KHẢO SÁT CHẤT LƯỢNG ĐỊNH KÌ .

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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**. cast **B**. cite **C**. cold **D**. cup

Question 2. A. bite **B**. sign **C**. hide **D**. fill

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. carry **B**. admit **C**. decline **D**. protect

Question 4. A. courteous **B**. natural **C**. effective **D**. powerful

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. Hana rarely goes to the theatre, _____ ?

A. didn't she **B**. has she **C**. doesn't she **D**. does she

Question 6. I find that _____ Japanese are very friendly.

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

Question 7. Because of working hard, Jimmy finally achieved _____.

A. successful **B**. success **C**. succeed **D**. successfully

Question 8. He has the habit of _____ notes in English lessons.

A. doing **B**. staying **C**. holding **D**. taking

Question 9. Huyen _____ to play the guitar since she was 8.

A. has learnt **B**. had learnt **C**. is learning **D**. was learning

Question 10. During the first 10 minutes of the presentation, her lack of confidence _____ out a mile.

A. lay **B**. stuck **C**. kept **D**. met

Question 11. Do you think that teachers _____ by robots in the future?

A. replace **B**. were replaced **C**. have replaced **D**. will be replaced

Question 12. A member of a political _____ is expected to deliver a speech at the national park this evening.

A. staff **B**. crew **C**. party **D**. band

Question 13. She expressed her gratitude to everyone _____ behalf of the president.

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

Question 14. Laura decided to _____ the job offer as she didn't want to move to a new city.

A. turn down **B**. take over **C**. go after **D**. make for

Question 15. They will give a performance _____ .

A. when their school organised the prom **B**. once their school organises the prom

C. before their school organised the prom **D**. after their school had organised the prom

Question 16. Tony forgot _____ his name on the exam paper.

A. writing **B**. write **C**. written **D**. to write

Question 17. I thought that my favourite volleyball team would make it to the final, and it turned out that was a(n) _____ guess.

A. influenced **B**. motivated **C**. inspired **D**. aroused

Question 18. Nowadays, the problem of child abuse is getting _____ serious.

A. more than **B**. more and more **C**. the more **D**. the more than

Question 19. The new policy will be helpful for people _____ calls from unverified mobile phone numbers.

A. received **B**. to receive **C**. receive **D**. receiving

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined bold word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 20. Jane was the centre of attention when she wore an **elegant** dress at the party.

A. stylish **B**. difficult **C**. unattractive **D**. tiring

Question 21. The university has just implemented a policy that **prohibits** smoking on campus.

A. permits **B**. accepts **C**. forbids **D**. refuses

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 22. A final agreement hasn't been reached yet because they **are at loggerheads** over the cost.

A. think in a creative way **B**. are in disagreement

C. share the viewpoint **D**. become totally exhausted

Question 23. She has **neglected** her studies for months, so it's not surprising that she got bad marks at the mid-term exam.

A. glanced at **B**. concentrated on **C**. searched for **D**. been inattentive

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 24. David and Martin are talking about urbanisation.

- David: "I think urbanisation brings about many advantages to city life."
- Martin: " _____ . It can lead to some issues such as pollution or traffic congestion."

A. That's for sure **B**. I go along with you

C. I don't quite agree **D**. It's great to hear that

Question 25. Sam and Linh are at a coffee shop.

- Sam: "Would you like to have some coffee or a glass of lemonade?"
- Linh: " _____ "

A. No, I like both. **B**. Either is fine. **C**. Yes, I'd love to. **D**. You're welcome.

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 from 26 to 30.

STAYING IN TOUCH

People have been recording information in the form of writing since ancient times. Latin, the language of religion, and French, the language of the rich and powerful, were the (26) _____ languages in the Middle Ages in Europe. Subjects were usually connected to religion, trade and government, although historians have also come across love letters (27) _____ people wrote to stay in touch in those times.

After the invention of the printing press in the mid-fifteenth century, books and documents in people's native languages became readily available. This, together with improvements in education and the spread of postal services in the nineteenth century, permitted families and friends to (28) _____ messages to each other by letter. Maintaining contact was much easier than it had ever been. In recent years, (29)_____ , everything has changed. Mobile phones, emails and text messages are replacing letters. Why bother writing a letter when you can make small talk on the phone for very little cost? (30) _____ people would agree, however, that there is something very special about receiving a personal, handwritten letter.

(Adapted from *High Note* by Rachael Roberts and Caroline Krantz)

Question 26. **A**. realised **B**. preferred **C**. expected **D**. compared

Question 27. **A**. what **B**. whose **C**. when **D**. that

Question 28. **A**. receive **B**. contribute **C**. transfer **D**. convey

Question 29. **A**. moreover **B**. because **C**. though **D**. in contrast

Question 30. **A**. Another **B**. Every **C**. Few **D**. Most

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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 31 to 35.

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 B1 Preliminary* by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)

Question 31. Which could be the best title for the passage?

A. Finding a Job Online
B. Tips to Have a Well-Paid Job
C. The New Era of Job Finding?
D. Choosing a Career

Question 32. According to paragraph 1, what is the advice given for choosing a job?

A. You should choose a job that can be very demanding.
B. It's a good idea to find a paid job that you really like.
C. It's advisable to choose a highly-paid job.
D. It's recommended that you should avoid a boring job.

Question 33. The word **informed** in paragraph 2 mostly means _____ .

A. unexpected **B**. quick **C**. wise **D**. hard

Question 34. The word **They** in paragraph 3 refers to _____ .

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

Question 35. 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 36 to 42.

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

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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.

(Adapted from *High Note* by Rachael Roberts and Caroline Krantz)

Question 36. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

A. Are Endangered Species Getting Enough Attention?

B. They Need Saving Too!

C. 'Ugly Animals': Why Do They Become Extinct?

D. Conservation Programmes for Unattractive Species

Question 37. The phrase **appeals to** in paragraph 1 mostly means _____ .

A. requests **B**. interests **C**. damages **D**. replaces

Question 38. According to paragraph 1, what features do the giant panda and the blue whale share?

A. They aren't being saved from extinction.

B. They aren't popular in the animal world.

C. They don't get attention from researchers.

D. They have attractive appearances.

Question 39. The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to _____ .

A. chemical pesticides **B**. the California condors

C. dead animals **D**. kilos

Question 40. The word **omen** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____ .

A. behaviour **B**. speed **C**. origin **D**. sign

Question 41. 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.

D. The California condor is under threat due to chemical pollution.

Question 42. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. The complete disappearance of the California condor can affect the food chain.

B. The number of the aye aye is dropping significantly because of their middle finger.

C. The spread of disease could be encouraged by the extinction of the California condor.

D. The blob fish is vulnerable to humans due to their natural defence mechanism.

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 43. Air pollution <u>became</u> very <u>serious</u> in recent years <u>due to</u> human <u>activity</u>.

A **B** **C** **D**

Question 44. The president did not sound <u>unduly</u> concerned that the new <u>policy</u> would be

A **B**

<u>disadvantaged</u> to the <u>future development</u> of the company.

C **D**

Question 45. If the essay <u>were</u> written in a <u>simpler</u> way, <u>they</u> would be rated <u>as</u> good.

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A **B** **C** **D**

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 46. I'm sure that he didn't commit the crime as he was with me at that time.

A. He can't have committed the crime as he was with me at that time.

B. He needn't have committed the crime as he was with me at that time.

C. He should have committed the crime as he was with me at that time.

D. He must have committed the crime as he was with me at that time.

Question 47. "Did you go to the beach yesterday?" asked my friend.

A. My friend asked me if I went to the beach yesterday.

B. My friend asked me if I had gone to the beach the day before.

C. My friend asked me if I have gone to the beach yesterday.

D. My friend asked me if I would go to the beach the previous day.

Question 48. She began to work for this charitable organisation 5 years ago.

A. She hasn't worked for this charitable organisation for 5 years.

B. She didn't work for this charitable organisation 5 years ago.

C. She last worked for this charitable organisation 5 years ago.

D. She has worked for this charitable organisation for 5 years.

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 49. They couldn't afford a meal at a restaurant. They were very poor.

A. If it hadn't been for their poverty, they could afford a meal at a restaurant.

B. Unless they were very poor, she could afford a meal at a restaurant.

C. But for their poverty, they could have afforded a meal at a restaurant.

D. If they had been poor, they couldn't have afforded a meal at a restaurant.

Question 50. He will develop serious diseases if he continues living a sedentary lifestyle. He isn't aware of that much.

A. No matter how much he is aware of, he will develop serious diseases if he continues living a sedentary lifestyle.

B. Not until he stopped living a sedentary lifestyle did he understand how he developed serious diseases.

C. So serious are his diseases that he isn't aware of the danger of living a sedentary lifestyle.

D. So little does he realise that he will develop serious diseases if he continues living a sedentary lifestyle.

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