

\* *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.*

1. A. kiss      B. kite      C. hit      D. pink  
 2. A. though      B. throw      C. thumb      D. thin

\* *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.*

3. A. knowledge      B. ficiton      C. campaign      D. trailer  
 4. A. attraction      B. appearance      C. apartament      D. applicant

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

5. He is capable \_\_\_\_\_ playing chess at an international level.  
 A. about      B. to      C. at      D. of

6. What do you want for dinner? I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ a decision so that I can start cooking.  
 A. make      B. have      C. go      D. do

7. The concert \_\_\_\_\_ by thousands of people as I predict.  
 A. is attending      B. will be attended      C. will have attended      D. attended

8. Shakespeare wrote "Romeo and Juliet" in 1605, \_\_\_\_?  
 A. didn't he      B. doesn't he      C. hasn't be      D. won't he

9. My mother lost her purse when she \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowded street.  
 A. is crossing      B. crossed      C. crosses      D. was crossing

10. \_\_\_\_\_, we will travel to Da Nang.  
 A. When the epidemic is over      B. When the epidemic will be over  
 C. When the epidemic had been over      D. When the epidemic was over

11. It was the only available restaurant in the area but he turned his nose \_\_\_\_\_ because he thought it was not good enough for him.  
 A. up      B. down      C. on      D. above

12. The museum's collection of paintings is often \_\_\_\_\_ than its collection of sculptures.  
 A. most impressive      B. the most impressive  
 C. impressive      D. more impressive

13. Vietnam Airlines regretted \_\_\_\_\_ the cancellation of the flight VA270887 to Ho Chi Minh city.

A. announcing      B. to announce      C. announce      D. to announcing

14. The police officers have \_\_\_\_\_ the search for the missing baby until dawn tomorrow.

A. put out      B. brought on      C. put off      D. looked after

15. An \_\_\_\_\_ system of fuel must be found to save the environment.

A. economy      B. economically      C. economical      D. economics

16. Ferdinand Marcos, \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the Philippines after allegations of stealing foreign aid and treasury money, died in exile in Hawaii.

A. was forced      B. forced      C. having forced      D. was forcing

17. There will be a brief \_\_\_\_\_ in the proceedings while the piano is moved into place.

A. pause      B. blank      C. fall      D. wait

18. Despite how troublesome they could be, my uncle's always had a \_\_\_\_\_ spot for his children.

A. warm      B. kind      C. good      D. soft

19. The couple's first dance was a beautiful expression of \_\_\_\_\_ love for each other.

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

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

20. Mrs. Mai is at the bookstore. She is asking to see the latest novel.

- Mrs. Mai: "Could I see that latest novel?"

- The shopkeeper: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. No, thanks.      B. You are so kidding!

C. Certainly! madam.      D. It is expensive.

21. Jim and Laura are talking about how to keep fit.

- Jim: "Do you agree that physical exercises can keep our body fit?"

- Laura: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. Of course not.      B. I'm not with you there.

C. There's no doubt about that.      D. That's very surprising.

\* *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.*

22. I knew he just made several **flattering** remarks on me because he wanted to borrow some money.

A. teasing      B. discouraging      C. praising      D. threatening

23. Living in a big city has some **drawbacks** like pollution, traffic, crime, and high costs.

A. benefits      B. disadvantages      C. conveniences      D. specialties

\* *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.*

24. One of the main goals of ASEAN is to promote peace and stability through the establishment of fair and **equitable** relationships between countries in the region.

A. injustice      B. mutual      C. broken      D. uneasy

25. Although she was new to the company, she wasn't afraid to **make waves** and speak up about the unfair treatment of her coworkers, ultimately leading to positive changes in the workplace.

A. obey her new boss      B. have an argument  
C. ask for a pay rise      D. keep quiet

\* *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.*

26. It's forbidden to touch the statues in the museum.

A. You should touch the statues in the museum.  
B. You mustn't touch the statues in the museum.  
C. You can't touch the statues in the museum.  
D. You need to touch the statues in the museum.

27. The last time I traveled abroad was last summer.

A. I didn't travel abroad last summer.  
B. It's last summer since I didn't travel abroad.  
C. I have traveled abroad since last summer.  
D. I have not traveled abroad since last summer.

28. "What time do you usually wake up?" asked my roommate.

A. My roommate asked me what time did I usually wake up.  
B. My roommate asked me what time I usually woke up.  
C. My roommate asked me what time I usually wake up.  
D. My roommate asked me what time had I usually woken up.

\* *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.*

29. Scarecrows **help** farmers **save** their crops **from** hungry birds in ancient **times**.

A. save      B. from      C. help      D. times

30. The students should **review** the **regulations** of the exam before **sitting** for **them**.

A. review      B. sitting      C. regulations      D. them

31. **Confusion** and **certainty** are the major characteristics of the **permissible** society according to the **conservative** historians.

A. permissible      B. conservative      C. Confusion      D. certainty

\* *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.*

32. I don't have a spare ticket. I can't take you to the concert.

A. As long as I have a spare ticket, I can take you to the concert.  
B. If I had had a spare ticket, I could have taken you to the concert.  
C. If I had a spare ticket, I could take you to the concert.  
D. If I have a spare ticket, I can take you to the concert.

33. Using e-cigarettes is forbidden in schools because of its harmful effects. There is no exception whatsoever.

A. On no account are students in schools allowed to use e-cigarettes because of its harmful effects.  
B. Under no circumstances were students in schools allowed to use e-cigarettes because of its harmful effects.  
C. At no time are students in schools banned from using e-cigarettes because of its harmful effects.  
D. By no means were students in schools banned from using e-cigarettes because of its harmful effects.

\* *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 from 34 to 38.*

### Flea Markets

When asked where they prefer to shop, (34)\_\_\_\_\_ students replied that they are keen on flea markets. You can pick up a large variety of items: clothes, antiques, plants, second-hand furniture, rugs- just about anything you can think of. For example, you can find fabulous vintage clothing at very low prices, so you come away feeling you've found a great bargain worth much more than what you paid.

Beware, (35)\_\_\_\_\_, as you have to pay in cash and you are often not given a receipt for the items you buy. This can be a problem if the item is faulty as you will not have a (36)\_\_\_\_\_. Of course, you often get great value for money but if you want to return an item for some reason, the (37)\_\_\_\_\_ are rarely willing to give you a refund. As there is no price tag on the item (38)\_\_\_\_\_ you buy, the seller can't be expected to remember how much they sold it to you.

*(Adapted from Active Your Grammar & Vocabulary B2 Exam)*

\* *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 39 to 43.*

A gift card is a card that is issued by a particular store. It's worth a certain amount of money. It looks like a credit card, but it actually works like cash. A gift-card holder can spend the amount of money noted on the card in the store that issued it. These cards are big money makers for retail companies. One reason is that when gift-card holders go to the store, **they** often see other things to buy, and they end up spending more money than the gift card is worth. Unused cards are another big source of revenue. Companies make millions of dollars because large numbers of people never use their cards. They either lose them, forget about them, or decide that it's not worth the effort.

Gift cards are becoming extremely popular in many countries around the world. In the United States, they are one of the most popular types of gifts. Why? People love the convenience – cards are easy to buy and easy to use, either in the store or online. The **recipient** can select his or her own gift, and the giver does not have to worry about finding just the right thing.

(Adapted from *Strategic Reading 1*)

39. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Facts about gift cards
- B. How to use credit cards
- C. Why gift cards are popular
- D. Another form of cash

40. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. It is convenient to give and use gift cards.
- B. Gift cards are gaining popularity in the world.
- C. Companies make large profits from gift cards.
- D. Unused cards are considered worthless.

41. The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gift-card holders
- B. Unused cards
- C. Companies
- D. Credit cards

42. Which of the following can be an explanation for the popularity of gift cards?

- A. People appreciate the convenience.
- B. Cards are not easy to buy.
- C. Gift cards can only be bought online.
- D. The givers can choose their own gift

43. The word "**recipient**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. receiver
- B. sender
- C. buyer
- D. donor

\* *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 44 to 50.*

When we think of the Hawaiian Islands, they often bring to mind a **thriving** tourist destination with white sandy beaches and palm trees. However, on one of the most northern islands, you will not find any tourists or holiday activities. The island of Niihau is characterized by an extinct volcano, a delicate wetland and thriving forests. It is also the home to various endangered species such as the Hawaiian monk seal. The island belongs to the Robinson family who bought **it** from the King of Hawaii back in 1864 with the promise to maintain the traditional Hawaiian culture and language of the natives living there. In order to keep this promise, the family over time began to limit visitors to the island. Today, contact with the native Niihauans on the island is forbidden except by invitation. Therefore, until recently, the natives knew very little about the outside world.

A walk through the main village of the island shows how Niihau appears to be frozen in time. There are no cars, shops, restaurants or police. The only means of transport are horses and bicycles. There is no running water, power or telephone lines. All of the 130 permanent residents are native Hawaiians and speak Hawaiian as their first language. They don't pay rent and live by fishing and farming. It's a lifestyle far different from residents on the other Hawaiian islands.

The children of Niihau may not have TV or electronics like other children, but they attend a small school that relies **entirely** on solar power for electricity. The school is one of the few schools in the USA that is completely solar powered. The school teaches the Hawaiian traditions and values of living off the land and ocean, and at the same time offers the children the opportunity to learn how to use computers and connect with the outside world.

One way outsiders can connect with Niihau is to purchase the islanders' handicrafts such as their shell jewelry. These products are on sale in other islands. Although few have the chance to visit this forbidden land, its mystery continues to fascinate tourists.

*(Adapted from On Screen B1 plus by Virginia Evans and Jenny Dooley)*

44. What is the best title of the text?

- A. A Tourist Attraction
- B. The Niihauans' Lifestyle
- C. A Forbidden Island
- D. Education on Hawaii Islands

45. The word "**thriving**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. glorious      B. unsuccessful      C. rich      D. developing

46. The word "**it**" in the first paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. island      B. the King      C. monk seal      D. volcano

47. Tourists are not allowed to visit Niihau because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the owners promised to preserve native Hawaiian culture and language alive  
B. the King wanted to protect the island's sensitive ecosystem  
C. the owners of the island didn't like outsiders  
D. the natives are afraid that visitors will destroy the island

48. The word "**entirely**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. partially      B. completely      C. perfectly      D. relatively

49. According to the text, which of the following statements is NOT true about the text?  
A. Horses and bikes are the sole means of transportation available.  
B. Various endangered species can be found on the island of Niihau.  
C. The native Niihauans' way of life is similar to inhabitants on the other Hawaiian Islands.  
D. Visitors can buy the Niihauans' handicrafts in other islands.

50. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?  
A. At no time do students have a chance to communicate with the rest of the world.  
B. Education on the island tries to balance tradition with technology.  
C. Children of Niihau are equipped with modern electronic devices for schooling.  
D. A small school in Niihau Island uses various renewable energy sources for electricity.

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