

## I. PRONUNCIATION

**Question 1.** Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. frame    B. attic    C. app    D. chat

**Question 2.** Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

A. recent    B. social    C. city    D. receipt

**Question 3.** Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. remote    B. forget    C. remind    D. follow

**Question 4.** Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

A. infrastructure    B. ordinary    C. valuable    D. significant

## II. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space in each question.

**Question 5.** Streets full \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles during rush hour make it difficult to move around quickly.

A. of    B. for    C. with    D. in

**Question 6.** During the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, bicycles played a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in facilitating long-distance travel and the transportation of goods.

A. act    B. vibe    C. role    D. mode

**Question 7.** The success of the project has \_\_\_\_\_ from the collaborative efforts of the team members.

A. led    B. resulted    C. invested    D. reminded

**Question 8.** Time capsules are believed to provide future generations with \_\_\_\_\_ lessons about culture, technology and way of life during a particular period of time.

A. rare    B. unpopular    C. valuable    D. fashionable

**Question 9.** It is \_\_\_\_\_ true that technological advances have revolutionized the way we communicate and access information.

A. finally    B. luckily    C. thankfully    D. definitely

**Question 10.** He has got a brand new laptop, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. does he    B. don't he    C. have he    D. hasn't he

**Question 11.** The boy couldn't decide \_\_\_\_\_ to upgrade his smartphone to the latest model or not.

A. what    B. whether    C. how    D. when

**Question 12.** After taking the cake out of the oven, my mother left it to cool completely. \_\_\_\_\_, she made the topping.

A. Meanwhile    B. By the time    C. The moment that    D. Just as

**Question 13.** Some construction workers \_\_\_\_\_ the scaffolding high above the ground when the accident happened.

A. were to assemble    B. were assembling    C. had assembled    D. used to assemble

**Question 14.** Pam and Jim are sharing their memories.

Jim: "You looked nostalgic when you came across this bracelet. \_\_\_\_\_"

Pam: "It reminds me of my grandmother, but she passed away last year."

A. Are you really interested in it?    B. Why not wear it to the party?  
C. What's the story behind that?    D. Everything is alright, isn't it?

**III. Look at each sign or notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) that matches its meaning.**



**Question 15.** What does the sign mean?

A. Electronic devices are banned here.  
B. Only smartphones are allowed to be used in this area.  
C. Make sure that your cell phones are in silent mode.  
D. The shop offers a wide range of e-gadgets.

Dear Parents,

Due to the bus driver shortage, there will be a double route for the following bus next week. Students riding Bus 53 will ride bus 326, and these students will be picked up between 7.45 am and 9 am. The afternoon route for these students will be delayed as well, with the afternoon route beginning at 4.40 pm. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Best regards

**Question 16.** What does the notice say?

A. No school bus is going to be operated next week.  
B. Students will go on Bus 326, instead of Bus 53.  
C. Students will be collected before 7.45 am.  
D. The bus will leave students at the station at 4.40 pm.

**IV. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each blank space in the following passage.**

#### THE CRYPT OF CIVILISATION

A time capsule which is made of metal or (17) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic serves as a snapshot of the culture, lifestyle and technology of the era (18) \_\_\_\_\_ it was created. One of its most notable examples is the Crypt of Civilisation, an extraordinary time capsule project located at Oglethorpe University, Georgia.

(19) \_\_\_\_\_ by Dr. Thornwell Jacobs in the 1930s and sealed in 1940, the monumental time capsule holds within its stainless steel a treasure (20) \_\_\_\_\_ of artifacts, documents and recordings representing the 20<sup>th</sup>-century civilisation. The purpose of the crypt is to show people in the future how life was in the past. (21) \_\_\_\_\_ that future generations open, they will gain insight (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the accomplishments

and aspirations of their forebears. All in all, the Crypt of Civilisation is a special place that connects past, present and future in a timeless embrace of human endeavour.

**Question 17.** Choose the correct answer.

A. brand    B. rare    C. fragile    D. tough

**Question 18.** Choose the correct answer.

A. where    B. that    C. on when    D. in which

**Question 19.** Choose the correct answer.

A. Relieved    B. Conceived    C. Perceived    D. Received

**Question 20.** Choose the correct answer.

A. hunt    B. box    C. trove    D. draw

**Question 21.** Choose the correct answer.

A. The moment    B. Just as    C. In the end    D. By the time

**Question 22.** Choose the correct answer.

A. into    B. beyond    C. against    D. upon

**V. Read the following and do as directed.**

Summer is coming round the corner, and you are still making a plan for your vacation. But, you don't want to visit travel agencies. What will you do? No worries. Travel-focused AI assistants will do you a favor.

Over the last few years, these intelligent chatbots have revolutionized the way we plan, book and experience our journey. Not only do they spin up a list of things to do on your vacation, but they also suggest more eco-friendly travel options. With a few simple but specific prompts like destinations, length of stay and interests, the software can come up with a personalized list of tourist attractions, accommodations, activities and means of transportation. But the assistance does not stop there. Once we've made our selection, the AI bot turns into a trip planner, scouring the internet for the best flight deals and optimizing every aspect of your itinerary to make sure that we will have a memorable trip.

However, there are undeniably a few limitations. First, misinformation is undeniable due to the software's overreliance on the quality and accuracy of the data on the internet. Some AI-powered travel apps are known to offer generic advice like "enjoy lunch at a local restaurant", suggest activities that are out of season or too far apart, repeatedly recommend the same restaurant, consistently steer you to their advertisers or point you to locations that have closed. Moreover, unlike human travel advisors who offer a high level of empathy, creativity and improvisation, these apps are unable to provide solutions to unexpected events or changing circumstances during the journey.

Travel-focused AI software has made our trip planning easier and more convenient, no matter what weaknesses it may have. AI travel apps are improving as they learn, and, hopefully, they will be more useful and trustworthy in the near future.

(Adapted from "Artificially Intelligent Help for Planning Your Summer Vacation" by J. D. Biersdorfer – *The New York Times*)

**a. Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:**

**Question 23.** Travel-focused AI chatbots only make a list of activities during the vacation.

A. True      B. False

**Question 24.** Travel-focused AI chatbots have the ability to suggest activities tailored just for you.

A. True      B. False

**Question 25.** AI-powered travel apps rely heavily on the quality and accuracy of the data available to them.

A. True      B. False

**Question 26.** Human travel advisors fail to offer the same level of empathy, creativity and improvisation as AI travel apps.

A. True      B. False

**b. Choose the correct answer to each question:**

**Question 27.** What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. The way AI has changed our life.      B. Good and weak points of AI travel bots.  
C. The difficulty of planning a trip.      D. A virtual platform for trip planners.

**Question 28.** What is the writer's attitude towards AI-powered travel apps?

A. doubtful      B. disappointed      C. anxious      D. optimistic

**VI. Supply the correct form of the word given in each sentence.**

**Question 29.** The **motorised / motorized** conveyor belt efficiently transported goods along the assembly line in the factory. (**MOTOR**)

**Question 30.** Thanks to the new management team's efforts, the company is now able to stay ahead in the market with its **competitively** priced products. (**COMPETE**)

**Question 31.** In order to boost productivity, most cooperatives have replaced **old-fashioned** machines with modern ones. (**FASHION**)

**Question 32.** In bygone days, most agrarian **civilisations / civilizations** relied heavily on traditional farming practices. (**CIVIL**)

**Question 33.** The modernization project of public transportation systems aims to improve efficiency while maintaining **affordability** for commuters of all income levels. (**AFFORD**)

**Question 34.** This program aims to **popularize** traditional games among high school students. (**POPULAR**)

**VII. Look at the entry of the word "spotlight" in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with THREE words.**

**spotlight** *noun*

/ˈspɒtlɪt/

/spa:tla:t/

★ **C1** the spotlight [uncountable] the area of light that is made by a spotlight

- **in the spotlight** *She stood alone on stage in the spotlight.*
- *He stepped into the spotlight to the wild applause of the crowd.*

★ **C1** the spotlight [uncountable] attention from newspapers, television and the public

- **in the spotlight** *Unemployment is once again in the spotlight.*
- **under the spotlight** *The issue will come under the spotlight when parliament reassembles.*
- *The report has turned the spotlight on the startling rise in street crime.*
- *She was happy to share the spotlight with her sister.*

**Question 35.** She stood nervously on stage **in the spotlight**, feeling the audience's eyes on her move.

**Question 36.** The article has **turned the spotlight on** Andy Warhol's time capsules.

**VIII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it.**

**Question 37.** My grandmother once owned this diamond ring. (**BELONG**)

This diamond ring used **to belong to my grandmother**.

**Question 38.** It is annoying that Kate keeps her bedroom untidy. (**FORGETTING**)

Kate is **always forgetting to tidy/clean** bedroom.

**Question 39.** The boy can't wait to ride his new bike.

The boy is really looking **forward to riding his new bike**,

**Question 40.** I started to follow her on Instagram last year. (**FOLLOWER**)

On Instagram, I have **become/been her follower since** last year.