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PART 1. LISTENING

Elly and George are talking about the effects of media. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False).

1. George is addicted to social media and video-streaming websites.
2. Elly says that reels or short video clips are harmful to people's attention span.
3. Elly recommends some physical exercises that have mental and physical benefits.
4. Elly's sister has spent a lot of money on the products advertised by influencers.
5. George thinks some beauty standards promoted online are completely inappropriate.

Listen to a talk about Walt Disney's life and choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

6. Walt Disney moved to Hollywood because _____.

A. his parents moved to work there
B. he wanted to start his career again
C. his company became very successful

7. Which is true about Mickey Mouse?

A. It was based on a real pet.
B. It was first voiced by a famous actor.
C. It was not very popular.

8. What is NOT mentioned as an achievement of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs?

A. It earned more than 400 million dollars.
B. It won several Oscars.
C. It was the best movie in the film industry.

9. What is true about Disney's achievements?

A. He created the first animated cartoon.
B. He holds the record for the most Oscars in history.
C. He designed all the Disneyland theme parks.

10. Why did he create Disneyland theme parks?

A. So that visitors can share their magical stories with Disney characters.
B. So that fans can see Disney characters live on stage and interact with them.
C. So that visitors can learn to make animated films.

PART 2. READING

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

Brazil - A Diverse Ethnic & Cultural Heritage

Brazil is (11) _____ to the largest population in Latin America, of more than 215 million people. Most of them live in the south-central area, (12) _____ includes the industrial cities of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Belo Horizonte. The pace of urbanisation has been rapid, with 75% of the population living in (13) _____ areas by 1991. While this growth has contributed to economic development, it has also led to serious social, environmental, and political (14) _____ in major cities. Nevertheless, Brazil remains famous for its breathtaking natural beauty.

The Brazilian population is (15) _____ four main groups: the Portuguese, who colonised Brazil in the 16th century: Africans who were brought to Brazil as slaves: various other European, Middle Eastern, and Asian immigrant (16) _____ who have settled in Brazil since the mid-19th century, and the indigenous people. Although the Portuguese were once the dominant European ethnic group in Brazil, waves of immigration have resulted (17) _____ a diverse ethnic and cultural heritage.

Between 1875 and 1960, approximately 5 million Europeans emigrated to Brazil, settling mainly in the four southern states of Sao Paulo, Parana, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul. The immigrants were primarily from Italy, Germany, Spain, Japan, Poland, and the Middle East. The largest Japanese (18) _____ in the world is located in Sao Paulo.

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The cultures of the different ethnic groups have together created the modern Brazilian way of life.

11.A. house	B. home	C. land	D. place
12.A. who	B. that	C. which	D. whose
13.A. urban	B. rural	C. city	D. country
14.A. fields	B. attractions	C. challenges	D. topics
15.A. made from	B. included	C. consisted of	D. made up of
16.A. groups	B. people	C. organisations	D. blocks
17.A. on	B. with	C. in	D. of
18.A. identity	B. community	C. majority	D. unity

Select the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

Are you interested in learning photography (19) _____? Don't worry, you're not alone! Photography is a great hobby (20) _____, from young children to the elderly. Here are some tips on how to get started with photography for beginners.

The first step to learning photography is (21) _____. If you're just starting, you don't need to spend a lot of money on a professional camera. A simple point-and-shoot camera or a smartphone with a good camera will be just fine.

(22) _____, it's time to learn the basics of photography including how to select suitable camera settings, how to compose a photo and how to use lighting to (23) _____. There are lots of online resources available, (24) _____.

In short, it's not difficult to take up photography. Give it a try, and you won't regret it.

19.A. and know where to start B. despite not knowing where to start
C. but don't know where to start D. because of not knowing where to start
20.A. people of all ages can't enjoy B. has been enjoyed for ages
C. as it is enjoyable for only some age groups D. that can be enjoyed by people of all ages
21.A. the right camera to choose B. to choose the right camera
C. the right to choose a camera D. chosen with the right camera
22.A. Once you have a camera B. You once had a camera
C. The camera was once yours D. Once the camera isn't yours
23.A. my advantage B. your advantage C. its advantage D. their advantage
24.A. or you can find it easy to learn the basics
B. until you can find it easy to learn the basics
C. if you can find it easy to learn the basics
D. so you can find it easy to learn the basics

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

Finding the right job is very important, but not so easy for job seekers. If you can choose a suitable job for yourself, you are motivated to do that job and develop your career path. Below are some things for people to take into account when choosing the right job.

Working hours are considered among the most important factors when you choose a job. Many people prefer a nine-to-five job, so they can have a proper work-life balance. For example, working parents may expect to work from 9 am to 5 pm so that they can take their children to school in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon. Others may consider a job with flexible working hours, so they can do things they enjoy, like pursuing hobbies, educating themselves or spending more time with loved ones.

Another key factor you should consider is salary and other rewards. The salary is a huge part of the package employers offer, but it does not mean that you should always choose a job based solely

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on it. Instead, you should opt for a job with a salary that can cover your cost of living and support you and your family comfortably. In addition to benefits such as health insurance and paid leave, you should also check if there are any perks on offer, for example, if working from home is allowed or if you get any employee discounts.

Finally, it is essential to consider the working environment and opportunities for professional development. If you have supportive managers and colleagues, you will be motivated to work harder and overcome any challenges. Opportunities for growth and promotion in a job should be considered carefully.

25. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the factors to be considered when choosing a job?
A. salary and perks B. working hours
C. personal hobbies D. working environment
26. The word huge in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.
A. tiny B. enormous C. moderate D. considerable
27. The word it in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
A. key factor B. job C. package D. salary
28. The word supportive in paragraph 4 can be best replaced by _____.
A. dependable B. encouraging C. trustworthy D. conservative
29. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?
A. When deciding on a job, the schedule of work ranks among the most significant factors.
B. Among the factors of a job, working hours are of the greatest importance.
C. Working hours must be given priority over any other factors when we select a career.
D. People believe that the schedule of work is the most important factor, but they're wrong.
30. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
A. It is a huge mistake to give priority to salary over other hidden benefits of a job.
B. If a person chooses a suitable job for themselves, their career will definitely take off.
C. It's advised to carefully consider the professional development prospects of the job.
D. Most employees prefer flexible working hours and even consider it a perk of a job.
31. In which paragraph does the writer mention some reasons why some people prefer flexible working hours?
A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4
32. In which paragraph does the writer explore various benefits brought by employment?
A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

PART 3. WRITING
Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.
33.
a. For those who wish to visit the local market.
b. Finally, you will see the local market on your left-hand side, where you can explore and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of fresh produce and local crafts.
c. First, exit the main entrance of the hotel and turn left onto the main street.
d. Next, walk straight ahead for approximately two blocks until you reach the traffic lights. Then, cross the street at the pedestrian crossing and continue walking straight.
e. After that, take the first right turn and follow the road for another block.
A. a – c – d – e – b B. a – c – e – b – d C. c – e – d – b – a D. c – a – e – d – b

34.
a. Different kinds of vegetables like cucumber or avocado could also be included.

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b. It is served with pickled ginger, soy sauce and a spicy green paste called wasabi, which makes it unique.
c. It focuses on carefully prepared rice combined with a variety of ingredients.
d. Sushi, a traditional Japanese dish, is made in a special way.
e These usually include seafood such as tuna, salmon or shrimp, which can be raw or cooked.
A. a – c – e – b – d B. d – c – a – b – e C. d – c – e – a – b D. a – e – d – c – b

35.
a. Hackers often use social media to spread malware through seemingly harmless links.
b. To stay safe, always use up-to-date antivirus software and practise good online safety habits.
c. These threats can steal your personal information secretly or damage your computer.
d. Social media is a great way to receive and spread information, but you must be cautious.
e. You could be attacked with strange links or requests to download files that come from someone you know.
f. These links may appear to be funny videos or informative news articles that are serious threats.
A. d – a – f – c – e – b B. d – a – b – e – f – c
C. c – a – f – e – d – b D. a – e – c – b – d – f

36.
a. The flexibility of this role allows me to meet with clients both in person and virtually, adapting to their needs.
b. Over the past year, I have done this job at an environmental agency, helping clients make greener choices for their homes and businesses.
c. Overall, I find great satisfaction in my work, as it aligns with my values and empowers others to adopt sustainable practices.
d. Although some projects require travel to remote locations for assessments, these trips provide valuable insights into environmental challenges.
e. My enthusiasm for sustainable living and environmental advocacy inspired me to pursue a career in eco-consulting.
A. b – a – d – e – c B. a – b – e – d – c C. e – b – a – d – c D. d – e – a – b – c

PART 4. SPEAKING
Choose the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange in each of the following questions.
37.
a. Ben: Yes, I've decided to join the debate club.
b. Ben: It helps improve my public speaking skills, and I enjoy discussing current issues.
c. Mia: Are you planning to join any extracurricular activities this year?
d. Mia: Why did you choose the debate club?
e. Mia: That sounds interesting! I think I'll join you and give it a try.
A. c – a – d – b – e B. d – a – c – b - e C. d – b - c – a – e D. c – b – e – a – d

38.
a. Ms. Carter: I agree. We may need to adjust our teaching methods to better prepare the students.
b. Mr. Nguyen: Yes, I did. It seems more challenging than last year's, especially with the added emphasis on reading skills.
c. Ms. Carter: Have you had a chance to review the new university entrance exam for the 12th graders?
A. c – a – b B. b – c – a C. a – b – c D. c – b – a

39.
a. Eric: OK. Or maybe a hostel. They are much cheaper.

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b. Cindy: I like that idea. We can find one online.
c. Cindy: I'm really looking forward to our trip to London. Shall we book a hotel?
A. b – a – c B. c – a – b C. b – c – a D. c – b – a

40.
a. Anne: Pardon?
b. Toby: Yes, Hyde Park and Regents Park are very beautiful.
c. Anne: What about restaurants? I suppose there are lots of good restaurants in the centre.
d. Toby: Hyde Park and Regents Park. They're right in the centre. They are very beautiful.
e. Anne: Do you know if there are any good parks in London?
A. e – b – c – a – e B. a – b – c – d – e C. c – b – a – d – e D. e – b – a – d – c

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