

Thời gian làm bài: 60 phút, không kể thời gian phát đề

Họ, tên thí sinh:.....

Số báo danh:.....

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. rainsu B. jumpsu C. arrives D. follows

Question 2: A. predator B. restore C. recollect D. preface

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. actor B. adult C. effort D. area

Question 4: A. recommend B. fortunate C. entertain D. disappear

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

Question 5: We all seem to have a different opinion, so let's let Joey decide, _____?

A. will we B. do we C. shall we D. are we

Question 6: On our trip to Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

Question 7: She likes reading books _____ the library.

A. in B. at C. on D. from

Question 8: The government suggests _____ robots to access remote areas that are dangerous to the lives of militants.

A. designing B. designed C. to design D. design

Question 9: If the bride's father _____ the car, she would be at the Church now.

A. had B. would have C. will have D. has

Question 10: Since Helen _____ 10 years old, she has mastered Braille as well as the manual alphabet and even learned to use the typewriter.

A. were B. will be C. has been D. was

Question 11: People should stop smoking _____ it is extremely detrimental to health.

A. although B. despite C. because D. because of

Question 12: She will take management training course _____

A. right after the epidemic has been controlled

B. as soon as the epidemic was controlled

C. when the epidemic had been controlled

D. until the epidemic will be controlled

Question 13: The palace _____ many centuries ago remains practically intact.

- A. building B. to build C. built D. people built

Question 14: Good students aren't _____ intelligent students

- A. necessary B. necessity C. necessarily D. unnecessary

Question 15: That's the trouble with the night shift. It _____ your private life too much.

- A. breaks in B. breaks into C. breaks through D. breaks up

Question 16: Foreign students who are _____ a decision about which school to attend may not know exactly where the choices are located

- A. doing B. making C. taking D. having

Question 17: The _____ of toothpaste are located in the health and beauty section of the supermarket.

- A. tubes B. pints C. sticks D. quarts

Question 18: At the _____ level, you can join three-year or four-year colleges.

- A. primary B. secondary C. postgraduate D. undergraduate

Question 19: Alex dreams of going on tour – he's just waiting for his big _____ to get his foot in the door of the music industry.

- A. deal B. break C. cake D. cheese

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: The student service centre will try their best to assist students in finding a suitable part-time job.

- A. help B. allow C. make D. employ

Question 21: She was brought up in a well-off family. She can't understand the problems we are facing.

- A. wealthy B. kind C. broke D. comfortable

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: Thousands are going starving because of the failure of this year's harvest.

- A. hungry B. poor C. rich D. full

Question 23. Tom was too wet behind the ears to be in charge of such a difficult task.

- A. full of experience B. lack of responsibility
C. without money D. full of sincerity

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

Question 24: Mary is talking to her professor in his office.

Mary: "Can you tell me how to find material for my science report, professor?"

Professor: " _____ "

- A. I like it that you understand. B. Try your best, Mary.
C. You can borrow books from the library. D. You mean the podcasts from other students?

Question 25: Tim and Tom are discussing where their study group will meet.

- Tim: "Where is our study group going to meet next weekend?"

- Tom: " _____ "

- A. Studying in a group is great fun. B. We are too busy on weekdays.
C. Why don't you look at the atlas? D. The library would be best.

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.

Have you ever had the feeling that people older than you are hard to understand? Or, have you felt like people from younger generations just don't get it? Maybe you find it easier to connect with people (26) _____ are closer to your age than those who are older or younger than you. You can probably thank the generation gap for these feelings.

There are (27) _____ six generations living in the United States: the Greatest Generation, Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z. Each generation has its own unique set of characteristics and norms. (28) _____, the Greatest Generation (born 1901-1924) is known for its patriotism, hard workers, and loyalty to institutions. The Millennials (born 1980-2000) are (29) _____ by their dependence on technology, detachment from traditional institutions, optimism, and open-mindedness. It is no wonder that many people from different generations have a hard time understanding each other.

Generation gap refers to differences in actions, beliefs, interests, and opinions that exist between (30) _____ from different generations. So, what causes these differences?

(Source: <https://study.com/academy>)

- Question 26.** A. who B. whom C. which D. what
Question 27. A. approximately B. apparently C. contemporarily D. currently
Question 28. A. Such as B. For example C. Accordingly D. However
Question 29. A. characterize B. characterized C. characteristic D. characteristically
Question 30. A. members B. individuals C. persons D. human beings

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.

As customers choose brands based on how they make **them** feel, rather than their actual products or services, there is an intrinsic advantage to those organizations who use designed experiences as a weapon to cut through the most competitive of markets. Those that don't, operate in what we call the "experience gap", the space between them and their customer's expectation of them. Make no mistake, in our high paced and digitally connected economies, the experience gap is driving markets, fast.

For example, take Instagram and Twitter. These brands filled the demand for a whole new human experience that did not exist before the evolution of digital technologies enabled that. They were pioneers, and there were no established players to unseat. But we are also seeing a similar dynamic in existing industries. New entrants are coming in and taking the space, also using whole new experiences, purely because the incumbents left the door open.

Closer to home, this can be seen with Australian neobanks who are giving customers a better experience than the incumbents. Robert Bell is the CEO at neobank 86400. He says banking has already become quite complicated and he wanted to make a change. His neobank is working to solve customers problems more holistically. Bell said, "It's significantly harder work and takes more time to become a bank, but having done that we can have a much better relationship with our customers and we can offer them a lot more products and services."

Think about that for a moment. Do you notice how better experiences, leads to better relationships, which is then the **stepping stone** for more offerings? Many brands still jump straight to modified offerings, without gaining that customer connection and the necessary foundation of trust first.

(source: <https://which-50.com/>)

Question 31. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The importance of experience to competitive advantage.
- B. Businesses are unwilling to disrupt themselves.
- C. A far-reaching cultural transformation.
- D. Knowledge drives behavior, loyalty, satisfaction.

Question 32. The word "**them**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. brands
- B. customers
- C. economies
- D. markets

Question 33. According to paragraph 2, what is true about Instagram and Twitter in the stated instance?

- A. Their reputation famously preceded even the 4th Industrial Revolution.
- B. They are the one and only companies providing such revolutionary services.
- C. They were the trailblazers for the experience-oriented marketing strategy.
- D. Prior to their advent, there were already several competitors in the field.

Question 34. According to paragraph 3, what is the attitude of Robert Bell towards the customers?

- A. He sees them as modern slaves to consumerism.
- B. He maintains a healthy relationship of give and take.
- C. He displays worship in its purest form towards them.

D. He views them as the golden goose for his business.

Question 35. What does the phrase “**stepping stone**” in paragraph 4 mean?

- A. An asset or possession prized as being the best of a group of similar things.
- B. A person who travels without settling down for any significant period of time
- C. An important clue to understanding something that is challenging or puzzling.
- D. An action or event that helps one to make progress towards a specified goal.

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.

Every summer, when the results of university entrance exam come out, many newspaper stories are published about students who are top-scorers across the country. Most portray students as hard-working, studious, smart and, generally, from low-income families. They are often considered heroes or heroines by their families, communes, villages and communities. And they symbolize the efforts made to lift them, and their relatives, out of poverty. The students are often too poor to attend any extra-classes, which make their achievements more illustrious and more newsworthy. While everyone should applaud the students for their admirable efforts, putting too much emphasis on success generates some difficult questions.

If other students look up to them as models, of course it's great. However, in a way, it contributes to society's attitude that getting into university is the only way to succeed. For those who fail, their lives are over. It should be noted that about 1.3 million high school students take part in the annual university entrance exams and only about 300,000 of them pass. What's about the hundreds of thousands who fail? Should we demand more stories about those who fail the exam but succeed in life or about those who quit university education at some level and do something else **unconventional**?

"I personally think that it's not about you scoring top in an entrance exam or get even into Harvard. It's about what you do for the rest of your life," said Tran Nguyen Le Van, 29. He is the founder of a website, vexere.com, that passengers can use to book bus tickets online and receive tickets via SMS. His business also arranges online tickets via mobile phones and email. Van dropped out of his MBA at the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona in the United States. His story has caught the attention of many newspapers and he believes more coverage should be given to the youngsters who can be role-models in the start-up community. Getting into university, even with honours, is just the beginning. "We applaud them and their efforts and obviously that can give them motivation to do better in life. However, success requires more than just scores," Van said. Van once told a newspaper that his inspiration also came from among the world's most famous drop-outs, such as Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook or Bill Gates who also dropped out of Harvard University.

Alarming statistics about unemployment continues to **plague** us. As many as 162,000 people with some kind of degree cannot find work, according to Labour Ministry's statistics this month. An emphasis

on getting into university does not inspire students who want to try alternative options. At the same time, the Ministry of Education and Training is still pondering on how to reform our exam system, which emphasises theories, but offers little to develop critical thinking or practice. Vu Thi Phuong Anh, former head of the Centre for Education Testing and Quality Assessment at Viet Nam National University in HCM City said the media should also monitor student successes after graduation. She agreed there were many success stories about young people, but added that it was imbalanced if students taking unconventional paths were not also encouraged.

Viet Nam is, more than ever, in desperate need of those who think outside the box. Time for us to recognise talent, no matter where it comes from or how.

(Source: <http://vietnamnews.vn>)

Question 36. Which of the following best describes the main idea of this passage?

- A. Many students consider universities as their only way after school.
- B. A good model of being successful in the real life out of school.
- C. Not many students are successful after graduating from universities.
- D. University is not the only way to success.

Question 37. What is **NOT** stated in the passage about the top-scorers in the entrance exam?

- A. The majority of them are poor but intelligent and eager to learn.
- B. They are hoped to find the way to better their families' lives.
- C. Their success is more glorious because they attend more classes than others.
- D. The students are admired for the great efforts.

Question 38. The word "**unconventional**" in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. common
- B. unusual
- C. well-known
- D. infamous

Question 39. The author described Tran Nguyen Le Van in the third passage as _____.

- A. a good example to achieve success although he didn't finish his education.
- B. a businessman who gains money by selling mobile phones online.
- C. a founder whose website was inspired from social networks like Facebook.
- D. a top-scorer who books online tickets and confirm through messages.

Question 40. The word "**them**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. honours
- B. role-models
- C. the youngsters
- D. newspapers

Question 41. The word "**plague**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. conflict
- B. afflict
- C. remind
- D. bother

Question 42. According to the fourth paragraph, what is TRUE about the modern exam system?

- A. It puts too much pressure on students who must get a place in a university.
- B. Students are not encouraged to do something different.
- C. The government is trying to change the theories of exam.
- D. Many stories about successful students cannot inspire those who attend universities.

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: A large number of entries has updated in the latest edition of the encyclopedia recently.

- A. large B. has updated C. of D. recently

Question 44: Many places of history, scientific, cultural, or scenic importance have been designated national monuments.

- A. history B. cultural C. have D. been designated

Question 45: Just as the performance ended, all the concertgoers raised to their feet and applauded.

- A. Just as B. ended C. raised D. their feet

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: Helen's boss earns more money than she does

- A. Helen doesn't earn as much money as her boss
B. Helen's boss earns less money than she does
C. Helen earns more money than her boss
D. Helen's boss earns as much as she does

Question 47: Cindy said that "I haven't seen John since last month."

- A. Cindy said she hasn't seen John since last month
B. Cindy said she hadn't seen John since the previous month
C. Cindy said she wasn't seen John since the previous month
D. Cindy said I hadn't seen John since the previous month

Question 48: John is not here, perhaps he is ill.

- A. John needn't be here because he is ill.
B. Because of his illness, John shouldn't have been here.
C. John might be ill, so he is not here.
D. John must be ill, so he is not here.

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: You can go out with your friends. Make sure you finish your homework by 5 p.m

- A. As long as you finish your homework by 5 p.m, you can go out with your friends.
B. Unless you finish your homework by 5 p.m, you can go out with your friends
C. You cannot go out with your friends provided you finish your homework by 5 p.m
D. You can't go out with your friends in case you cannot finish your homework by 5 p.m

Question 50. He has great intelligence. He can solve all the problems very quickly

- A. So intelligent is he that he can solve all the problems very quickly.
- B. He is very intelligent that he can solve all the problems very quickly.
- C. An intelligent student is he that he can solve all the problems very quickly
- D. So intelligent a student is he that he can solve all the problems very quickly.