

TA12.GK2.2

PART 1. LISTENING

Listen to people talking about the effects of eco-friendly actions and choose True or False.

| Statements | True/ False |
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| 1. Ben thinks charities will get more donations if they advertise more. | |
| 2. Karen thinks businesses will spend less money by using eco-friendly packaging. | |
| 3. Ben thinks charities would get more donations if they protest more. | |
| 4. Karen says more electric cars will reduce CO2 emissions. | |

Listen to a conversation between Jack and Nick and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.

5. What is the conversation mainly about?
 - A. How video games can help students develop various skills.
 - B. The challenges students face while playing video games.
 - C. The types of video games students enjoy playing.
 - D. Why students should avoid playing video games.
6. What was Jack first concerned about video games at the first time?
 - A. They might have negative effects.
 - B. They are not entertaining.
 - C. They are too expensive.
 - D. They take up too much time.
7. Which of the following does Jack mention about students playing video games together?
 - A. They struggle to work cooperatively.
 - B. They become distracted from schoolwork.
 - C. They learn how to help each other.
 - D. They often have conflicts with each other.
8. What social benefit of video games does Jack mention?
 - A. They improve online communication platforms.
 - B. They teach students how to avoid conflicts.
 - C. They increase participation in school activities.
 - D. They create common interests that help students make friends.

PART 2. READING

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.

Green Life – A Step Towards a Cleaner Future

Let's take simple actions to protect our environment and cherish nature's beauty.

 **Act Now!**

Every year, (9) _____ plastic bottles and single-use items end up in landfills and oceans. This pollution is harming wildlife, causing (10) _____ destruction to ecosystems.

 **What Can You Do?**

Always (11) _____ harmful habits like littering and overusing resources. Instead, reuse and recycle to minimize waste.

Get involved in tree-planting projects and clean-ups. Spend time in forests, meadows, or even along the (12) _____ of rivers to appreciate nature's wonders.

Switch to renewable energy at home by installing solar panels. This reduces (13) _____ caused by fossil fuel consumption and helps slow climate change.

Protect endangered species and fragile habitats before they face (14) _____ damage.

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| 9. A. a little | B. much | C. many | D. a great deal |
| 10. A. serious | B. fewer | C. considerable | D. some |
| 11. A. look after | B. give up | C. run out of | D. take in |
| 12. A. shore | B. edge | C. surface | D. foot |
| 13. A. contamination | B. earthquakes | C. meadows | D. blizzards |

14.A. irreparable B. competitive C. biodegradable D. gentle

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.

Tech in the news - Robot that comforts

Created not to save lives, the PARO Therapeutic Robot is designed to improve the quality of life during recovery from surgery or treatment for depression. (15) _____ a baby seal, the robot is designed to provide the benefits of animal therapy without having to rely on live animals. Animal therapy, a common treatment for easing patient stress, is not always feasible due to the shortage of trained animals available to (16) _____ current demands. Friendly, animal-like PARO (17) _____ the bill.

PARO is used extensively with elderly patients suffering from dementia, and has been shown to be capable of having its users (18) _____ quite effectively. The fluffy PARO can respond to its name, enjoys being stroked. Over time, this animal-like robot can also develop a pleasing personality (19) _____ is tailored based on the previous interactions with its patient. PARO also naps, blinks, wiggles its flippers and makes funny little noises, all to get its owner (20) _____ comforted.

(<https://online-engineering.case.edu/blog/medical-robots-making-a-difference>)

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| 5.A. Familiarising | B. Approximating | C. Equalising | D. Resembling |
| 16.A. see | B. attend | C. meet | D. supply |
| 17.A. splits | B. pays | C. foots | D. fits |
| 18.A. to sooth | B. be be soothed | C. soothing | D. soothed |
| 19.A. which | B. what | C. whichever | D. whatever |
| 20.A. feel | B. feeling | C. felt | D. to feel |

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.

ChihiraAico is an advanced humanoid robot designed by Toshiba, (21) _____. She made her debut at the CEATEC electronics show in Japan in 2014, showcasing her ability to communicate and interact in ways that closely mimic human behavior. Her design combines cutting-edge robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) technology (22) _____. ChihiraAico is capable of speaking multiple languages, engaging with people at exhibitions, and even providing directions at shopping malls and tourist centers.

(23) _____, ChihiraAico and robots like her are intended to bridge the gap between humans and machines, offering personalized services and enhancing customer experiences. She is equipped with sensors, voice recognition software, and realistic facial expressions (24) _____. This enables her to respond naturally to questions, recognize emotional cues, and perform practical tasks like delivering information to visitors.

As AI technology continues to evolve, (25) _____. In the future, humanoid robots may become indispensable helpers in various public and private sectors, bringing unprecedented levels of convenience and interaction to our lives.

(Adapted from <https://www.therobotreport.com/>)

21.

- A. developed as a project aimed at healthcare and service industries
- B. making its primary debut in commercial software development
- C. that replaces industrial robots in manufacturing facilities
- D. which was built specifically for factory automation

22.

- A. allowing her to perform repetitive tasks without fatigue
- B. designed for wide-scale manufacturing improvements
- C. enabling her to communicate and display human-like emotions
- D. meant to increase efficiency in industrial production lines

23.

- A. Beyond simple programmed responses

- B. Built to provide manual labor solutions
 - C. Unlike other industrial models
 - D. Though initially limited in usage
- 24.
- A. to enhance user comfort and interaction with artificial systems
 - B. for recognizing patterns in industrial environments
 - C. thus eliminating all forms of human interaction from daily life
 - D. contributing to machine learning through repetitive tasks
- 25.
- A. humans can expect to be obsolete in various roles
 - B. more jobs will be automated than ever before
 - C. humanoid robots will be commonplace in daily life activities
 - D. society will abandon personal interactions altogether

Read the following passage about the urban shift and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.

Traditional media losing revenues to social media

Traditional media, such as newspapers and magazines, are experiencing declining revenues due to rising competition from social media, government officials and analysts say. Deputy Minister of Communications Nguyen Huy Dung stated at a forum last Friday that newspapers and magazines saw their revenues decrease by 9.4% in the first nine months of last year.

The situation is even worse for radio and TV, which saw a 23% decline in revenue. It was mentioned that most broadcast companies are not using all their advertisement slots because there is a lack of demand. Some broadcasters sell advertisements for only a few minutes a day, even though the law allows them to use 10% of their broadcast time for ads for non-subscribers and 5% for subscribers.

Advertisements remain the main source of income for media companies and could account for 90% of their revenues. However, the rise of social media platforms like Facebook and Google is taking away their customers. Some newspapers have tried to adopt a subscription model, but this approach is still new in Vietnam and brings modest income. Analysts speaking at the forum also spoke about these challenges.

Nguyen Thanh Lam, another deputy communications minister, mentioned that the ministry plans to make changes to the Journalism Law to help improve media companies' revenues. One of these changes is a mechanism that would allow the government to pay for some content it wants to appear in newspapers. Other changes would tighten copyright protection, as many media companies have long been affected by plagiarism. However, he added that the most important changes must come from the media companies themselves. They need to rethink the way they practice journalism and make money from it.

26. Which of the following titles best fits the main idea of the text?
- A. The rise of social media
 - B. Challenges faced by traditional media
 - C. Government plans for new laws
 - D. The importance of advertisements
27. Broadcasting companies are not filling in all their advertisement slots because _____.
- A. there is not enough demand
 - B. they can only sell ads for a short time a day
 - C. the government does not allow them to do so
 - D. they prefer to show more programs
28. What does the word approach in paragraph 3 most likely mean?
- A. problem
 - B. change
 - C. method
 - D. source
29. What is mentioned as a change the ministry will make to increase revenues for media companies?
- A. Allowing plagiarism between different media companies
 - B. Permitting the companies to pay for things appearing in newspapers
 - C. Rethink the way it does journalism and make money from journalism
 - D. Protecting the copyright of these companies

30. What does the word it in the last paragraph refer to?

- A. journalism B. way C. change D. company

31. What is the main reason social media platforms are taking customers from traditional media?

- A. Social media platforms offer free access to copyrighted material.
B. Social media platforms provide more engaging and interactive content.
C. Advertisements on social media are cheaper and more effective.
D. Social media platforms are supported by the government.

32. Why is the subscription model not widely adopted in Vietnam?

- A. It violates current journalism laws.
B. It does not generate significant income.
C. People in Vietnam prefer traditional advertising.
D. It is already overused by other media companies.

33. What is one of the challenges traditional media faces, as mentioned in the passage?

- A. The rapid development of radio and TV stations.
B. A decline in plagiarism cases among broadcasters.
C. Losing advertisements to social media platforms.
D. Government restrictions on journalism content.

34. What role does the government propose to play in supporting traditional media?

- A. Allowing them to advertise freely without restrictions.
B. Paying for some content to appear in newspapers.
C. Encouraging collaboration between traditional and social media.
D. Investing in broadcast companies' equipment.

35. What does the passage suggest is the most crucial factor for traditional media companies to improve their revenues?

- A. The government introducing stricter laws.
B. Media companies changing their business strategies.
C. Increasing advertisement time on TV and radio.
D. Shutting down social media platforms.

PART 3. SPEAKING & WRITING

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.

36.

- a. Fair enough! But documentaries can be just as engaging, depending on the mood.
b. Hey, have you gotten into any new media lately? It's great for entertainment while also learning something new.
c. Actually, I've been reading more books. There's just something about physical books, you know?

- A. b – c – a B. c – b – a C. a – c – b D. a – b – c

37.

- a. Does that mean these programs can think?
b. Ah, that's a term that refers to software that works in similar ways to how a human brain does.
c. Sort of. The most advanced ones can analyse a problem, solve it and make decisions on their own.
d. Hey, sorry to interrupt, but what do you mean by AI?
e. Wow, that's fascinating. Thanks for explaining!

- A. d – b – a – c – e B. e – a – c – d – b C. d – a – e – c – b D. a – d – b – a – e

38.

- a. Additionally, prepare questions to ask the interviewer, demonstrating your enthusiasm and curiosity about the position and the organisation.
b. Dress professionally, in attire suitable for the company's culture, and ensure you have all necessary documents, such as copies of your resume, a list of references, and any required work samples.
c. Preparing for a job interview involves several key steps to ensure success.
d. Finally, plan your route to the interview location, allowing extra time for unforeseen delays, to ensure punctuality. Being well-prepared boosts confidence and leaves a positive impression on potential employers.
e. Next, review the job description and identify how your skills and experiences align with the role's requirements. Practice common interview questions and develop concise, confident answers that highlight your strengths and accomplishments.

f. First, research the company thoroughly to understand its mission, values, culture, and recent achievements. This knowledge helps tailor your responses and show genuine interest.

A. a – b – d – c – e – f B. b – f – a – c – e – d C. b – a – f – d – e – c D. c – f – e – a – b – d

39.

a. For example, AI can handle tasks like answering phones, writing emails, and even driving cars.

b. Therefore, it's important for everyone to learn new skills to adapt to working alongside AI.

c. Artificial Intelligence, or AI, is becoming more common in many workplaces.

d. This can be good because it makes work easier and faster.

e. However, it also means that some people might lose their jobs and need to find new ones.

f. Because AI works very fast and doesn't get tired, it's starting to replace people in some jobs.

A. b – e – f – d – c – a B. c – a – f – d – e – b C. f – c – a – b – e – d D. b – c – a – d – f – b

40.

a. Anyway, I'm writing this to let you know that I'm coming to Austria for a short exchange programme, and I will be around your town next month.

b. Dear Mr. and Ms. Gerald, I'm so sorry it took me so long to write you back.

c. I hope we can meet and have some catch-up together. I have so many stories to tell you.

d. Until then, I wish you all the best. See you soon!

e. How have you been? I hope that both of you are doing well. As for myself, I've been feeling great.

A. b – e – a – c – d B. b – c – e – a – d C. b – d – e – a – c D. b – c – a – d – e

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