

Read the following advertisement about a new travel platform 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.

FAQ on Finding Travel Buddy

What is the concept of finding a travel buddy at Join MyTrip?

You can find a travel buddy by joining trips hosted by (1) _____, whom we call TripLeaders. The trips are (2) _____ handpicked and curated, offering you the best experience you can't find anywhere else. The TripLeaders will be (3) _____ charge of these trips, from designing the itinerary (4) _____ the way. Furthermore, TripLeaders will accept travelers, (5) _____ TripMates, on their trips and travel together. So, by joining our trips, you can (6) _____ with other amazing travelers from all over the world.

[Adapted from Find Travel Buddy]

- Question 1:** A. travel buddies passionate
B. travel passionate buddies
C. buddies passionate travel
D. passionate travel buddies
- Question 2:** A. careful
B. carefully
C. caring
D. carefulness
- Question 3:** A. about
B. in
C. for
D. with
- Question 4:** A. to leading
B. leading
C. lead
D. to lead
- Question 5:** A. whom is called
B. called
C. calling
D. calls
- Question 6:** A. connect
B. join
C. accompany
D. travel

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.

How the Generation Gap Plays Out in the Workplace

➤ As a recruiter, I am in constant communication with executive clients and HR colleagues. I regularly (7) _____ with candidates I've placed, to see how they are getting on in their new roles. Here are some of the important generational differences I see that can lead to potential (8) _____ if not properly understood:

❖ Communication styles

- The young generation is more (9) _____, quick to offer constructive criticism, individualistic, with a more casual approach.
- Gen X values hard work and long hours, a/k/a 'The Grind' – they are more skeptical, formal, and uncompromising.

❖ Leadership styles

- The young generation is extremely open-minded. They resist micromanagement, and resent pressure. (10) _____ factor that sets them apart is their emphasis on work-life balance.
- (11) _____, their Generation X supervisors, on the other hand, are intensely focussed on the organisational processes that brought the company success; they tend to prioritise (12) _____ and the bottom line.

[Adapted from Jackson Grant]

- Question 7:** A. follow up
B. run down
C. keep tabs
D. take over
- Question 8:** A. conflicts
B. collaborations
C. agreements
D. oppression
- Question 9:** A. clear-cut
B. easygoing
C. indirect
D. straightforward
- Question 10:** A. Others
B. Another
C. The other
D. Other
- Question 11:** A. In case of
B. In contrast
C. Likewise
D. Therefore
- Question 12:** A. results
B. progress
C. experiences
D. stage

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet 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.

a. **Anna:** I've been busy with work and studies, but doing well. How about you?

b. **Nick:** I started a new project. It's keeping me busy, but it's rewarding.

c. **Nick:** Hey! It's been a while. How have you been?

Question 13: A. b-a-c

B. b-c-a

C. c-a-b

D. c-b-a

a. **Ann:** Absolutely! I've been looking forward to it all month. Do you know what activities they have there?

b. **John:** Yes, they have huge water slides, a lazy river, and even a wave pool! I can't wait to try them all.

c. **John:** Hey! Are you excited about the water park trip this weekend?

d. **Ann:** That sounds so fun! I'm definitely going to start with the biggest slide. What about you?

e. **John:** I think I'll try the lazy river first; it sounds relaxing. Then we can go on the slides together!

Question 14: A. e-d-c-a-b

B. e-d-c-a-b

C. d-e-c-a-b

D. c-a-b-d-e

Dear Mai,

a. It's fantastic that you're interested in supporting environmental projects!

b. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

c. With your involvement, we believe we can make a real impact on protecting our environment.

d. We're launching "**Green Future**" to promote eco-friendly practices and organize community clean-ups.

e. We'd love to have you join us in making a difference and inspiring others to do the same.

Warm regards,

Nick

Question 15: A. a-d-e-c-b

B. d-a-c-e-b

C. a-d-c-e-b

D. c-a-b-d-e

a. It is voluntary, but often requires lots of self-discipline and motivation to continue.

b. These days, it has become easier than ever to learn new skills and improve your professional, personal, and social life thanks to new technology.

c. "Lifelong learning" means continuing to acquire new knowledge and skills throughout your life.

d. As a result, individuals can adapt more readily to changing job markets and enhance their overall quality of life.

e. It can occur in many ways, for example, by joining a local course, taking virtual lessons online, or reading books.

[Adapted from I Learn Smart World]

Question 16: A. a-c-e-d-b

B. c-a-e-b-d

C. a-c-e-b-d

D. c-a-e-d-b

a. Despite the political turmoil in the world today, we can all agree that life isn't always perfect.

b. We face hardships to become stronger, recognize our strengths, and appreciate life's beauty.

c. However, pushing through difficult times is not always easy.

d. Regardless of how much money we make, how many friends we have, or how great our jobs are, everyone experiences ups and downs. Life is life.

e. Recently, my social media feeds have been overwhelmed with negative and depressing news, particularly regarding politics.

f. I wonder if you feel the same way; it's hard to escape it.

Question 17: A. e-a-f-d-c-b

B. e-f-a-d-c-b

C. e-a-f-b-c-b

D. e-f-c-b-d-a

Read the following passage about online learning 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.

Virtual assistants, AI-powered software applications, (18) _____. These tools experienced significant growth and gained widespread popularity in 2020. Designed to understand spoken or typed language, they represent (19) _____. Unlike basic software programs, virtual assistants can interact naturally with users, making them useful across various fields, from customer support to productivity enhancement.

Powered by natural language processing (NLP), (20) _____. They analyze and interpret user inputs to provide relevant responses or perform tasks, learning and adapting based on user behavior over time. Thus, virtual assistants (21) _____ and continuously enhance the accuracy of their responses, are becoming increasingly

significant on a global scale. Despite their benefits, these systems also have limitations, particularly in their responses to complex queries or emotionally sensitive topics, as they lack true human understanding.

Recognizing these limitations, (22) _____. Many developers are focused on refining AI interactions to be more accurate and ethically sound. As technology progresses, the integration of AI tools into human workflows is expected to become increasingly seamless. Virtual assistants may soon become even more integral to daily life, assisting with a broader range of personal and professional needs.

Question 18:

- A. have revolutionized the way humans interact with technology
- B. which have revolutionized the way humans interact with technology
- C. revolutionizing the way humans interact with technology
- D. that has revolutionized the human interactions with technology

Question 19:

- A. the period AI-driven tools' popularity increased
- B. during which AI-driven tools are starting to gain widespread attention
- C. gaining popularity for AI-driven tools during this time
- D. a time when AI-driven technologies began to flourish

Question 20:

- A. language patterns are learned by virtual assistants through vast datasets
- B. virtual assistants learn from large datasets to interpret language patterns
- C. learning language patterns is facilitated by large datasets for virtual assistants
- D. vast datasets help virtual assistants in understanding the language

Question 21:

- A. that can efficiently process multiple languages
- B. having efficiently processed multiple languages
- C. who are able to effectively handle multiple languages
- D. were designed to handle multiple languages effectively

Question 22:

- A. the need for improvements in these AI tools is acknowledged
- B. researchers are conducting to improve limitations of these tools
- C. the limitations of these tools highlight the importance of advanced development
- D. the advantages are appreciated by users, despite some known limitations

Read the following passage about smart growth 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.

Smart Growth

Recently, experts have tried to **curb** the spread of suburban sprawl, or at least create urban areas that are developed more purposefully. This is known as "smart growth." City planners create communities that are designed for more walking and less dependency on cars. Some developers recover old communities in downtown urban areas, rather than develop the next piece of farmland or wilderness.

U.S. states such as Oregon are passing laws to prevent unplanned urban sprawl. **They** have created boundaries around cities that limit the growth of development. Officials have created laws stating that the minimum size of a plot of land is 32 hectares (80 acres). This is to prevent developers from creating suburban communities. An 80-acre plot of land is **financially impractical** for a single-family home!

Other smart-growth communities are creating new types of development. Some have large amounts of undeveloped "green space," organic farms, and lakes. Urban areas typically drain the water from rain and snow, which cannot collect in the paved-over ground. Rather than use drainage pipes and ditches, smart-growth communities create wetlands designed to filter storm runoff.

More city planners are developing urban areas by considering their geography. **Engineers construct buildings that integrate seamlessly with the surrounding environment, drawing upon natural resources.**

White roofs, for example, reflect the sun's rays and lower the cost of air conditioning. Homebuilders in urban areas as diverse as Los Angeles, California, U.S., and the island communities of Greece create homes and businesses with white plaster or tile roofs for this reason.

There is also a move toward preserving and maintaining more green areas and planting more trees in urban areas. Landscape designers often consult with city planners to incorporate parks with development.

[Adapted from National Geographic]

Question 23: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in the passage as a feature of smart growth?

- A. Promoting walking instead of driving
B. Revitalizing old neighborhoods
C. Increasing housing prices
D. Preserving green spaces

Question 24: The word "curb" in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. control
B. encourage
C. limit
D. restrict

Question 25: The phrase "financially impractical" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. too suitable
B. too costly
C. easily affordable
D. very reasonable

Question 26: The word "they" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. planners
B. officials
C. U.S. states
D. urban areas

Question 27: Which of the following is **NOT TRUE**, according to paragraphs 2 and 3?

- A. The government restricts development in suburban areas by increasing the requirements for building houses.
B. The government wants people to build houses of at least 80 acres to reduce the cost burden and limit land use.
C. The states encourage residents to develop housing in already developed areas.
D. They have created new technologies to address the issue of rainwater accumulation on paved surfaces.

Question 28: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. The rapid growth gradually leads people toward using natural energy sources and sustainable structures instead of artificial constructions
B. Over time, people have consistently built structures that integrate with the natural environment and efficiently make use of natural energy sources.
C. Structures are optimally designed to blend with the natural environment while effectively utilizing available natural resources
D. Engineers have created impressive structures that integrate with nature, efficiently using available resources alongside advanced human technology.

Question 29: In which paragraph does the writer mention the laws created to prevent urban sprawl?

- A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

Question 30: In which paragraph does the writer explain how smart growth communities manage stormwater?

- A. Paragraph 1
B. Paragraph 2
C. Paragraph 3
D. Paragraph 4

Read the following passage about climate change 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.

Climate change refers to the long-term alteration of temperature and typical weather patterns in a place. This phenomenon is largely driven by human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas, which increase the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. **They** trap heat from the sun, leading to global warming and causing severe weather events, such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts, to become more frequent and intense. Climate change impacts nearly every region of the world and affects the natural environment, economies, and human health.

As temperatures rise, polar ice caps and glaciers are melting at alarming rates, contributing to rising sea levels. Coastal regions face an increased risk of flooding, and many low-lying islands are at risk of disappearing entirely. Additionally, higher temperatures lead to the warming of oceans, affecting marine ecosystems and causing coral bleaching, which threatens biodiversity and the livelihoods of millions of people who depend on fishing.

[I] The **consequences** of climate change are not just environmental; they also affect human society in significant ways. [II] Changes in weather patterns disrupt agriculture, leading to crop failures and food shortages

- B.** Almost all diseases today are a result of climate change, with respiratory diseases, malaria, and dengue fever becoming increasingly prevalent.
- C.** Climate change mainly affects urban centers and coastal regions while leaving rural areas unaffected.
- D.** Unemployment and food insecurity are consequences of the impact of climate change on people in coastal areas and rural.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- A.** Solutions to mitigate the causes of global warming are being promoted to address its impacts on the economy.
- B.** Climate change is a significant global issue caused by human activities, affecting various aspects of the environment and society, and requiring coordinated efforts to prevent its escalation.
- C.** The impacts of climate change are evident in most regions, causing serious consequences for the global ecosystem as a whole, and measures are needed to mitigate global warming.
- D.** Investing in modern technologies to develop scientific measures aimed at reducing the risks of natural disasters caused by global warming for humanity is one of the best approaches.