

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. passeded B. wisheded C. touched D. moved

Question 2: A. shame B. drank C. cable D. blaze

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which differs from the other three in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. defend B. precede C. decent D. expand

Question 4: A. confidence B. computer C. document D. maximum

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: Many people are deeply unhappy about the way the government has handled this matter, _____?

A. are they B. aren't they C. do they D. don't they

Question 6: Nylon _____ by an American chemist, Julian Hill in the 1930s.

A. invented B. was invented C. invent D. was inventing

Question 7: The basic design of the car is very similar _____ that of earlier models.

A. in B. with C. to D. of

Question 8: _____ a car is, the more comfortable it is.

A. More expensive B. Most expensive
C. The more expensive D. The most expensive

Question 9: We'll go and have a party outdoor _____.

A. before the weather was good B. as long as the weather is good
C. after the weather has been good D. when the weather will be good

Question 10: I will tell David you are looking for him when I _____ him tomorrow.

A. see B. will see C. saw D. was seeing

Question 11: _____ young, she has become a success as a businesswoman.

A. Despite B. Due to C. Although D. Because

Question 12: It was made of a _____ material.

A. metallic strange green B. strange green metallic
C. green strange metallic D. green metallic strange

Question 13: _____ by my success, Tom decided not to quit his job.

A. To encourage B. Having encouraged C. Encouraged D. Encouraging

Question 14: During a _____ business career, she accumulated a great amount of wealth.

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

Question 15: I know you don't like Jack's idea, but just _____ with him for a while.

A. get out B. get along C. play along D. play out

Question 16: Everyone else in my class laughed loudly about something my teacher had said, but I didn't _____ the joke.

A. take B. tell C. make D. get

Question 17: If you have any information that is _____ to the investigation, you should call the police.

A. substantial B. material C. identical D. rational

Question 18: The hospital hit the _____ and became the center of a media storm when a number of suspicious deaths occurred.

A. books B. ceiling C. buffers D. headlines

Question 19: The judge has decided to _____ his decision until a later date because there wasn't enough evidence.

A. preserve B. reserve C. maintain D. conserve

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

Question 20: It is an independent voluntary organization which aims to provide assistance to people in need.

A. necessity B. hardship C. obstacle D. requirement

Question 21: Manufacturing plants which produce large amounts of carbon dioxide should closely monitor the emission.

A. nearly B. exactly C. carefully D. strongly

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: That visitors throw garbage into the ocean shows how shallow their commitment to the environment really is.

A. deep B. serious C. attentive D. significant

Question 23: She demonstrated a clear determination to win because she didn't throw in the towel just because she had lost one game.

A. admit that she has been defeated B. stop trying to win
C. have the chance to succeed D. do her best to achieve victory

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: Ronaldo and Messi are meeting at an outdoor cafe serving drinks.

- **Messi:** "Which drink do you want, coke or water?"

- **Ronaldo:** "_____ because it's better for our health than coke."

A. Either will do B. I'd prefer a glass of water
C. I don't like both of them D. No thanks, I've just had some

Question 25: Giang is showing his appreciation of Loan's new shirt.

- **Giang:** "You look great in that new shirt."

- **Loan:** "_____"

A. You like it, right? B. I appreciate it.
C. I don't think so. D. That's kind of you to say so.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction on each of the following questions.

Question 26: He introduced himself to me and asked if I'd like him to visit once in awhile on his rounds. A B C D

Question 27: I am watching an interesting football match at the same time yesterday. A B C D

Question 28: All the candidates for the scholarship will be equally treated regardless of her age, sex, or nationality. 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 the sentence given in each of the following questions.

Question 29: This is the first time I have attended such an enjoyable wedding party.

- A. I have ever attended such an enjoyable wedding party before.
- B. I attended such an enjoyable wedding party a long time ago.
- C. I didn't attend such an enjoyable wedding party for a long time.
- D. I have never attended such an enjoyable wedding party before.

Question 30: "It's me who broke your vase," Jane said to Ann.

- A. Jane accused Ann of breaking her vase.
- B. Ann prevented Jane from breaking her vase.
- C. Jane denied breaking Ann's vase.
- D. Jane admitted having broken Ann's vase.

Question 31: It isn't necessary for you to worry about these trivial things.

- A. You may worry about these trivial things.
- B. You needn't worry about these trivial things.
- C. You shouldn't worry about these trivial things.
- D. You must worry about these trivial things.

Mark the letter A, B, C, on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 32: She lives so far away. He really wants her to visit him more regularly.

- A. If she doesn't live so far away, she will be able to visit him more regularly.
- B. He wishes she lived near here and could have visited him more regularly.
- C. If only she lived near here and could visit him more regularly.
- D. As long as she lives near here, she will be able to visit him more regularly.

Question 33: His wife helped him much in his work. He was promoted to chief executive.

- A. Only after he had been promoted to chief executive did his wife help him much in his work.
- B. Not only was he promoted to chief executive but his wife also helped him much in his work.
- C. Had it not been for his wife's help in his work, he couldn't have promoted to chief executive.
- D. But for his wife's help in his work, he couldn't have been promoted to chief executive.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 34 to 38.

The (34) _____ girl who fell off a 12th floor apartment in Hanoi and was saved by a truck driver last Sunday was discharged from hospital Friday morning. Hoang Hai Duc, head of pediatric orthopedics at the National Children's Hospital, said a dislocated hip has been fixed and the child would have a (35) _____ after two or three weeks to see if her hips have regained their full function. "This is truly too big a joy for our family," the girl's mother said. The three-year-old dislocated (36) _____ falling 50 m from the balcony in an apartment complex on Nguyen Huy Tuong Street. She fortunately survived after Nguyen Ngoc Manh, a 31-year-old truck driver (37) _____ had parked nearby, clambered up a corrugated roof and caught the falling child. Manh, who slightly injured his arms in the ordeal, said the (38) _____ has turned his life upside down. His story was picked up by the national and international media, turning him into a celebrity overnight. Many called him a hero to his discomfort. "I don't see myself as a hero; I just want to do good," he had said at the time.

Question 34: A. a little

B. little

C. few

D. much

Question 35: A. checkup

B. breakup

C. outbreak

D. breakthrough

Question 36: A. when

B. before

C. after

D. while

Question 37: A. which

B. what

C. whose

D. that

Question 38: A. occasion

B. incident

C. accident

D. situation

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 39 to 43.

The 21st century has become another important century for inventions and discoveries. We are only in the 2nd decade of this century currently but we have already witnessed many big innovations that have drastically changed our way of living. Bluetooth technology, broadband internet, artificial heart, genetic engineering, virtual reality, 3D printing are some to name a few. These inventions are changing the way we live, do our things and communicate with the others. Even though some of these developments are in the early stage of innovation, they have a more sophisticated and promising future. Social media is one of the most important aspects that has affected each person in this modern time.

According to Heidi Cohen, Social Media are the platforms that enable the interactive web by engaging users to participate in, comment on and create content as means of communicating with their social graph, other users and the public. The power of social media has changed most of the things in our daily life. Social media has revolutionized and completely changed the way we send and receive information. **It** is more interactive, can be done in realtime and uses a wide number of media like text, audio, video, pictures, graphics and more. With these sites, sending and receiving messages offline and in realtime, audio and video chatting, sharing pictures, video and text, going “Live” to many audiences, meeting old friends and making new has revolutionized our way of establishing connections with others.

There are also the negative sides of the innovation of social media and their usage. Increase in cyber-crime, invasion of privacy, security threats etc. is some of the issues associated with social networks. But at the same time social networks are working themselves to cope with the increasing problems that arise with the improper use of it. With more and more sophistication and versatility of use, social media have undoubtedly proved to be a **boon** to connectivity and social interaction between people in this age of communication and information technology.

(Adapted from <https://arjungelal.wordpress.com/>)

Question 39: Which of the following could serve as the best title of the passage?

- A. Social Media – One of the Greatest Inventions of the 21st Century
- B. How Positive Social Media Changes Our Lives?
- C. Advantages and Disadvantages of Social Media
- D. Important Inventions in Modern Society

Question 40: What does the word “**it**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. information
- B. the way
- C. social media
- D. the power

Question 41: The following are benefits brought by social media mentioned in paragraph 2, **EXCEPT** _____.

- A. connecting people all over the world
- B. keeping contact with others via various ways
- C. helping people exchange information in a more interactive way
- D. increasing the private invasion of users

Question 42: According to the passage, which of the following sentences is **TRUE**?

- A. The new inventions remain the way we interact with each other.
- B. It’s unlikely for people to process documents on social media.
- C. Using social media improperly will increase the problems for users.
- D. People nowadays send and receive more online messages than normal.

Question 43: The word “**boon**” in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. benefit
- B. drawback
- C. challenge
- D. advance

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 44 to 50.

Six the Musical tells the stories of King Henry VIII's six wives through a collection of pop songs as they compare lives to see who suffered the most and who should therefore lead their girl group. The songs are catchy, fun, and exciting, and they are genuinely great pop tunes. The singing performances from the Australian actresses were amazing, and all of **them** were technically very skilled.

It originated as a college student's concept album and it is clear even in performance that it is not designed to exist as anything more than that. The dialogue is clumsy and tonally confused. It gives the audience proverbial whiplash by sounding like a Hi-5 concert one moment to hammy, beginner improv-style dialogue the next, before snapping to blunt, and pretty overt, British jokes about sex and adultery.

Six tries to emulate Hamilton's success by using modern musical elements and basing the story on a 'woke' and empowering retelling of history. But, as a revision on Henry VIII's wives, it just regurgitates a bunch of facts that the audience already knows and sets it to the song. In performance most of the characters are portrayed as strong, independent women, and they pull it off well by anchoring their music in modern-day pop feminists. But the squabbles between the wives play into the stereotype that women are catty and bitch about each other behind their backs. The entire musical is **steeped in** the idea that these women are only notable because of their relationship with King Henry VIII. Only in the last song of the show do the women finally reject Henry VIII and come to support and appreciate each other. Six didn't have to be like that. It could have been about the women supporting each other from the start.

And that is my other problem with Six. It tries to sell itself as a musical when it really isn't. Most of the actresses cannot act or dance, they can only sing, and the choreography they are working with is very **static** compared to the likes of West Side Story, Moulin Rouge or most other musicals. At the same time, the set and lighting design are barely used and don't add much to their performances.

(Source: <https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/>)

Question 44: Which is the most suitable title for the passage?

- A. Feminism in the musical genre.
- B. Reviewing Six the musical.
- C. The fame of a new musical.
- D. A failed copy of Hamilton.

Question 45: The word "**them**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. Henry VIII's wives
- B. pop tunes
- C. performances
- D. actresses

Question 46: The phrase "**steeped in**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. imbued with
- B. connected with
- C. soaked in
- D. implanted in

Question 47: According to paragraph 3, what is the problem with Six the musical?

- A. It tries to follow in the footsteps of the legendary historical musical – Hamilton.
- B. The musical fails to provide a new perspective as a revision on Henry VIII's wives.
- C. The characters can't portray the pop stars they are modelled after.
- D. The cast of Six the musical all consists of female performers.

Question 48: The word "**static**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. stable
- B. steady
- C. unvarying
- D. orderly

Question 49: The author's criticism about the musical is based on the rationale that _____.

- A. a rendition of history should not stray too far from the original version.
- B. historical stories should not be told with adulterous humor and sass.
- C. a musical should combine acting, dancing, singing and set design together.
- D. in Broadway, women's stories don't count unless they are about suffering.

Question 50: Which of the following statements is mentioned about Six the musical?

- A. Six the musical is nothing more than a concept album.
- B. Six the musical's songs belong on the Billboard Hot 100.
- C. Six the musical is a celebration of 16th-century girl power.
- D. Six the musical has a witty, clever, and powerful dialogue.

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