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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. b<u>i</u>rd **B.** kn<u>i</u>fe **C.** t<u>i</u>me **D.** m<u>i</u>nd

Question 2: A. blo<u>c</u> **B.** <u>c</u>ure **C.** <u>c</u>ity **D.** <u>c</u>ave

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. subscribe **B.** recruit **C.** publish **D.** protect

Question 4: A. benefit **B.** furniture **C.** industry **D.** reviewer

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 bomb exploded with a loud bang, _____ the whole building.

A. was destroyed **B.** to destroy **C.** destroying **D.** destroyed

Question 6: They want to cancel the match, _____?

A. do they **B.** don't they **C.** are they **D.** didn't they

Question 7: The postman rang the bell while Martin _____ the car.

A. was repairing **B.** repairs **C.** is repairing **D.** repaired

Question 8: If your father ever finds out that you've been taking days off school he'll come down on you like a _____ of bricks

A. wheelbarrow **B.** ton **C.** pile **D.** load

Question 9: In the future world, the _____ experience of all people on the planet will be recorded.

A. collection **B.** collector **C.** collect **D.** collective

Question 10: Hanh will finish all her work _____.

A. while her boss was returning **B.** after her boss had returned

C. as soon as her boss returns **D.** before her boss returned

Question 11: I'm not sure if I'm capable _____ handling this difficult situation.

A. of **B.** at **C.** in **D.** with

Question 12: This car is _____ in the showroom

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A. the more expensive **B.** more expensive **C.** so expensive **D.** the most expensive

Question 13: This beautiful painting _____ to us last year.

A. gives **B.** was given **C.** was giving **D.** has given

Question 14: The agencies are working together to coordinate _____ on food safety.

A. policy **B.** procedure **C.** rule **D.** campaign

Question 15: I _____ a few adjustments to the gears, and my bike works much better now.

A. did **B.** made **C.** formed **D.** acted

Question 16: She threatened _____ me to court for not paying the bill on time.

A. taking **B.** taken **C.** to take **D.** take

Question 17: When he retires, he will be able to look back over a brilliant _____.

A. job **B.** career **C.** work **D.** occupation

Question 18: I was consoling Joey on her having _____ with her boyfriend.

A. broken away **B.** grown up **C.** grown on **D.** broken up

Question 19: When I visited the zoo yesterday, I saw_____ elephant.

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

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: *Sarah and Jenifer are talking about gender equality in employment.*

- Sarah: "I believe that married women should not pursue a career."

- Jenifer: "_____. Doing the same things at home every day is really tiring and boring."

A. I don't agree with you **B.** Keep up the good work

C. Oh, I don't know **D.** I couldn't agree more

Question 21: *Peter is talking to Mary about eating habits.*

- Peter: "You should eat more fruits and vegetables."

- Mary: "_____."

A. No, thanks **B.** You're welcome **C.** My pleasure **D.** Yes, I will

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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: Using dictionaries is not permitted in the examination.

A. You needn't use dictionaries in the examination.

B. You shouldn't use dictionaries in the examination.

C. You mustn't use dictionaries in the examination.

D. You won't use dictionaries in the examination.

Question 23: They said, "We'll be moving to a new house next month."

A. They said they will be moving to a new house next month.

B. They told they would be moving to a new house the following month.

C. They said they would be moving to a new house the following month.

D. They told us they will be moving to a new house next month.

Question 24: The last time I saw my fellows was a month ago.

A. I have not seen my fellows for a month. **B.** I have seen my fellows for a month.

C. I did not see my fellows for a month. **D.** I saw my fellows for a month.

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: Some of his activities are illegal, but the local authorities tend to turn a blind eye to him.

A. him **B.** turn **C.** Some **D.** but

Question 26: Andrew said that stairways in the affected buildings are in eminent danger of collapse and unsafe for residents to use.

A. collapse **B.** eminent **C.** to use **D.** affected

Question 27: I cycle to my village at this time last Sunday.

A. my village **B.** at **C.** last **D.** cycle

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: Mrs. Daisy broke up with her husband. Then she understood all what he had sacrificed for her.

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A. No sooner had Mrs. Daisy understood all what her husband had sacrificed for her than she broke up with him.

B. Only after Mrs. Daisy had broken up with her husband did she understand all what he had sacrificed for her.

C. Only by breaking up with her husband did Mrs. Daisy understand all what he had sacrificed for her.

D. Hardly had Mrs. Daisy understood all what her husband had sacrificed for her when she broke up with him.

Question 29: He didn't know the road was icy. Thus, he was driving very fast.

A. If he knew the road was icy, he wouldn't drive so fast.

B. If he had known the road was icy, he would have been driving so fast.

C. If he had known the road was icy, he wouldn't have been driving so fast.

D. If he knew the road was icy, he would drive so fast.

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.

Through the centuries, the dream of medieval alchemists was to discover how to turn lead and (30)_____ "base" metals into gold. Some were fakes, but many were learned men with philosophical goals. Their (31)_____ was based on the ancient idea that all matter consists of different proportions of just four substances - earth, water, fire, and air. They believed that it was possible to adjust the proportions of the elements that made up lead by chemical means so that it turned into gold, a process called transmutation. Their experiments were concerned with finding the substance - (32)_____ they called the *philosopher's stone* - that, when added to lead, would cause this astonishing change to take place. Alchemists also searched for the *elixir of life,* a substance that could cure diseases and (33)_____ life. They failed on both counts. (34)_____, their techniques for preparing and studying chemicals helped lay the foundation for the modern science of chemistry.

(Adapted from "VSTEP Collection")

Question 30: A. another	**B.** others	**C.** other	**D.** one
Question 31: A. expedition	**B.** quest	**C.** adventure	**D.** investigation
Question 32: A. which	**B.** who	**C.** where	**D.** whose
Question 33: A. prolong	**B.** lengthen	**C.** expand	**D.** increase
Question 34: A. Despite	**B.** However	**C.** Furthermore	**D.** Therefore

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.

There are many kinds of books in the world. They fall into two categories which are fiction and non-fiction. Well-received books from either kind are even made into movies and games.

Fiction books are written using the imagination. The characters and events surrounding them are not real. Fiction books can be found in abundance at bookstores and libraries. They can even be found on the shelves of comic shops and game shops. Often, fiction books are written in two or three combinations from the science, fantasy and classical groups. The most popular kind among youngsters is probably in the area of **fantasy**. Anything involving magic and witchcraft, space-crafts and aliens, or superheroes and time travel may be used in this category.

Many different kinds of non-fiction books are available on the market. These are written about facts, real people, real events and real places. Most of the time, non-fiction books are written by people who have experienced or witnessed the happenings themselves. Real-life stories can also be contributed by readers and thus **they** can be found in magazines and newspapers.

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As more books are written and produced across the globe, our choice for selection also increases. Although reading is a good form of habit, choosing the right kind of books to read is just as important. We, as the readers, have the responsibility to learn to choose wisely.

(*Adapted from Conquer Comprehension 3* by *Judy Tilaka & Felicia Wong*)

Question 35: Which of the following is NOT true in the passage?

A. Choosing a suitable book is not as important as developing a habit of reading.

B. Both popular fiction and non-fiction books are made into games.

C. Reading the right kind of books is important.

D. Non-fiction books are based on the writers' experiences.

Question 36: According to paragraph 2, fiction books involve _____.

A. real life stories **B.** imaginary events **C.** experience **D.** facts

Question 37: The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. real-life stories **B.** readers **C.** non-fiction books **D.** the happening

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.

Within the space of a few decades, video game technology has changed beyond recognition. From basic single-player computer games involving simple stick controls, we can now **manipulate** the movements of computer game characters with our bodies. We can even invite other people from anywhere in the world to join us in online games. So how might gaming evolve in the next few decades?

The average age of gamers has risen to about 30 in recent years. Experts agree that this trend is likely to continue. Not only are people continuing to play games later in life, but now even older people with no computer skills can also confidently take part in the games console revolution. More and more games are designed to need very little pressing of buttons. Games of the future may even be completely voice-activated. Because of this user-friendliness, game designers are trying to appeal to a whole new market, the middle-aged. We may soon see the release of games with themes such as gardening or cookery.

The younger generation, however, can push themselves harder with more serious gaming, and they expect games to become a lot more physical in the future. There are already some games that sense the movement of any part of the body. Soon, game consoles will even be **adapted** to the way we feel through our facial expressions. Some games will feel more real than ever through the use of 3D imagery.

Today's most advanced video games are played at home, but it is already common for people to continue playing **them** wherever they go via their phones or similarly-sized gadgets. Businesses could even try to take advantage of this, couldn't they? They could start advertising within games that are being played by people in their target groups, those who live in certain areas or by people with particular tastes.

(Adapted from On Screen B2 by Virginia Evans- Jenny Dooley)

Question 38: According to paragraph 2, what is one factor making game consoles more accessible to older people?

A. Games requiring less button pressing. **B.** Introduction of virtual reality technology.

C. Decrease in the price of game consoles. **D.** Improved graphics and sound effects.

Question 39: The word **"them"** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

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A. phones **B.** gadgets **C.** video games **D.** people

Question 40: Which of the following is **NOT** true about future games according to the passage?

A. Computer games might be more popular with middle-aged people.

B. Video games for younger players will be physically demanding.

C. Some games are more lifelike with 3D images.

D. Gaming will only be limited to playing at home.

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