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PART 1. LISTENING

Listen to Karen and Luke talking about social media and decide whether the following statements are T (True) or F (False).

Statements	T/ F
1. Karen thinks all social media users are really worried about their appearance. 2. Luke agrees that people posting their best photos could make others feel embarrassed. 3. Karen disagrees that social media is more trustworthy than print media. 4. Luke thinks it's not easy to find a trustworthy source on social media.	

There is one question for each conversation. For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

5. What problem do they mention?

A. less food for others B. wastes energy C. more pollution

6. What is the charity's main campaign?

A. breeding endangered animals

B. stopping people from hunting endangered animals

C. rescuing and reintroducing endangered animals

7. What will happen if they don't clean up the river?

A. fewer people will visit the area

B. fish populations will fail

C. people won't have clean water to drink

8. What will there be more of if the government offers more incentives?

A. good publicity

B. electric cars

C. eco-friendly companies

PART 2. READING

Read the following job review and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

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Cheating is as wrong (12) _____ it is corruptive. It undermines academic integrity, creates mistrust, and fosters (13) _____ competition.

So, don't sell yourselves short. If you are in (14) _____ of support, don't hesitate to ask your home teachers or academic advisors.

9.A. is spotted	B. was spotted	C. has been spotted	D. is being spotted
10.A. enabled	B. agreed	C. supported	D. permitted
11.A. up to	B. into	C. onto	D. under
12.A. well	B. than	C. as	D. because

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13.A. imbalanced	B. uneven	C. unfair	D. inequal
14.A. demand	B. search	C. need	D. supply

Read the following news brief and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Good news for mountain gorillas

Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda is the last stronghold for the (15) _____ endangered mountain gorilla. Once standing on the (16) _____ of extinction due to rampant poaching, deforestation, and disease, the mountain gorilla population has been steadily recovering, (17) _____ intensive conservation efforts. Community-based ecotourism has played a vital role in the species' resurgence, with funds (18) _____ from gorilla trekking tours being used to protect their habitats and support local communities.

Through these efforts, the population of mountain gorillas, which (19) _____ well below 500 at the last count, has grown to over 1,000 individuals across Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The success of this initiative serves as a powerful example of how conservation and sustainable tourism (20) _____ coexist and benefit both wildlife and people.

15.A. dangerously	B. desperately	C. recklessly	D. critically
16.A. rim	B. outskirt	C. verge	D. boundary
17.A. with regard to	B. on par with	C. thanks to	D. in spite of
18.A. generating	B. generated	C. to be generated	D. being generated
19.A. was	B. has been	C. is	D. had been
20.A. has to	B. ought to	C. can	D. would

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.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has rapidly evolved from a theoretical concept to a practical reality, reshaping industries and societies worldwide. Its potential to revolutionize various sectors is immense. (21) _____.

From self-driving cars to medical diagnostics, AI is making significant strides. One of the most promising applications of AI lies in the realm of healthcare. AI-powered systems can analyze vast amounts of medical data, identifying patterns and trends that may escape human detection. (22) _____.

This can lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses, as well as personalized treatment plans. Beyond healthcare, AI is also transforming the workplace. AI-powered automation can streamline routine tasks, freeing up human workers to focus on higher-level cognitive functions. (23) _____.

Additionally, AI-driven insights can enhance decision-making processes across various industries. However, the rapid advancement of AI also raises ethical concerns. As AI systems become increasingly sophisticated, it is imperative to consider the ethical implications of their development and deployment. (24) _____. For instance, bias in training data can lead to biased AI systems, perpetuating societal inequalities.

To harness the full potential of AI while mitigating its risks, a multi-faceted approach is necessary. (25) _____. By fostering responsible AI development, promoting transparency, and establishing ethical guidelines, we can ensure that AI benefits humanity as a whole.

21.
A. However, AI is still in its early stages of development.
B. This technology has the potential to revolutionize countless industries.
C. Despite its benefits, AI also poses significant risks.
D. AI is a complex and multifaceted field.
22.
A. AI can also be used to develop personalized treatment plans.
B. AI-powered systems can also be used to predict disease outbreaks.
C. AI can also be used to improve the efficiency of healthcare delivery.
D. All of the above.

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23.
A. AI-powered tools can also be used to enhance creativity and innovation.
B. AI-powered tools can also be used to improve decision-making.
C. AI-powered tools can also be used to automate customer service.
D. All of the above.
24.
A. It is essential to develop ethical guidelines for AI development and deployment.
B. It is important to ensure that AI systems are transparent and accountable.
C. It is necessary to educate the public about the potential benefits and risks of AI.
D. All of the above.
25.
A. In conclusion, AI is a powerful tool that can be used for good or evil.
B. Therefore, it is essential to approach AI with caution and foresight.
C. However, we should not fear AI but embrace its potential.
D. As a result, we must invest in AI research and development.

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.

[I] Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, affecting ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities across the globe. [II] Scientists warn that unless greenhouse gas emissions are significantly reduced, the Earth's climate may experience irreversible damage. [III] The consequences of climate change are widespread, impacting weather patterns, agricultural productivity, and health conditions worldwide. [IV]

One of the primary causes of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and gas, which releases large amounts of carbon dioxide (CO2) into the atmosphere. This gas traps heat, leading to a rise in global temperatures, a phenomenon known as global warming. Another major contributor is deforestation, as trees play a critical role in absorbing CO2. When forests are destroyed, that CO2 is released, adding to the atmosphere's greenhouse effect.

The impacts of climate change are already evident in various forms. Rising sea levels are causing coastal erosion and increasing the frequency of flooding, which endangers millions living in low-lying areas. Additionally, extreme weather events like hurricanes, droughts, and heatwaves are becoming more common and severe. These events not only damage infrastructure but also pose serious risks to human health and food security.

Addressing climate change requires a collaborative, global response. Many governments have joined international agreements, like the Paris Agreement, aiming to limit global temperature rise and reduce emissions. However, it is crucial for individuals and businesses to also play a part by reducing their carbon footprint through actions such as conserving energy, reducing waste, and supporting renewable energy sources.

(Adapted from "Climate and Human Impact")

26. Where in paragraph I does the following sentence best fit?
Rapid industrial development and population growth have accelerated the accumulation of greenhouse gases.
A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]
27. The phrase "traps heat" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.
A. absorbs energy B. lets out warmth C. reduces temperature D. blocks sunlight
28. The word "their" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.
A. deforestation B. individuals and businesses C. fossil fuel combustion D. greenhouse gases
29. According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT a cause of climate change?
A. burning fossil fuels B. rising sea levels C. deforestation D. increased CO2 levels
30. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 3?
A. The rising sea levels threaten coastlines and biodiversity.
B. Climate change is creating both environmental and human health challenges.
C. Increased CO2 levels lead to more frequent weather disasters.
D. Global warming affects agriculture, health, and living conditions.

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31. The word "evident" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.
A. essential B. unforgettable C. noticeable D. severe
32. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
A. Industrialization has decreased the rate of greenhouse gas emissions.
B. Only governments can effectively reduce climate change effects.
C. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent due to climate change.
D. Climate change impacts are limited to environmental issues.
33. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?
A. An effective solution to climate change must involve collective efforts.
B. Limiting global warming will require individuals to take immediate action.
C. All people should participate in international climate agreements.
D. Each country must independently work on climate change solutions.
34. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
A. Deforestation may be more impactful than fossil fuels in causing climate change.
B. Without significant reductions in emissions, climate change consequences could become irreversible.
C. Coastal erosion primarily affects rural areas rather than urban areas.
D. Fossil fuel use is the sole reason for the current global warming trend.
35. Which of the following best summarizes the passage?
A. The increase in greenhouse gases, driven by industrial growth, is causing significant environmental challenges, calling for a cooperative global response.
B. Fossil fuels and deforestation are key causes of climate change, which governmentsn can only address through international agreements.
C. The Paris Agreement aims to limit global warming by encouraging businesses to switch to renewable energy sources.
D. Climate change impacts are mostly related to the natural environment, with minimal effects on human communities and health.

PART 3. SPEAKING & WRIITNG

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.

36.
a. Hey, my presentation on biodiversity at Cat Tien National Park really made a splash.
b. Indeed, some folks in my class even asked if I could share with them some of the photos.
c. Thank you. But it wouldn't have been that successful without the visuals you helped me find.
d. Don't mention it. I'm glad to help.
e. Congratulations! I knew you would do great.
A. a – d – b – e – c B. a – e – c – d – b C. a – e – b – c – d D. a – c – d – b – e
37.
a. Really! That's drastic. But I guess that day will come sooner or later.
b. Definitely. I hope public transport will be much better by that time.
c. I heard on the news that petrol-fueled cars will be banned from the city center from next year.
A. a – b – c B. c – a – b C. c – b – a D. b – c – a
38.
Hi Nam,
Here's what I often do to improve my small talk skills.
a. One strategy is to talk about what others and I have in common.
b. Another tip is to open up about yourself first as this will encourage people to do the same.
c. Some possible commonalities can be the weather, a mutual friend, or the situation we find ourselves in.
d. That means the more you do it, the better you'll become.
e. And most importantly, small talk is not an innate ability, but a skill that can be learned and needs practicing.
Write back to me soon to let me know if these tips work for you. Cheers.
A. e – d – a – c – b B. a – c – b – e – d C. a – b - c – d – e D. c – a – b – e – d
39.
a. On this hand, interviews might not be the best way to decide the match between a candidate and a position.
b. However, interviews allow employers to verify the claims that candidates often make in their written CVs by asking interviewees to elaborate on their experiences and observing their manner.

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c. This enables the employer to decide whether the applicant will be a good fit for the corporate culture that they build.
d. For instance, interviewers might be subject to certain biases such as favoring good-looking candidates or discriminating against those with provincial accents.
e. Also, many applicants find job interviews unfair because they often get asked questions not related to their professional and problem-solving skills.
A. a – d – b – c – e B. b – c – d – e – a C. a – d – e – b – c D. b – c – a – d – e
40.
Dear Sir/Madam,
a. I am writing to petition for the establishment of more parks in our city.
b. Another environmental benefit is they provide a haven for wildlife to thrive, bringing nature closer to everyone.
c. These open spaces also encourage people to go out and take up more physical exercise, which improves their well-being.
d. Environmentally speaking, parks make urban living more livable thanks to their capacity to purify the air and reduce the noise levels from the traffic.
e. First, parks can promote public gatherings, allowing people in the city to mingle and connect.
I hope these proposed changes will take place soon.
Yours faithfully,
A. a – e – b – c – d B. a – e – c – d – b C. b – e – a – c – d D. e – d – c – b – a

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