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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. i<u>l</u>l **B.** i<u>n</u>k **C.** hi<u>gh</u> **D.** fi<u>s</u>h

Question 2: A. <u>w</u>ear **B.** s<u>w</u>im **C.** <u>w</u>ife **D.** ro<u>w</u>

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 3: A. natural **B.** different **C.** negative **D.** electric

Question 4: A. invite **B.** offer **C.** carry **D.** answer

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: The members of the _____ to the South Pole will carry out a number of scientific experiments.

A. journey **B.** trip **C.** expedition **D.** travel

Question 6: I am about to drop _____ on my parents by telling them that I'm going to quit law school and pursue a career in art.

A. a brick **B.** a stone **C.** a log **D.** a plank

Question 7: The brand of this car is different _____ the others over there.

A. from **B.** for **C.** with **D.** of

Question 8: My brother intends _____ abroad next year to improve his language skills.

A. studied **B.** study **C.** to study **D.** studying

Question 9: The stadium _____ by the local government in 2000.

A. finances **B.** was financing **C.** was financed **D.** has financed.

Question 10: She couldn't help but ___her breath as she witnessed the breathtaking view from the mountaintop.

A. catch **B.** take **C.** stop **D.** get

Question 11: They had to use candles when the light suddenly _____ during the dinner.

A. switched off **B.** went out **C.** came off **D.** put off

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Question 12: Some students cheated in the exam, _____ their teachers and parents.

A. disappointed **B.** is disappointed **C.** disappointing **D.** to disappoint

Question 13: There are warnings that deforestation will upset the _____ balance of this area.

A. ecologist **B.** ecological **C.** ecology **D.** ecologically

Question 14: You will not understand the importance of English_____.

A. until you apply for a job **B.** after you had applied for a job

C. when you will apply for a job **D.** as soon as you applied for a job

Question 15: This is _____ room in Ha Long hotel.

A. the most large **B.** the larger **C.** the largest **D.** larger

Question 16: When I came home yesterday, my mum _____ dinner for our family.

A. was preparing **B.** prepares **C.** prepared **D.** has prepared

Question 17: The house was built ten years ago, _____?

A. wasn't it **B.** didn't it **C.** isn't it **D.** was it

Question 18: She worked really hard this year, so she was given a 10% pay _____.

A. inflation **B.** extra **C.** decrease **D.** bonus

Question 19: She put on _____ orange scarf before heading out into the cold winter air.

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

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

Question 20: Jessica is at the airport. She is carrying her suitcases along the way to the check-in desk. A young man comes over and talks to her.

- The man: "Do you want me to help you with those suitcases?"

- Jessica: "_____"

A. No, those aren't mine. **B.** Of course, not for me.

C. No, I can manage them myself. **D.** No, I can't help you now.

Question 21: Ann and Peter are talking about housework.

- Ann: "I think children should be paid for doing the housework."

- Peter: "_____. It's their duty in the family."

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A. That's what I think **B.** I don't think so

C. You're exactly right **D.** There's no doubt about it

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 22: I last wrote about vaccines on this blog over a week ago.

A. I have written about vaccines on this blog for over a week.

B. I haven't written about vaccines on this blog for over a week.

C. I wrote about vaccines on this blog for over a week.

D. I didn't write about vaccines on this blog over a week ago.

Question 23: They are not allowed to use our personal information for their own purposes.

A. They don't have to use our personal information for their own purposes.

B. They mustn't use our personal information for their own purposes.

C. They can use our personal information for their own purposes.

D. They may use our personal information for their own purposes.

Question 24: They claimed, "We have never seen anything like this before."

A. They claimed they have never seen anything like this before.

B. They claimed they had never seen anything like that before.

C. They claimed they never see anything like this before.

D. They claimed they never saw anything like that before.

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 25: Overall, the <u>percentage</u> of consumers who make online purchases this year <u>shows</u> a <u>considerate</u> increase in cosmetics and household <u>appliances</u>.

A. appliances **B.** percentage **C.** shows **D.** considerate

Question 26: She <u>decides</u> <u>to quit</u> her job <u>to</u> stay at home and look <u>after</u> her sick mother last month.

A. to quit **B.** after **C.** to **D.** decides

Question 27: Bottlenose dolphins are <u>usually</u> slow swimmers, but <u>it</u> can reach <u>speeds</u> of over 30 mph for short <u>periods</u>.

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A. speeds **B.** periods **C.** it **D.** usually

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: Ann had Chat GPT correct her essay. Hence, she got high marks in the test.

A. If Chat GPT hadn't corrected her essay, Ann wouldn't get high marks in the test.

B. If Ann hadn't had her essay corrected by Chat GPT, she couldn't get high marks in the test.

C. If Ann had Chat GPT correct her essay, she couldn't get high marks in the test.

D. If Ann hadn't had her essay corrected by Chat GPT, she couldn't have got high marks in the test.

Question 29: Peter failed the interview again. He was fully aware of the importance of having careful preparation only then.

A. No sooner had Peter fully been aware of the importance of having careful preparation than he failed the interview again.

B. Hardly had Peter fully been aware of the importance of having careful preparation when he failed the interview again.

C. Not until Peter was fully aware of the importance of having careful preparation did he fail the interview again.

D. Only after Peter had failed the interview again was he fully aware of the importance of having careful preparation .

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.

The market, **(30)**_____ has thrived for over a century, has been a center for commerce in Can Tho City and its neighboring provinces, such as An Giang, Vinh Long, Dong Thap, Tra Vinh and Soc Trang. It was formed when road and **(31)**_____ had not been developed yet.

The name of this market has been existing for a long time, but its origin has not been clear. Legendarily, the name came from a big crocodile's teeth which were plugged into the river's bank. **(32)**___, 6the land was called Cai Rang (means a tooth). **(33)**_____ theory mentioned in a book related to southern language, that Cai Rang has its origin from Khmer language – "karan" means a molded clay stove. Khmer people made a lot of "karan" and sold them everywhere in this land. Since then, local people pronounced "karan" into Cai Rang.

The need of exchanging agricultural products, and basic things connected local people by boats on rivers. Today, even though the road traffic network has developed significantly, Cai Rang Floating Market keeps growing and **(34)**__ value to the locals of the country and area in terms of economy, culture, and tourism.

Question 30: A. that **B.** which **C.** who **D.** when

Question 31: A. transformation **B.** transaction **C.** transport **D.** transceiver

Question 32: A. However **B.** Thus **C.** Although **D.** Due to

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Question 33: A. Most **B.** Few **C.** Another **D.** Other

Question 34: A. takes **B.** brings **C.** does **D.** gets

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 .

Einstein took longer than usual to begin to speak. He began sometime after his second birthday. He was also rebellious towards authority when he was at school. These two facts may have been the origin of a popular myth that Einstein was a bad student and that he failed at school. This is simply not true. Einstein was **outstanding** at physics and Math when he was young. At sixteen, he wrote a brilliant essay that had a direct link with his later work in relativity. The myth may also come from the fact that at sixteen, he tried to get into the prestigious Federal Polytechnic in Zurich. The normal entrance age was eighteen. It seems he failed some of the non-science subjects, doing badly in French, for example. The school did not take him. But the next year, he passed. In later life, Einstein was well-known for making some mistakes in his Math and the Math he was doing was not exactly straightforward.

Einstein's brain was quite special, a part of **it** is responsible for mathematical thought and spatial-kinesthetic intelligence. In Einstein's brain, this region was 15 percent wider than average. Besides, the line running from the front of the brain to the back was not complete. They think that this allowed the two halves of Einstein's brain to talk to each other more fluently. How do we know all this? After he died, a curious scientist removed his brain to check it out.

(Adapted from "Gateway B2, by David Spencer)

Question 35: Which of the following is **NOT** true about Einstein according to the passage?

A. He was exceptional in physics and math during his younger years.

B. His later work in relativity was found to be connected with the essay written when he was sixteen.

C. He was good at literature and languages in his secondary school.

D. He was famous for making mistakes in his mathematics during his later years.

Question 36: The word "**it**" in the last paragraph refers to _____.

A. intelligence **B.** thought **C.** maths **D.** Einstein's brain

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 .

To be successful, a business traveler must be able to maintain contact with the office, no matter what the time or place. Negotiations often involve decisions based on the latest figures; therefore, modern employers tend to look for those who are able to master **state-of-the-art** equipment. New telecommunications products and services now on the market make staying in touch easier than ever before.

The most widespread device is the cellular telephone, the price of which has dropped from several thousand dollars to a few hundred, including installation. Users of any budgets can afford one with all necessary functions to meet their need to communicate, to entertain or to study and work. There are over 2 million mobile cellular phones in use today, including both car phones and cordless transportable units. Car phones have proven indispensable for road emergencies as well as routine business transactions. Phone service is also available on airplanes and on the rails.

Recently introduced pocket-size organizers help business travelers with heavy schedules keep track of clients. These are tiny computers that can store all kinds of information that can satisfy any users in spite of any jobs they have. **They** can serve as phone and address directories, calendars, electronic memo pads, and calculators, among other uses. As a result, this device has become an indispensable assistant for many people.

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Another invaluable telecommunications tool is smaller, lighter fax machines that plug into any standard electrical outlet and phone line. The devices allow **instantaneous** transmission of hard copy to any location having a compatible fax machine. It is expected that faxing will soon become the primary means of sending and receiving short documents requiring prompt attention. Fax machines have come in a wide range of models and greater offer of applications.

Question 37: According to paragraph 1, what do negotiations require?

A. the latest figures about the market and consumers

B. judgments based on the most recent data

C. new telecommunications products and services

D. the market and products that are popular

Question 38: The word **They** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. The computer users

B. The pocket-size computers

C. All kinds of information

D. Different jobs

Question 39: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. The price of cellular phones has decreased drastically.

B. Cellular phones have become popular in many fields.

C. A wide range of data can be stored in pocket-size organizers to meet the needs of all users.

D. Few people have relied on pocket-size computers as their primary assistance.

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