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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. century B. culture C. secure D. applicant

Question 2: A. find B. think C. drive D. mind

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. separate B. classify C. develop D. organize

Question 4: A. support B. employ C. donate D. govern

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: I'm thinking of buying _____ new pair of shoes for my sister's wedding.

- A. a B. Ø (no article) C. an D. the

Question 6: The blue whale is by far _____ animal on Earth.

- A. the most heavy B. the heaviest C. more heavy D. heavier

Question 7: After months of hard work, the team finally turned _____ and launched their new product successfully.

- A. a blind eye B. over a new leaf C. a deaf ear D. the corner

Question 8: Question 8: Lily loves kitchen work. She often helps her mom _____ the dishes.

- A. wash through B. wash up C. wash over D. wash away

Question 9: If you don't want your business to __ bankrupt, avoid consulting those willing to step out on a limb.

- A. come B. take C. go D. pay

Question 10: With lack of fresh water and poor sanitation, people _____ in this small area face a threat of developing infectious diseases.

- A. living B. lived C. is living D. to live

Question 11: Secondary education is now compulsory nationwide, _____?

- A. wasn't it B. does it C. isn't it D. was it

Question 12: Humans depend on species _____ to have food, clean air and water, and fertile soil for agriculture.

- A. diversity B. minority C. capacity D. majority

Question 13: Going on a roller coaster ride makes me experience motion _____.

- A. illness B. weakness C. tiredness D. sickness

Question 14: Don't forget _____ further funds in the research project on protecting the environment.

- A. to raise B. raise C. to raising D. raising

Question 15: The letter _____ to her parents last night.

- A. was written B. writes C. was writing D. has written

Question 16: The most _____ thing about it is the large number of color photographs.

- A. fascinate B. fascination C. fascinatingly D. fascinating

Question 17: You should share your writing with her because it is different _____ hers.

- A. among B. from C. with D. on

Question 18: The accident happened when the drunken man _____ to work.

- A. is driving B. was driving C. drives D. drove

Question 19: _____, she will have made a big cake.

- A. After you dropped in her house B. When you will drop in her house
C. Until you had dropped in her house D. By the time you drop in her house

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 Minh are talking about music.

- Sarah: "I think music can heal our soul and enhance our mood."

- Minh: "_____. Listening to music is an effective way to release stress and bring us good feelings."

- A. It's hard to say so B. I couldn't agree more
C. I'm afraid it is not true D. I like music, too

Question 21: Peter is talking to Mary, his classmate.

- Peter: "Shall we go out tonight?"; Mary: "_____"

- A. It's acceptable B. That's a great idea C. It's kind of you. D. You're welcome.

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 26: I last went to the cinema two weeks ago.

- A. I went to the cinema for two weeks. B. I didn't go to the cinema for two weeks.
C. I have gone to the cinema for two weeks. D. I haven't gone to the cinema for two weeks.

Question 27: "I saw a shooting star last night," she told her friends.

- A. She told her friends she saw a shooting star the previous night.
B. She told her friends she was seeing a shooting star the night before.
C. She told her friends she had seen a shooting star the night before.
D. She told her friends that she had seen a shooting star last night.

Question 28: It is essential for you to wash your hands before eating.

- A. You could your hands before eating. B. You must wash your hands before eating.
C. You needn't wash your hands before eating. D. You can wash your hands before eating.

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 29: She is on the front cover of a famous magazine last week.

- A. front B. magazine C. is D. of

Question 30: In the 1930s, the nation of Germany was well known for theirs amazing flying machines known as dirigibles.

- A. nation B. for C. dirigibles D. theirs

Question 31: To ensure a mutually beneficent outcome, it is necessary that both parties be fully informed of all relevant information.

- A. beneficent B. informed C. necessary D. relevant

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 32: He missed too many lessons. Thus, he couldn't retake the exam.

- A. He could retake the exam if he didn't miss too many lessons.
B. If he hadn't missed too many lessons, he could have retaken the exam.
C. Had he missed too many lessons, he could have retaken the exam.
D. If he hadn't missed too many lessons, he might not have retaken the exam.

Question 33: He had just finished eating his breakfast. Then he fell down.

- A. Hardly did he finished eating his breakfast when he fell down.
 - B. Barely he had finished eating his breakfast when he fell down.
 - C. Hardly have he finished eating his breakfast when he fell down.
 - D. Scarcely had he finished eating his breakfast when he fell down.

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 .

An Energy Booster

When you train, your body loses the essential vitamins and nutrients necessary to function properly. For many years, athletes have compensated for this loss by drinking beverages designed to restore and rehydrate what the body loses. One such substance (30) _____ has been on the market as a nutritious substitute is the sports drink Gatorade. Gatorade got its start back in 1965, when (31) _____ medical researchers at the University of Florida were asked by the football team to find a dietary (32) _____ that would help keep the players energetic during the long, hot practices in the Florida heat. The doctors went about experimenting to create a new, healthy sports drink. (33) _____ it took a lot of work, they eventually came up with a drink that helped improve athletes' endurance. The team decided to call the drink 'Gatorade'. Soon, the entire team started drinking Gatorade regularly, and to prove the (34) _____ of the new tonic, the Gators went on to win the Orange Bowl in 1967.

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.

During the five days of Diwali, every home and temple was decorated, inside and outside, with lovely clay lamps and colourful candles. After dark, the whole neighbourhood **glittered** with thousands of tiny lights, as though in a fairy tale. Excited children set off firecrackers, and at first, I was frightened by the loud bangs, but the spectacular display was so fascinating that I soon joined in the spirit of the celebration.

Last autumn I was in India during Diwali, the "Festival of Lights" which takes place every year to celebrate the victory of good over evil. This festival lasts for five days and is held at the end of October or in the first week of November.

Diwali is a deeply moving festival. I am very grateful I had the chance to share in this celebration of peace and harmony. I have fond memories of the experience, and in particular I will never forget how friendly and generous the people were.

Preparations began weeks before the event. People cleaned their homes and painted wonderful designs called rangolis on the walls and floors. They bought beautiful new clothes and jewelry to wear during the festival, and women made delicious sweets which were better than any others I have ever tasted.

Question 35: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 4 as preparations before the event?

- A. People decorated their houses. B. People bought new clothes and jewelry.

- C. Women made tasty candies. D. Women went to pagodas to pray for health.

Question 36: According to paragraph 2, which of the following can be true about the "Festival of Lights"?

- A. It takes place annually. B. Its aim is to celebrate the victory of evil over good
C. It lasts for 2 weeks. D. It takes place in the second week of November

Question 37: The word **others** in paragraph 4 refers to _____

- A. people B. women C. sweets D. clothes

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 .

In the United States, air-conditioning has influenced the movement of population from the cooler northern states to the southern ones. Since air-conditioning made life more pleasant in the summer months, states like Florida and Arizona began to draw people from the north. This population **shift** has affected regional economies between northern and southern states.

The effects of air-conditioning on society are hardly limited to the United States. Singapore's Senior Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, claims that air-conditioning is one reason for Singapore's rise as an Asian power. In his view, societies in the past progressed most rapidly in countries with cooler climates, but now that countries in tropical zones are using air-conditioning, **they** can also expand and grow. The use of air-conditioning is seen in some Asian countries as a way to show **status**. In Hong Kong, for example, office managers tend to keep temperatures extremely cold, sometimes at only 60°F (16°C), 10 to 14°F (6 to 7°C) below the recommended settings. The main reason is simply to show that the company can afford it.

Although air-conditioning has led to economic improvement and has increased daily comfort for people everywhere, its impact on the environment has not been so positive. First, air conditioning units release polluting chemicals into the air, which contribute to global warming. Furthermore, running air-conditioning on a large scale requires enormous amounts of energy. The burning of coal and oil to produce this energy also contributes to air pollution and thus, to global warming.

In some countries, governments and industry are beginning to search for ways to reduce the harm caused by air-conditioning. In Japan, summer temperatures have been raised in office buildings to conserve energy. In the United States, government, industry, and private groups are searching for ways to reduce the amount of dangerous chemicals released by air conditioners. Staying cool is important, and many cannot imagine life without air-conditioning. However, new technologies are to be found to make sure that air-conditioning does not create more problems than it solves.

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Question 38: According to paragraph 2, the recommended temperature settings are _____.

- A. 70 to 74 °F (22 to 23°C) B. 60 to 70°F (16 to 22°C)
C. 10 to 14°F (6 to 7°C) D. 46 to 50°F (8 to 10°C)

Question 39: The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. societies in the past B. countries with cooler climates
C. countries in tropical zones D. some Asian countries

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

- A. Air-conditioning is environmentally destructive as it requires a lot of energy to run.

- B.** Keeping office temperatures warmer is one of the recommended energy-conserving solutions.
- C.** Most companies in Hong Kong fail to cover the expenses for air-conditioning their offices.
- D.** Reducing harmful effects of air conditioners requires collaboration among economic sectors.