

**LIVE 4**

*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 1.** A. sand                      B. pant                      C. shame                      D. lack

**Question 2.** A. music                      B. seaside                      C. scholar                      D. season

*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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.*

**Question 3.** A. factor                      B. mistake                      C. fairy                      D. movie

**Question 4.** A. experience                      B. company                      C. recognize                      D. peacefully

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

**Question 5.** Martin is \_\_\_\_\_ at Maths in his class.

A. well                      B. best                      C. the best                      D. the better

**Question 6.** Nam expects \_\_\_\_\_ a new job at the end of this month.

A. to find                      B. to finding                      C. find                      D. finding

**Question 7.** His computer has been bought for two weeks, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A. didn't it                      B. hasn't it                      C. hasn't he                      D. doesn't it

**Question 8.** Contrary to my initial thoughts, the interviewer addressed me with a comfortable \_\_\_\_\_ that made me feel relaxed.

A. facility                      B. sustainability                      C. probability                      D. familiarity

**Question 9.** The table \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time, hasn't been used.

A. breaking                      B. to break                      C. broken                      D. was broken

**Question 10.** Before we arrived at the scene, an ambulance \_\_\_\_\_ the injured to hospital.

A. has taken                      B. was taking                      C. had taken                      D. would take

**Question 11.** This charity organisation aims to provide temporary \_\_\_\_\_ for earthquake victims.

A. campus                      B. accommodation                      C. destination                      D. vacation

**Question 12.** Tonight's show was one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ performances I had ever seen.

A. impressive                      B. impression                      C. impressively                      D. impress

**Question 13.** We stayed up late last night to \_\_\_\_\_ necessary preparations for the trip.

A. keep                      B. give                      C. make                      D. hold

**Question 14.** Laura will have completed this cooking class \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. when she went to university                      B. after she had gone to university  
C. while she was going to university                      D. by the time she goes to university

**Question 15.** He had \_\_\_\_\_ terrible experience at school today.

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

**Question 16.** The car \_\_\_\_\_ on our way to the airport, so we had to take a taxi instead.

A. went on                      B. broke down                      C. dropped by                      D. brought about

**Question 17.** An application letter \_\_\_\_\_ in simple language.

A. is writing                      B. have written                      C. writes                      D. should be written

**Question 18.** The sign warns people \_\_\_\_\_ the dangers of swimming in this river.

A. about                      B. from                      C. with                      D. at

**Question 19.** We had better keep on our \_\_\_\_\_ while were walking along the dark portions of this street.

A. figures                      B. nails                      C. toes                      D. knees

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.*

**Question 20.** Mrs. Kate is talking to her students at the end of the lecture.

- Mrs. Kate: "I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!" ; - Students: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

A. The same to you!                      B. Just for fun!                      C. You're welcome.                      D. So so

**Question 21.** Trang and Nhung are discussing modern technologies.

- **Trang:** "Modern technologies are beneficial to our relationships."

- **Nhung:** " \_\_\_\_\_ . We can keep in touch with each other thanks to them."

A. I don't think so                      B. I go along with you                      C. That's not what I'm thinking                      D. It's hard to say

*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.** Child abuse became an important issue in recent years, attracting much media attention.

A. attracting                      B. attention                      C. became                      D. issue

**Question 23.** She was asked to open her suitcase because the customs officers identified something dangerous in them.

- A. customs                      B. to open                      C. identified                      D. them

**Question 24.** Many parents express grave concern over the influence of some online celebrities on their children, who are at an impressed age.

- A. impressed age.                      B. grave                      C. influence                      D. online celebrities

*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 25.** Phong last wrote novels 2 weeks ago.

- A. Phong didn't write this novel 2 weeks ago.                      B. Phong hasn't written this novel for 2 weeks.  
C. Phong has written this novel for 2 weeks.                      D. Phong will write this novel in 2 weeks.

**Question 26.** "How is your evening class?" asked my father.

- A. My father asked me how was my evening class.                      B. My father asked me how my evening class was.  
C. My father asked me how my evening class had been.                      D. My father asked me how my evening class would be.

**Question 27.** Perhaps they will come after the show.

- A. They must come after the show.                      B. They may come after the show.  
C. They need to come after the show.                      D. They ought to come after the show.

*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 28.** He forgot to notify me of the changes to the travel itinerary. He offered an apology then

- A. Not only did he forget to notify me of the changes to the travel itinerary but he also didn't offer an apology.  
B. No sooner had he forgotten to notify me of the changes to the travel itinerary than he offered an apology.  
C. Only after he had not forgotten to notify me of the changes to the travel itinerary did he offer an apology.  
D. Only by offering an apology did he forget to notify me of the changes to the travel itinerary.

**Question 29.** The museum is too crowded. I can't see paintings clearly.

- A. Provided that the museum were too crowded, I couldn't see paintings clearly.  
B. If the museum weren't too crowded, I could see paintings clearly.  
C. I wish the museum were too crowded so that I could see paintings clearly.

D. Unless the museum is too crowded, I can see paintings clearly.

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

### HIGH DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

In the UK holidays began as religious festival days or 'holy days'. The idea of a holiday as a 'no-work' day seems to have first appeared around five hundred years ago. In 1871 the Bank Holidays Act established certain days when, by law, banks closed. Bank Holidays soon became public holidays, but by tradition, not law. In fact, working people rarely took holidays. For (30)\_\_\_\_\_ people, paid holidays remained a luxury until the second half of the twentieth century. Instead, people enjoyed outings for the day to nearby places. The growth of the railways made it possible for working people and their families to go further a field on their day trips (31)\_\_\_\_\_ wealthy people had, for many years, taken holidays. As soon as outings became possible for more people, crowds of them travelled to the seaside. Seaside towns started to boom. Piers were built out over the sea, funfairs opened and boat trips were offered by local fishermen. Many of the towns (32)\_\_\_\_\_ benefited from all these day trippers were near to large cities or were at the end of railway lines.

*(Adapted from "Richmond FCE practice test- by Diana L. Fried Booth)*

Question 30: A. much                      B. every                      C. many                      D. others

Question 31: A. because      B. so                      C. although                      D. despite

Question 32: A. whom      B. where                      C. who                      D. that

*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..*

You know what they say; find a job you love and you will never work a day in your life. So, if you are thinking about what to do with your life, this may be something to consider. Choosing a career can be difficult. Especially because there are so many jobs to choose from and many things to think about, such as qualifications and financial rewards. So how do you pick a career? The only answer seems to be "choose one that makes you feel that you are getting paid for doing something you truly love".

Unless you have grown up with a talent or are keen on something that you can make a career out of, you need to consider certain things about yourself. What suits your personality? We are all different and just because your best friend wants to be a doctor, this does not mean that you should follow. You need to make an **informed** decision. This means thinking carefully about the path you need to follow to get that job. Are you willing to get the training or education needed? You must also consider why you really want to do it. If it's just because it's well paid, then sometime in the future you are going to feel 'empty', even with a healthy bank account.

Nowadays, there are plenty of online career sites, but the main part has to come from you. You need to be honest and measure your skills and talents realistically. Also, you may need to talk to your parents who have their own ideas, based on their own experiences, about what you should do. They have your best interests at heart. **They** don't want to see you having financial problems or being unemployed. But at the end of the day, it is your life. There is no point in being miserable for the next forty years just to please someone else.

*(Adapted from Succeed in BI Preliminary by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)*

Question 33. The word **They** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. Interests                      B. Parents                      C. Ideas                      D. Experiences

Question 34. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. You have to be responsible for your job choices.
- B. A well-paid job may not satisfy you down the road

C. Honesty is an important trait that ensures you a steady job.

D. You need to find a job that suits your personality.

**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 44 to 50.**

Think of an endangered species. What comes to mind? The giant panda and the blue whale? And what do these creatures all have in common? They're known as 'charismatic megafauna', in other words, large species of animals which **appeals to** a lot of people. However, less well-known or 'exciting' creatures are far more likely to actually become extinct because they don't get enough attention from researchers.

The Ugly Animal Preservation Society's mascot is the blob fish, voted the world's ugliest animal. With its tiny eyes, big mouth and slimy pink body it's far from attractive. This marine creature lives deep in the ocean, where the pressure is very high. As a result, it has tiny fins and no skeleton, which keeps it from being crushed by the water pressure. Unfortunately, when fishing boats sweep the ocean floor, looking for other fish and crustaceans, these fish can get swept into the nets accidentally, which is causing their numbers to drop.

The California condor is another accidental victim of human activity. These huge birds with bald heads and big beaks weigh up to fourteen kilos, have a wingspan of up to two metres and can live as long as sixty years. They play an important role in the ecosystem by feeding on dead animals, thus preventing the spread of disease. Reintroduced into the wild after becoming extinct, other than in captivity, they are now under threat once more because of chemical pesticides introduced into the food chain and lead poisoning from the ammunition used to kill the animals **they** feed on.

Other creatures become endangered precisely because people find them ugly. Take the aye aye for example. Found only on the island of Madagascar, the aye aye is the world's largest nocturnal primate. During the day they sleep in nests in the trees, coming out to hunt at night. They are solitary creatures, furry, but strange looking, with big eyes, large ears and long, thin, pointed fingers. The middle finger is particularly thin and they use it to gently knock on trees. Then they reach into the tree and pull out any insects that respond to the knocking. Unfortunately, the way they look means that they are traditionally considered an **omen** of bad luck. Some people even believe that if they point that thin middle finger at someone, they will die. As a result, they are often killed, even though, like many endangered species, they are now protected by law.

**Question 35.** The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. chemical pesticides    B. the California condors    C. dead animals    D. kilos

**Question 36.** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. The life expectancy of the California condor is rather low.  
B. The water pressure poses a threat to the survival of the blob fish  
C. The aye aye has the habit of hunting just after the sunrise- bình minh.  
D. The California condor is under threat due to chemical pollution.