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Chữ ký của cán bộ coi thi 1: .....; Chữ ký của cán bộ coi thi 2:.....

*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 1:** The weather was so dismal. They had to cancel the picnic immediately.

- A. The weather was very dismal that they had to cancel the picnic immediately.
- B. The weather was too dismal that the picnic was cancelled immediately.
- C. So dismal was the weather that they had to cancel the picnic immediately.
- D. Such dismal was the weather that they had to cancel the picnic immediately.

**Question 2:** Tom doesn't have enough money. He can't buy his favourite laptop.

- A. If only Tom has enough money, he can buy his favourite laptop.
- B. If Tom had enough money, he could buy his favourite laptop.
- C. Provided that Tom had had enough money, he could have bought his favourite laptop.
- D. Tom wishes he had had enough money so that he could buy his favourite laptop.

*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.*

Advocates of the laws and journalists who cover the issue often neglect to ask what will replace plastic bags and what the environmental impact of that replacement will be. People still need bags and use them in various ways in their daily life. And the most common substitute, paper bags, may be just as bad or worse, depending on the environmental problem you are most concerned about.

That is leading to a split in the anti-bag movement. Some bills, like in Massachusetts, try to reduce the use of paper bags as well as plastic, but still favour paper. Others, like in New York City, treat all single-use bags equally. Even then, the question remains as to whether single-use bags are necessarily always worse than reusable ones.

Studies of bags' environmental impacts over their life cycle have reached widely varying conclusions. Some are funded by plastic industry groups, like the ironically named American Progressive Bag Alliance. Even studies conducted with the purest of intentions depend on any number of assumptions. How many plastic bags are replaced by one cotton tote bag? If a plastic bag is reused in the home as the garbage bag in a bathroom waste bin, does that reduce its footprint by eliminating the need for another small plastic garbage bag?

If your chief concern is climate change, things get even muddier. One of the most comprehensive research papers on the environmental impact of bags, published in 2007 by an Australian state government agency, found that paper bags have a higher carbon footprint than plastic bags. That is primarily because more energy is required to produce and transport paper bags.

"People look at paper and say it's degradable, therefore it's much better for the environment, but it's not in terms of climate change impact," says David Tyler, a professor of chemistry at the University of Oregon who has examined the research on the environmental impact of bag use. The reasons for paper's higher carbon footprint are complex but can mostly be understood as stemming from the fact that paper bags are much thicker than plastic bags. "Very broadly, carbon footprints are proportional to mass of an object," says Tyler. For example, because paper bags take up so much more space, more trucks are needed to ship paper bags to a store than to ship plastic bags.

(Adapted from <https://www.wired.com/>).

**Question 3:** Which of the following best serves as the title for the article?

- A. What people think about paper bags
- B. Is plastic really worse than paper?
- C. Activities of American Progressive Bag Alliance
- D. Paper bags are a good substitute for plastic ones

**Question 4:** The word "them" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. groceries
- B. people
- C. bags
- D. ways

**Question 5:** American Progressive Bag Alliance is the name of a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. plastic bag seller      B. plastic industry group      C. law company      D. paper bag company

**Question 6:** The word "muddier" in paragraph 4 most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. vaguer      B. luckier      C. uglier      D. rarer

**Question 7:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Paper bags have a higher carbon footprint than plastic bags according to research in 2007.  
B. Studies reach the same conclusion on bags' environmental impacts.  
C. New York City treats all single-use bags equally.  
D. Paper bags can be the substitute for plastic bags.

**Question 8:** The word "stemming from" in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. deriving from      B. keeping from      C. asking for      D. looking for

**Question 9:** What can be inferred the reason for paper's higher carbon footprint?

- A. Paper bags are difficult to ship.      B. Paper bags are much thicker than plastic bags  
C. Paper bags take less space.      D. Paper bags are easily torn.

**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.**

**ChatGPT: New AI chatbot has everyone talking to it**

A new chatbot has passed one million users in less than a week, the project behind it says. ChatGPT was publicly released on Wednesday by OpenAI, an artificial intelligence research firm whose founders included Elon Musk. ChatGPT is the latest in a series of AIs which the firm refers to as GPTs, an acronym which (10) for Generative Pre-Trained Transformer.

To develop the system, an early version was fine-tuned through conversations with human trainers. The is no system also learned from access to Twitter data according to a tweet from Elon Musk, (11) longer part of OpenAI's board. The Twitter boss wrote that he had paused access "for now". The results have impressed (12) people who have tried out the chatbot. OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman revealed the level of interest in the artificial conversationalist in a tweet. The project says the chat format allows the AI to answer "follow-up questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises and reject inappropriate requests"

A journalist for technology news site Mashable who tried out ChatGPT reported it is hard to provoke the model into saying offensive things. (13) OpenAI warns that "ChatGPT sometimes writes plausible-sounding but incorrect or nonsensical answers". Training the model to be more cautious, says the firm, causes it to decline to answer questions that it can answer correctly. Briefly questioned by the BBC for this article, ChatGPT revealed itself to be a cautious interviewee (14) of expressing itself clearly and accurately in English.

(Adapted from <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology>)

**Question 10:** A. stands      B. cares      C. takes      D. looks

**Question 11:** A. who      B. where      C. whose      D. which

**Question 12:** A. many      B. much      C. little      D. each

**Question 13:** A. So      B. Therefore      C. As a result      D. However

**Question 14:** A. capable      B. afraid      C. able      D. fond

**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 15:** They are always optimistic although they don't have a penny to their name.

- A. are very poor      B. are very rich      C. are very healthy      D. are very mean

**Question 16:** He is writing a letter of acceptance to the employer with the hope to get his favorite position in the company.

- A. admission      B. confirmation      C. agreement      D. refusal

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

**Question 17:** Laura and Michael are talking about their school rules.

- **Laura:** "I think that all students must wear uniforms at school."

- **Michael:** " \_\_\_\_\_ " Wearing uniforms helps students feel equal in many ways."

- A. I disagree with you      B. I don't think so  
C. There is no doubt about it      D. I can't agree with you

**Question 18:** Hung is talking to Lam at recess.

- **Hung:** "Would you like to have dinner with me?"

- **Lam:** " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- A. Yes, I'd love to      B. Yes, it is      C. Don't mention it      D. Yes, so do I

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 19:** The last time Katherine released a new album was two years ago.

- A. Katherine released a new album for two years.
- B. Katherine hasn't released a new album for two years.
- C. Katherine has released a new album for two years.
- D. Katherine last released a new album for two years ago.

**Question 20:** It isn't necessary for us to discuss this matter in great detail.

- A. We should discuss this matter in great detail.
- B. We might discuss this matter in great detail.
- C. We needn't discuss this matter in great detail.
- D. We mustn't discuss this matter in great detail.

**Question 21:** "What are you going to give the name to this cat?", asked my wife

- A. My wife asked me what you were going to give the name to that cat.
- B. My wife asked me what I was going to give the name to that cat.
- C. My wife asked me what you are going to give the name to this cat.
- D. My wife asked me what was I going to give the name to that cat.

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 22:** Her last book is published in many languages 5 years ago.

- A. published
- B. is
- C. years
- D. last

**Question 23:** While it was not formally announced, there was an intimacy from the public that he would win the election.

- A. formally
- B. election
- C. public
- D. intimacy

**Question 24:** Some animals are in danger of extinction as humans are hunting it for meat.

- A. it
- B. extinction
- C. in
- D. are

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.

Stress is worry and anxiety in your life. Stress stops you from relaxing. It is the most common cause of heart disease and it can lead to cancer. Stress can cause poor concentration, can affect judgement and can result in accidents. Stress can be the cause of family break-ups, violence and even suicide. So what are the main causes of stress in a typical modern lifestyle?

A study has identified between 50 and 60 possible causes of stress. The most common cause of stress is having financial problems. People cannot do the things they want to do because they lack money. Debts are growing because mortgage repayments are increasing and credit card bills need to be paid. The cost of living is rising, and it all adds up to worry. Pressure and worry at work is another cause of stress. People worry that there is change and people worry when there is no change. They may feel that their boss does not understand them or that he makes life difficult for them.

People have found ways to deal with stress. Some do yoga or other forms of relaxation exercise to prevent them from becoming over-anxious, while others claim that taking part in hard physical activity helps them to work off stress. Everyone should make sure that they spend some time every day doing what makes them happy. Stress is a killer.

**Question 25:** What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Different types of stress
- B. An overview of stress
- C. The benefits of stress
- D. Some ways to reduce stress

**Question 26:** Which of the following is NOT the result of being stressed?

- A. accidents
- B. bad habits
- C. dangerous diseases
- D. divorce

**Question 27:** The word "concentration" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ignorance
- B. elimination
- C. attention
- D. distraction

**Question 28:** The word "them" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. people
- B. bosses
- C. repayments
- D. debts

**Question 29:** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Only by participating in gentle exercise can people eliminate stress.
- B. Stress isn't as dangerous as we may think.
- C. Not having enough money to meet their basic needs may make people stressed.
- D. People nowadays are hardly worried about their lives.

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 30:** Ha Long Bay has attracted millions of visitors who come to enjoy its brehtaking views and experience other activities.

- A. heartbreaking      B. unforgettable      C. awe-inspiring      D. unbreathable

**Question 31:** The library reduced the number of print newspapers and magazines that they used to subscribe to.

- A. increased      B. decreased      C. grew      D. raised

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 32:** A. decide      B. signal      C. high      D. final

**Question 33:** A. chicken      B. chemistry      C. choose      D. church

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 34:** A. worker      B. doctor      C. bamboo      D. picture

**Question 35:** A. wonderful      B. exciting      C. mischievous      D. difficult

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

**Question 36:** We will have a trip to Sam Son beach \_\_\_\_\_

- A. as soon as we had finished our project      B. when we finish our project  
C. after we finished our project      D. by the time we finished our project

**Question 37:** The team leader \_\_\_\_\_ a firm commitment to increasing spending on new facilities.

- A. paid      B. did      C. caused      D. made

**Question 38:** She was happy when she found that she was \_\_\_\_\_ first person to know the news.

- A. Ø (no article)      B. an      C. the      D. a

**Question 39:** It's necessary to listen to opinions that are \_\_\_\_\_ from ours.

- A. differ      B. different      C. differently      D. difference

**Question 40:** The conference \_\_\_\_\_ by non-governmental organizations was about globalization.

- A. was planned      B. plans      C. planning      D. planned

**Question 41:** Learning a new language is \_\_\_\_\_ than learning a new skill on the computer.

- A. most difficult      B. the most difficult      C. more difficult      D. difficult

**Question 42:** He was sent off for a \_\_\_\_\_ on the German captain in the final match.

- A. fault      B. error      C. foul      D. mistake

**Question 43:** He decided \_\_\_\_\_ part in a voluntary campaign with his classmates this summer.

- A. to take      B. take      C. to taking      D. taking

**Question 44:** We are having our wedding party \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 26th at a nice Chinese restaurant on Hoang Quoc Viet street.

- A. in      B. on      C. for      D. at

**Question 45:** The children \_\_\_\_\_ soccer happily in the playground when it started to rain.

- A. were playing      B. play      C. are playing      D. played

**Question 46:** He won his case on appeal in 1974, in a \_\_\_\_\_ decision which encouraged other artists to challenge the terms of their contracts.

- A. scenery      B. view      C. landmark      D. landscape

**Question 47:** The hurricane laid \_\_\_\_\_ to the entire village and left the villagers homeless

- A. trash      B. rubbish      C. garbage      D. waste

**Question 48:** Highway 15 \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday due to a serious road accident by the local authority.

- A. has closed      B. was closing      C. was closed      D. closes

**Question 49:** The number of rare animals in the world is decreasing so rapidly, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. doesn't it      B. is it      C. isn't it      D. does it

**Question 50:** In the Soviet Union, Serbia, Austria and Hungary, there has always been a habit of \_\_\_\_\_ shoes and wearing slippers when they have come home.

- A. taking off      B. taking up      C. putting on      D. putting with

— The End! —