

I. PHONETICS

Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1. A. gap B. generation C. grandparent D. great
2. A. believe B. extend C. respect D. gender

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

3. A. behave B. differ C. argue D. follow
4. A. population B. operation C. infrastructure D. exhibition

II. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

5. Quality of life will be improved _____ the cleaner environment.
A. thanks to B. because C. despite D. in spite of
6. If people use more _____ energy, their negative impact on the environment will be decreased.
A. limited B. renewable C. non-renewable D. fossil fuel
7. She looks _____ because he gets good grades in the final exam.
A. unhappy B. happily C. happiness D. happy
8. _____ is used for the cities that have too many people living in it.
A. population B. overpopulated C. overpopulation D. popularity
9. The volunteers design and _____ a project aiming at cleaning up some areas in their city.
A. carry out B. make up C. get around D. give up
10. Parents' strict rules may put more _____ on teenagers.
A. happiness B. problem C. conflict D. pressure
11. Teenagers tend to be _____ and want to make their own decisions without being controlled by their parents.
A. dependent B. independence C. independent D. dependence
12. I think you _____ follow the doctor's advice to keep fit.
A. shouldn't B. must C. should D. have to
13. _____ fruit and vegetables play an important role in a healthy diet
A. Raw B. Fresh C. Cooked D. Frozen
14. Both mental and _____ health should be taken care of carefully.
A. body B. nutritious C. mind D. physical
15. Generation gap refers _____ the difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations
A. about B. at C. on D. to

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

16. You ought to give up smoking to protect your health

- A. continue B. suffer C. take up D. stop

17. Lack of sleep can lead to many health problems. We should sleep seven to eight hours a night.

- A. prevent B. solve C. improve D. cause

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

18. I can't concentrate on my work because of the noise outside.

- A. focus B. abandon C. neglect D. allow

19. We greatly respect my teacher for all the best lessons that she brought to us.

- A. look up to B. look for C. look forwards D. look down on

Make the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

20. _____ you (ever, visit) _____ Hoi An Ancient town?

21. Everything is going well. We _____ (not have) any problems so far.

22. The police (arrest) _____ two men in connection with the robbery last night.

23. We (know) _____ each other since we (be) _____ at high school.

24. Jane (not talk) _____ with her parents since the argument last week.

25. Over the past few years, Vietnam (become) _____ one of the most popular destinations for foreigners in Southeast Asia.

III. READING

Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

When a person (26) _____ influenced by their friends or peers to adopt a particular type of behavior, fashion style or attitude in order to fit in, this is peer pressure. Feeling accepted is a strong driving force for people of all ages, and so learning how to deal (27) _____ peer pressure - both positive and negative - is an important life skill. Peer pressure is usually perceived as something negative, such as when a person feels compelled by their peers - whether friends or not - to do something that they don't want to do. The teen years are the time when many people experiment and push boundaries, often because they want to (28) _____ their friends. While negative peer pressure makes a person feel unhappy, unwell, or uncomfortable, positive peer pressure boosts a person's feelings of wellness and (29) _____. When individuals align themselves with positive people, the supportive atmosphere can lead to healthy choices. (30) _____, when friends join a club or sports team, or work hard to achieve good marks, it can have a positive effect on everyone in that group.

26. A. remains B. are C. is D. smells

27. A. to B. with C. of D. about

28. A. pursue B. impress C. adapt D. suffer

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| 29. A. arguments | B. conflicts | C. anger | D. happiness |
| 30. A. For instance | B. However | C. Therefore | D. As a result |

Read the text and choose the correct answers.

Where smart cities were once regarded purely as a vision of the future, they are now becoming a reality in numerous urban centres across the globe. From Dubai, Singapore, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and Madrid to Southampton in the UK, we're already beginning to see smart cities provide inhabitants with improved living conditions, easier mobility and cleaner, safer environments, by using cloud computing to power services. But as with all public sector initiatives, smart city services need to be delivered as cost effectively as possible to minimize the taxpayer burden. Often, key decision makers are met with obstacles when it comes to deploying smart services, preventing smart cities initiatives from reaching their full potential – or worse, blocking them altogether.

Central to the functioning of most 'normal' city ecosystems is the underlying data they run on. Regardless as to whether that data is stored on local servers or using cloud storage, when that data is fragmented or incomplete, identifying emerging trends for strategic planning and cost reduction becomes extremely difficult – and because of this, authorities have to adopt an entirely reactive approach. Conversely, in a smart city environment, connected sensors forming an Internet of Things (IoT) provide valuable data for analysis and, in turn, insight into the specific city's behavioral trends. With this level of information, services can be optimized to reduce costs and risk, increase urban flows and manage assets. Importantly, they can also provide real-time connections and interactions between the city's businesses, local governments, service providers and citizens.

In this way, operations and services are elevated through the integration and connections of physical devices via IoT networks, ultimately transforming how a city runs.

31. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

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| A. A question of data. | B. Alignment of minds. |
| C. Smart city's supporters. | D. The same old route. |

32. According to paragraph 1, which statement is correct about the current situation for smart cities?

- A. Smart cities promise technological convenience so high service fees are not a problem.
- B. Dubai, Amsterdam and Hampton are among the cities advancing the title of "smart".
- C. There still exist many challenges for the institution and development of smart cities.
- D. The already successful smart city in the world were the works of policy-makers.

33. The word "they" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

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| A. environments | B. ecosystems | C. services | D. initiatives |
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34. According to paragraph 2, what is the matter that the author wants to emphasize?

- A. Human's urge to share information.
- B. The importance of data network.
- C. The possibilities of tech disasters.
- D. The caliber of artificial intelligence.

35. The word "elevated" in paragraph 3 can be replaced by _____.

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| A. demoted | B. controlled | C. dignified | D. upgraded |
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WRITING

Rewrite the following sentences, using the suggestions.

36. If I were you, I would study harder to pass the exam.

You _____.

37. Let's go swimming together this afternoon!

Why don't _____?

38. The last time I saw her was in 2021.

I _____.

39. It's not advisable for parents to compare their children to others'.

Parents _____.

40. It is forbidden for students to cheat in the exam

Students _____.

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