

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 6.

During the 1960s and '70s, industrialised countries suffered a(n) \_\_\_\_\_(1), and violent crimes such as muggings increased at an alarming rate. What is more, it was expected to \_\_\_\_\_(2) worse. Only it didn't. Instead, it got much, much better. In the 1990s, crime started to fall dramatically, and today it is down by almost 50% across the industrialised world and continues to fall. Triumphant politicians will assert that their policies have cut crime. Actually, \_\_\_\_\_(3) of the country's policies, the trend does coincide \_\_\_\_\_(4) the use and subsequent prohibition of tetraethyl lead in petrol, \_\_\_\_\_(5) for years as a cause of aggressive behaviour. Therefore, countries that still use leaded petrol are being urged to stop \_\_\_\_\_(6) it to help improve health and crime prevention.

Question 1. A. incredible wave crime B. incredible crime wave

C. wave incredible crime

D. crime incredible wave

Question 2. A. do

B. get

C. make

D. put

Question 3. A. regardless

B. regarding

C. regarded

D. regard

Question 4. A. for

B. in

C. by

D. with

Question 5. A. which has known

B. knowing

C. to know

D. known

Question 6. A. to use

B. used

C. use

D. using

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

### Small Steps, Big Impact: Sustainable Living Tips

Making small changes in our daily routines can have a significant effect on our planet. Let's see what you can do to make a difference every day.

#### 🔄 Eye-Opening Facts

Worldwide, over 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ single-use plastic items are among the most harmful to our oceans. We (7) \_\_\_\_\_ billions of plastic bottles and bags annually, most of which end up in \_\_\_\_\_(8) landfills or the sea, threatening wildlife.

#### 🔄 How You Can Help

- Buy fresh, unpackaged fruits and vegetables instead of those wrapped in plastic. Supporting local farmers decreases transport (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and promotes sustainable farming.
- Make homemade meals whenever possible. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ buying pre-packaged snacks, prepare your own to reduce waste.
- Use a cloth shopping bag. This decreases the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of disposable bags in circulation.
- Recycle as much as you can. Sort your waste into (12) \_\_\_\_\_ like paper, metal, and plastic, and drop them off at local recycling facilities.

Question 7. A. others

B. many

C. every

D. another

Question 8. A. go through

B. throw off

C. set up

D. give away

Question 9. A. provisions

B. emissions

C. appreciation

D. management

Question 10. A. Rather than

B. In order to

C. Such as

D. Illustrated by

Question 11. A. amount

B. weight

C. quantity

D. deal

Question 12. A. bundles

B. loads

C. batches

D. categories

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 13 to 17

Question 13.

- a. Mai: - I've been really busy with work lately, but I'm managing. How about you?  
 b. Minh: - Hey, it's been a while! How have you been?  
 c. Minh: - Pretty much the same here. Work has been crazy too.  
 A. b - c - a                      B. a - b - c                      C. b - a - c                      D. c - b - a

**Question 14.**

- a. Sally:- What about you? Have you been working on any new projects?  
 b. Sally: - Hi! Long time no see. How's everything going?  
 c. Janna: - Not really. I've been focusing on improving my skills before starting something new.  
 d. Janna: - Hey! I'm doing well, thanks. Just been really busy with work.  
 e. Sally: - That sounds like a good plan. It's important to be prepared.  
 A. b - d - a - c - e              B. a - b - c - e - d              C. b - a - d - c - e              D. d - b - a - e - c

**Question 15.**

- Dear Mary,  
 a. I really love it and can't wait to use it!  
 b. Thank you so much for the wonderful birthday gift you sent me.  
 c. Hope we can catch up soon!  
 d. It was such a nice surprise, and it means a lot to me that you thought of me on my special day.  
 e. Take care and talk soon!  
 See you  
 A. b - d - a - e - c              B. b - a - d - c - e              C. a - b - d - c - e              D. d - b - a - c - e

**Question 16.**

- a. First of all, recycling plastic reduces the amount of waste in landfills, which helps to decrease pollution.  
 b. In conclusion, recycling plastic is essential for protecting our environment and preserving natural resources for future generations.  
 c. Additionally, by reusing plastic materials, we conserve energy that would otherwise be used to produce new plastic products.  
 d. Recycling plastic has numerous benefits for the environment.  
 e. This not only reduces the demand for raw materials but also lowers greenhouse gas emissions.  
 A. d - a - e - c - b              B. d - a - c - e - b              C. a - d - e - c - b              D. d - e - a - c - b

**Question 17.**

- a. While exercise is important, a healthy lifestyle also requires a balanced diet that provides all the necessary nutrients.  
 b. However, for those who want to lead a truly healthy life, it's not just about physical activity or eating right—mental well-being plays an equally crucial role.  
 c. To maintain a healthy lifestyle, one of the first steps is to incorporate regular physical activity, which not only keeps your body fit but also improves your mental health.  
 d. In conclusion, achieving a healthy lifestyle involves balancing physical, mental, and dietary aspects, all of which work together to improve overall well-being.  
 e. Without managing stress and maintaining a positive outlook, even the best exercise routine and diet may not be enough to ensure long-term health.  
 A. c - a - e - b - d                      B. c - e - b - a - d                      C. a - c - b - e - d                      D. c - a - b - e - d

**Read the following passage about humanoid robots and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 22.**

Gary Hall Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ (18), was an excellent swimmer from a young age. People were amazed at his incredible speed, and he competed at a very high level. However, life didn't make things easy for him and he had to overcome major challenges to achieve his success.

By the age of 22, Gary had already competed at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, \_\_\_\_\_ (19). Gary was so happy and excited about his career. Then, when he was 24 years old, his doctor told him that he had a

health condition called type 1 diabetes, and that he might not be able to continue swimming. Gary was devastated, but after a short break, he decided he wouldn't give up and continued to train with all his strength. \_\_\_\_\_(20)

A year later, at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, Gary gave an amazing performance and won four more medals: two golds, a silver and a bronze. He continued his career and competed at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, where he won another gold and a bronze medal.

According to Gary, being too young in 1996 and having a health condition in 2000, \_\_\_\_\_(21). In 2004, people doubted him because they thought he was too old. However, he proved that they were wrong.

\_\_\_\_\_(22). I admire him because he didn't give up, even when he was exhausted struggling to train and compete. With his determination, he achieved great success. From his story, we can all learn an important life lesson: "To be successful, you must try your best and believe in what you can do".

**Question 18.**

- A. of which birthplace was in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- B. born and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA,
- C. that was born and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA,
- D. having been born and grown up in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

**Question 19.**

- A. where he won four medals - two silvers and two golds - and set an Olympic record
- B. missing two silvers and two golds and breaking an Olympic record
- C. setting an Olympic record but winning 4 medals
- D. on which his four medals were taken and his Olympic record was set

**Question 20.**

- A. The fight against his Diabetes Type 1 was tireless but all to no avail from then on
- B. He tried his best but nothing can compensate for the effort he had put in
- C. Often feeling frustrated because the training was tough, he couldn't achieve any medals in the next two successive Olympics events
- D. It was difficult and he often felt frustrated, but he made great progress.

**Question 21.**

- A. people doubted his chances of success in
- B. he was doubted about his chances of success
- C. his chances of success was doubted by many people
- D. that proved that people doubted his chances of success

**Question 22.**

- A. Had it not been for a special person, Gary Hall Jr. wouldn't have overcome the obstacles to glory
- B. Gary Hall Jr. is a special person in regard to all of the obstacles he overcame on his path to glory
- C. Gary Hall Jr. overcame lots of obstacles so that he was exhausted and gave up.
- D. Being a special person, Gary Hall Jr. refused to exert himself to train and compete.

**Read the following passage about Huawei company and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.**

Over the past few decades, the term 'Hallyu', which translates to "Korean Wave", has made its way to the global stage. The rapid growth of the Hallyu market owes its success to meticulously crafted domestic cultural strategies and **unwavering** government support. Following the Asian financial crisis in 1997, President Kim Dae-jung envisioned a national cultural strategy to revive the economy. Since then, South Korea's cultural industry has been on an upward tendency.

Amongst the latest ranking of most-subscribed-to YouTube accounts, BLACKPINK secures the global top spot of artists, followed by BTS in second place and Justin Bieber in third place. The exportation of cultural industries vividly showcases the escalating influence of Hallyu, now a trump card for South Korea in improving its **soft power**.

BLACKPINK's recent presence at Buckingham Palace is not the first time South Korean idol groups have stepped onto the diplomatic stage. Thanks to the huge fan base and influence of these groups, **they** have become a common sight before foreign affairs visits and leader summits. Back in May 2022, BTS held an audience with US President Joe Biden at the White House, discussing matters concerning anti-Asian hate and racial discrimination.

According to the '2021 National Image Survey' by the South Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, a striking 80.5% of foreigners positively evaluated South Korea's national image. Undoubtedly, the Hallyu wave molds South Korea's national image on their political and cultural fronts.

- Question 23.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a reason for the popularity of Hallyu?
- A. The influence of South Korean idol groups worldwide
  - B. The increase in foreign investment in South Korea
  - C. The support from the South Korean government
  - D. The cultural strategies implemented in South Korea
- Question 24.** The word "**unwavering**" in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to:
- A. inconsistent
  - B. strong
  - C. persistent
  - D. durable
- Question 25.** What does the word "**they**" in paragraph 3 refer to?
- A. foreign leaders
  - B. Korean idol groups
  - C. Korean diplomats
  - D. South Korean citizens
- Question 26.** The phrase "**soft power**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. economic strength
  - B. cultural impact
  - C. military capability
  - D. political pressure
- Question 27.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 1?
- A. The success of the Hallyu market comes from careful planning and consistent backing from the South Korean government.
  - B. The Hallyu market grew quickly due to international strategies and the influence of Korean celebrities.
  - C. The Hallyu market expanded because of increased interest from the global community and government partnerships.
  - D. The rise of Hallyu is mainly due to government support without any domestic cultural planning.
- Question 28.** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
- A. BLACKPINK was the first South Korean idol group to attend an event at Buckingham Palace.
  - B. BTS discussed anti-Asian hate and racial discrimination with Joe Biden at the White House.
  - C. The South Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism conducted a survey in 2022 about the country's national image.
  - D. Only 20% of foreigners have a positive view of South Korea's national image.
- Question 29.** In which paragraph is the impact of Hallyu on diplomatic relations discussed?
- A. Paragraph 1
  - B. Paragraph 2
  - C. Paragraph 3
  - D. Paragraph 4
- Question 30.** In which paragraph is Hallyu mentioned as a factor in enhancing South Korea's soft power?
- A. Paragraph 1
  - B. Paragraph 2
  - C. Paragraph 3
  - D. Paragraph 4

*Read the following passage about studying abroad and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 40.*

Successful students often do the followings while studying. First, they have an overview before reading. Next, they look for important information and pay greater attention to it (which often needs jumping forward or backward to process information). **They** also relate important points to one another. Also, they activate and use their prior knowledge. When they realize that their understanding is not good, they do not wait to change strategies. Last, they can monitor understanding and take action to correct or "fix up" mistakes in comprehension.

Conversely, students with low academic achievement often demonstrate ineffective study skills. [I] They tend to assume a passive role in learning and rely on others (e.g., teachers, parents) to monitor their studying. [II] For example, low-achieving students often do not monitor their understanding of content; they may not be aware of the purpose of studying; and they show little evidence of looking back or employing "**fix-up**" strategies to fix understanding problems. [III] Students who struggle with learning new information seem to be unaware that they must extend effort beyond simply reading the content to understand and remember it. [IV]



D. High-achieving students often ask teachers for help to study better

**Question 40.** Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A. Successful students use flexible and purposeful study skills to enhance understanding, while students with low academic achievement struggle with ineffective study strategies and organization.
- B. Students with low academic achievement often receive the support they need from teachers and parents to develop effective study skills.
- C. Only children with learning disabilities face challenges with organization and effective study habits.
- D. High-achieving students are more focused on completing assignments on time, while low-achieving students prefer reading content repeatedly.