrogen sulfur, and another chemical elements used by living things.

- A. soil and water
- B. a vital role
- C. another
- D. living things

**Question 31.** Genes have several alternative form, or alleles, which are produced by mutations.

- A. several alternative
- B. form
- C. which
- D. produced by

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 32.** Urbanization is the shift of people moving from rural to urban areas, and the result is the growth of cities.

- A. movement
- B. maintenance
- C. variation
- D. transposition

**Question 33.** Salish's point of view was correct but his behavior with his father was quite impertinent.

- A. inadequate
- B. smooth
- C. healthy
- D. respectful

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 34.** The expression "out of the frying pan and into the fire" means to go from one dilemma to a worse one.

- A. situation
- B. solution
- C. predicament
- D. embarrassment

**Question 35.** With so many daily design resources, how do you stay-up-date with technology without spending too much time on it?

- A. get latest information
- B. connect to the Internet all day
- C. use social network daily
- D. update new status

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

Belgium is a very old country, with a fascinating mixture of old customs and modern laws. Belgium weddings may be performed as a civil ceremony or as a religious ceremony.

Traditionally, when a couple in Belgium wishes to announce their marriage, the wedding invitations are printed on two sheets of paper, one from the bride's family and one sheet from the groom's family. These wedding invitations symbolize the union of the two families and the partnership of the new union.

An ancient Belgium custom that is designed to unite the two families calls for the bride to stop as she walks up the isle and to hand her mother a single flower. The two then embrace. Then, during the recessional, the bride and groom walk to the groom's mother and the new bride hands her new mother-in-law a single flower and the two of them embrace, symbolizing the bride's acceptance of her new mother.

One of the most important and enduring traditions of the Belgium wedding is for the bride to carry a specially embroidered handkerchief that has her name embroidered on it. After the wedding this handkerchief is framed and hung on the wall in a place of honor. When the next female member of the bride's family is to be wed, the handkerchief is removed from its frame, the new bride's name is embroidered onto it, and it is passed down. The wedding handkerchief is passed from generation to generation, and is considered an important family heirloom.

During the wedding mass, the bride and the groom are enthroned in two large chairs placed near the altar, symbolizing that on this day and in this place they are the king and the queen. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the groom slips the wedding ring onto the third finger of his bride's left hand. The ring, being an endless circle, symbolizes never-ending love, and the third finger of the left hand is believed to hold the vein that travels to the heart, symbolizing love. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bride and groom share their first kiss as husband and wife. The kiss is considered a symbolic act of sharing each other's spirit as the couple each breathes in a portion of their new mate's soul.

The bridesmaids traditionally take up a collection of coins and as the bride and groom exit the church, the bridesmaids toss the coins to the poor outside the church. Giving gifts of money to the poor helps to insure prosperity for the new bride and groom.

Following the wedding the bride and groom are off on their honeymoon. In ancient times the honeymoon, which was celebrated by the drinking of mead, or honey wine, would last 28 days, one complete cycle of the moon. This was to make sure that the bride's family did not try to steal their daughter back from her new husband.

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**Question 36.** Which of the following could be the best title of this passage?

- A. Belgium's wedding ceremony
- B. Belgium's wedding customs and traditions
- C. The bride's and groom's traditional activities in their wedding day
- D. The differences between an ancient wedding and a modern one in Belgium

**Question 37.** What does the word "**them**" in the third paragraph refer to?

- A. the bride and her mother
- B. the bride and the groom
- C. the bride and her mother-in-law
- D. the groom and his mother-in-law

**Question 38.** The following is true about Belgium's wedding, EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.

- A. The weddings in Belgium are not only a civil event but also a religious one
- B. The wedding invitations are the symbol of both the bride's and the groom's families
- C. Each mother of the couple is given a single flower in their children's wedding
- D. The bride often hugs her mother-in-law before embracing her mother

**Question 39.** It can be inferred from the passage that the wedding handkerchief \_\_\_\_.

- A. is prepared for the bride by her mother before the wedding

- B. is highly appreciated in the home of Belgian people
- C. is only replaced by another person in their house
- D. is embroidered in most important occasions in Belgium

**Question 40.** The word "**heirloom**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dowry
- B. inheritance
- C. representation
- D. pride

**Question 41.** According to paragraph 5, what is **CORRECT** about the wedding ring?

- A. It is worn onto the third finger of the bride's right hand.
- B. The groom wears the ring for his mate at the beginning of the ceremony.
- C. The ring represents the boundless love of the couple.
- D. The ring is presented by the queen and the king of their country.

**Question 42.** The word "**insure**" in the paragraph 6 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. determine
- B. indemnify
- C. express
- D. affirm

**Question 43.** The author mentioned honeymoon in the past in the last paragraph as a period that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the bride and the groom live far from each other
- B. lasts for a fortnight after wedding
- C. protects the new bride from her family's effort to take her back
- D. the new couple serves the guests honey wine

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

**Question 44.** Sometimes having professional assistance with your CV can increase your chance of finding a job.

- A. Having your CV professionally prepared determines whether you'll get the job or not.
- B. The prospects for finding employment can possibly be enhanced by a professionally produced CV.
- C. Having a professional help you with your CV is a sure way to find a job.
- D. Without a professional CV, it is impossible to find a job.

**Question 45.** For reasons hygiene, it's forbidden to try on the earrings in the jewellery department.

- A. Customers who care for hygiene are advised in the jewellery department not to try on any earrings.
- B. Earrings are considered unhygienic and so forbidden for sale in this jewellery department.
- C. Because it is not hygiene, customers in the jewellery department are not allowed to try on the carriages.
- D. Being hygiene in the jewellery department is the decision of the customers and not the management.

**Question 46.** "You should have finished the report by now," the boss said to his secretary.

- A. The boss scolded his secretary for not finishing the report on time.
- B. The boss suggested his secretary should have finished the report on time.
- C. The boss reminded his secretary of finishing the report on time.
- D. The boss advised his secretary to finish the report on time.

**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 47.** She was the first woman in the Philippines. She was elected as the president of the country.

- A. She was the first woman who is elected as the president of the Philippines.
- B. She was the first woman elected as the president of the Philippines.
- C. She was the first woman being elected as the president of the Philippines.
- D. She was the first woman to be elected as the president of the Philippines.

**Question 48.** We arrived at the conference. Then we realized that our reports were still at home.

- A. No sooner had we realized that our reports were at home than we arrived at the conference.

- B. Only after we arrived at the conference did we realize that our reports were still at home.
- C. Not until we arrived at the conference that we realized that our reports were still at home.
- D. Hardly had we arrived at the conference that we realized that our reports were still at home.

**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 49.** – “Excuse me. Where’s the parking lot?” – “\_\_\_\_\_”

- A. You missed the turn. It’s back that way.
- B. Do you get lost? I do too.
- C. You are going the wrong way. It’s not here
- D. Why do you ask me? I don’t know.

**Question 50.** Hoa is asking Hai, who is sitting at a corner of the room, seeming too shy.

- Hoa: "Why aren't you taking part in our activities? \_\_\_\_\_."

- Hai: "Yes, I can. Certainly."

- A. Shall I take your hat off?
- B. Can you help me with this decorations?
- C. Can I help you?
- D. Could you please show me how to get the nearest post office?