

- I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others (0.5 pts)
- A. garbage                      B. standard                      C. solar                      D. lunar
  - A. ethnic                      B. whether                      C. those                      D. clothing
- II. Choose the word whose main stress pattern is not the same as that of the other (0.5 pts)
- A. exist                      B. avoid                      C. support                      D. notice
  - A. medical                      B. restaurant                      C. remember                      D. government
- III. Choose the word/ phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space in each sentence (2.5 pts)
- When she \_\_\_\_\_ the top of the stairs, her heart was pounding.  
A. went                      B. reached                      C. got                      D. arrived
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Easter, many children and adults enjoy painting eggs.  
A. On                      B. In                      C. To                      D. At
  - Designers have taken \_\_\_\_\_ from Vietnam's ethnic minorities to modernize the Ao Dai.  
A. tradition                      B. convenience                      C. inspiration                      D. fashion
  - Bill Gates, \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the king of computer programs, is famous for his charitable work.  
A. who                      B. that                      C. whom                      D. A and B are correct
  - He is very experienced \_\_\_\_\_ looking after animals.  
A. for                      B. with                      C. on                      D. in
  - I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ you but I can't.  
A. can join                      B. could join                      C. will join                      D. join
  - If \_\_\_\_\_ continues, our planet will be destroyed.  
A. deforestation                      B. conservation                      C. preservation                      D. disappointment
  - Tom is only 17 and \_\_\_\_\_ not eligible to vote.  
A. because                      B. but                      C. therefore                      D. although
  - Everyone will agree to our suggestion, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. will they                      B. will he                      C. won't they                      D. won't he
  - "How many languages can you speak?" - "\_\_\_\_\_."  
A. I have no difficulty in learning a foreign language                      B. I agree with you  
C. Only English and Spanish                      D. I'm not sure about that

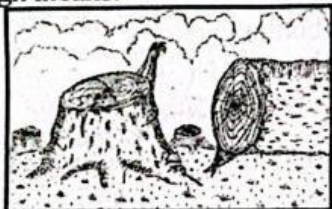
IV. CAUTION SIGNS WARNINGS: Look at the signs. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) for each sign (0.5 pts)

15. This sign means:



- You can climb the mountain.
- You are allowed to climb the mountain.
- You mustn't climb the mountain.
- Climbing the mountain is exciting.

16. This sign means:



- People shouldn't cut down trees.
- We should save forests.
- We should prevent deforestation.
- All are correct.

V. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the paragraph (1.5 pts)

Cheap oil and cheap gasoline helped to make modern America. They shaped America's cities, and they were an essential part of the American lifestyle. They were also essential in the great empty states of the West, (17) \_\_\_\_\_ people often have to travel long distances.

Today, Americans consume about 25% of the world's energy far more than people in other countries; but the situation is (18) \_\_\_\_\_ changing. Americans are already buying smaller cars, and American cars consume much (19) \_\_\_\_\_ gas than they used to. But in the coming years, they will use less and less oil. They will have to.

There is still a lot of oil (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground, but oil and gas must become more expensive in the future. Over 50% of America's traditional oil reserves (21) \_\_\_\_\_ -mostly since 1950. Nobody knows when America's oil will start running out, but the first problems could come in less than 20 years. And as soon as oil starts running out (22) \_\_\_\_\_ price will go up very quickly!

In conclusion, the "two-dollar gallon" was good for America. It has encouraged Americans to buy smaller cars, and to use less energy. That way, America's oil will last longer perhaps until the age of clean green energy arrives.

(From Internet)

17. A. which                      B. that                      C. where                      D. when

18. A. fast                                    B. quickly                                    C. slow                                    D. slowly  
 19. A. less                                    B. fewer                                    C. more                                    D. least  
 20. A. in                                    B. on                                    C. under                                    D. over  
 21. A. were used                                    B. has already used                                    C. already used                                    D. have already been used  
 22. A. that                                    B. its                                    C. their                                    D. the

**VI. Reading Comprehension: True – False + Answer the Questions (1.5 pts)**

People often ask which is the most difficult language to learn, and it is not easy to answer because there are many factors to **take into consideration**.

Firstly, in a first language the differences are unimportant as people learn their mother tongue naturally, so the question of how hard a language is to learn is only relevant when learning a second language. A native speaker of Spanish, for example, will find Portuguese much easier to learn than a native speaker of Chinese because Portuguese is very similar to Spanish, while Chinese is very different, so first language can affect learning a second language. The greater the differences between the second language and our first, the harder it will be for most people to learn. Many people answer that Chinese is the hardest language to learn, possibly influenced by the thought of learning the Chinese writing system, and the pronunciation of Chinese does appear to be very difficult for many foreign learners. However, for Japanese speakers, who already use Chinese characters in their own language, learning writing will be less difficult than for speakers of languages using the Roman alphabet.

No language is easy to learn well, though languages which are related to our first language are easier. Learning a completely different writing system is a huge challenge, but that does not necessarily make a language more difficult than another. In the end, it is impossible to say that there is one language that is the most difficult language in the world.

*(Extracted from <https://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/5.html>)*

**True or False?**

23. The question of how hard a language is to learn is relevant to both first and second language acquisition. \_\_\_\_\_  
 24. Portuguese is definitely easier than Chinese. \_\_\_\_\_  
 25. Many language learners say that Chinese is the hardest language to learn because of the Chinese writing system, and the pronunciation of Chinese. \_\_\_\_\_  
 26. The writer thinks that learning new writing systems is easy. \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions**

27. Which of the following is the definition of "take into consideration"?  
 A. solve the problem                    B. discuss                    C. think carefully about                    C. take action  
 28. Which of the following is the best heading for the passage?  
 A. Chinese is the most difficult language to learn in the world.  
 B. Which is the hardest language?  
 C. Both first and second languages are hard to learn.  
 D. Roman alphabet and Chinese characters.

**VII. Supply the correct form of the words in brackets to complete each sentence. (1.5 pts)**

29. We enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere in Hue. (peace)  
 30. \_\_\_\_\_ of high quality always please customers. (produce)  
 31. The next stage in the development of television is \_\_\_\_\_ TV. (active)  
 32. We can minimize \_\_\_\_\_ by recycling bottles and cans. (pollute)  
 33. By the year 2025 many buildings will be \_\_\_\_\_ by solar energy. (hot)  
 34. She is old enough to live \_\_\_\_\_. (depend)

**VIII. Rearrange the sentences (1.0 pt)**

35. They say soccer is the best game to play.  
 → Soccer \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. We can't survive when there is no air.  
 → Without \_\_\_\_\_  
 37. She always turns on the lights when going to bed.  
 → I suggest \_\_\_\_\_  
 38. Edison was a great scientist. He invented the electric light bulb.  
 → Edison, \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Rearrangement (0.5 pts)**

39. their uniform / take pride in / can / which bears / Students / their school's name / . //  
 → Students \_\_\_\_\_  
 40. economically / and energy / spend / your money / should / as / You / as possible / . //  
 → You \_\_\_\_\_

I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the other (0.5 pts)

1. A. wandered B. embroidered C. embarrassed D. preserved  
2. A. flood B. moon C. food D. soon

II. Choose the word whose main stress pattern is not the same as that of the other (0.5 pts)

3. A. selection B. interact C. recycle D. convenient  
4. A. entertain B. nominate C. documentary D. electronic

III. MULTIPLE CHOICE (2.5 pts)

5. We have to take our own rubbish to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. environment B. garbage dump C. refreshment D. pollution
6. We are looking for a professionally \_\_\_\_\_ home security system.  
A. install B. installation C. installing D. installed
7. Lucy likes fashion. She always wears \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.  
A. fashionable B. new C. typical D. modal
8. Most of the movies we've reviewed this summer have had one thing in common - \_\_\_\_\_ plot  
A. reliable B. predictable C. replaceable D. unsurprised
9. We advised Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ TV all the time.  
A. don't watch B. not watching C. not to watch D. not watch
10. I still can't believe. My bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ last night.  
A. stole B. was steal C. was stealed D. was stolen
11. He's been nominated \_\_\_\_\_ the Green Party \_\_\_\_\_ their candidate in the next electi  
A. by / as B. by / for C. with / as D. into / for
12. People \_\_\_\_\_ outlook on life is optimistic are usually happy people.  
A. who B. that C. which D. whose
13. "I'm too impatient, aren't I?" - " \_\_\_\_\_."  
A. Yes, never. B. Yes, you are sometimes.  
C. No, I'm afraid. D. No, you are.
14. - "I'm having an exam tomorrow." - " \_\_\_\_\_."  
A. Good luck! B. Congrats! C. It's not bad. D. Be careful!

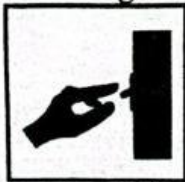
IV. CAUTION SIGNS – WARNINGS (0.5 pts)

15. What does this sign mean?



- A. Save water.  
B. Waste water.  
C. Use water economically.  
D. A & C are correct.

16. What does the sign say?



- A. Touch the light.  
B. No sunlight.  
C. Please turn off lights when not in use.  
D. Risk of electric shock.

V. GUIDED CLOZE (1.5 pts)

One of the most important discoveries of the nineteenth century was a method (17) \_\_\_\_\_ using natur  
gas for cooking and heating. Large amounts of natural gas are (18) \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States, usual  
several thousand feet below the surface the earth. Natural gas is most often found in places where petroleum, th  
oil from (19) \_\_\_\_\_ gasoline is made, is found. Often the natural gas must be removed before the oil itse  
is reached.

For many years, after natural gas was first discovered, it was thought to have no value. (20) \_\_\_\_\_  
people began to understand its uses and to find ways of storing it and of moving it from place to place.

Today, natural gas is stored in large tanks and used for lighting, cooking and heating. In many ways natura  
gas is one of our finest fuels. It can be (21) \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking without making the room hot. It is cheap and

can be moved (22) \_\_\_\_\_ from one place to another through long pipelines some of which are hundreds of miles in length.

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|----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 17. A. in      | B. of       | C. to      | D. from      |
| 18. A. find    | B. finding  | C. to find | D. found     |
| 19. A. who     | B. whom     | C. which   | D. whose     |
| 20. A. However | B. Moreover | C. Besides | D. Therefore |
| 21. A. use     | B. using    | C. to use  | D. used      |
| 22. A. easily  | B. easy     | C. easier  | D. easiest   |

**VI. Read the passage and do the tasks below (1.5 pts)**

The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is the biggest carnival in the world, dating back to 1723. With more than 2 million people on the streets every single day, this carnival parade offers a real spectacle. Held just before Lent starts, the festival officially lasts from the Friday night until Wednesday morning, but many Brazilians continue celebrating for a few days more.

A typical parade includes happy revelers, colorful floats, as well as performances by samba schools – groups of local people dancing. The most famous dance is, of course, samba, a traditional Brazilian dance influenced by African traditions. Each year, the Queen of the Carnival and up to two princesses are **pronounced** publicly.

*Read the passage and write True or False.*

23. The Carnival in Italy is the biggest carnival in the globe. \_\_\_\_\_
24. The Carnival lasts from Friday to Wednesday unofficially. \_\_\_\_\_
25. During the parade, there are performances by samba students. \_\_\_\_\_
26. Annually, maybe one or two princesses are pronounced publicly. \_\_\_\_\_

*Read the passage again and choose the best answer.*

27. When was The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro first celebrated?  
 A. 1724                      B. before 1723                      C. 1723                      D. 1732
28. What does “pronounced” mean?  
 A. to spell                      B. to state officially                      C. to call                      D. to perform

**VII. WORD FORMS (1.5 pts)**

29. Even a short meditation session reduces stress \_\_\_\_\_ and naturally. *(effect)*
30. The Bill introduces the new offense of causing death by careless or \_\_\_\_\_ driving. *(consider)*
31. Receipt is not \_\_\_\_\_ and the company will not be responsible for the loss, tear, defacement or damage. *(replace)*
32. We take part in many charity \_\_\_\_\_ organized by our school. *(act)*
33. Sulfur dioxide is one of several \_\_\_\_\_ that can be found in coal-fired power. *(pollute)*
34. The company \_\_\_\_\_ because of its failure to innovations. *(collapse)*

**VIII. Sentence transformation (1.0 pt)**

35. It's been two years since we last visited our grandpa.  
 → The last time \_\_\_\_\_
36. "Why don't you reduce your working hours and take more exercise?", her doctor said.  
 → Her doctor suggested that \_\_\_\_\_
37. His wife usually brings him sandwiches at lunch time.  
 → Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
38. The workers went on strike because the company didn't pay them enough.  
 → Because of \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. REARRANGEMENTS (0.5 pts)**

39. such / wants / a wonderful / everyone / that / place / is / to visit / It / . //  
 → It \_\_\_\_\_
40. have / Should / money / , he'll / enough / he / the world / travel around / . //  
 → Should \_\_\_\_\_