

I. PRONUNCIATION

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

- A. music B. reset C. players D. result

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

- A. rely B. heavy C. crypt D. story

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

- A. comment B. password C. profile D. request

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

- A. satellite B. memory C. recognise D. souvenir

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

Question 5. This album consists of a lot of photos taken during my last summer vacation. It reminds me _____ fond memories of those days.

- A. on B. at C. of D. to

Question 6. You should keep _____ items in a metal or plastic container. Otherwise, they can become damaged.

- A. common B. useful C. popular D. fragile

Question 7. My cousin left his teddy bears at the hotel. Luckily, he _____ in lost property.

- A. looked for it B. got it back C. went for it D. put it away

Question 8. The _____ of the internal combustion engine in the late 19th century paved the way for the steadily rising exchange of people and goods worldwide.

- A. means B. advent C. vehicle D. variety

Question 9. Before the Industrial Revolution, people used to rely _____ on animals, such as horses or donkeys, to travel long distances.

- A. heavily B. importantly C. finally D. dramatically

Question 10. Hurry up! The bus _____ leave soon.

- A. will B. is going to C. is about to D. is able to

Question 11. The two national leaders _____ for talks later this afternoon.

- A. will meet B. are meeting C. have met D. are going to meet

Question 12. Jane _____ to read and write before she started school.

A. learns B. learned C. was learning D. had learnt

Question 13. Yesterday, my father worked overtime. He didn't arrive home _____ midnight.

A. until B. while C. meantime D. afterwards

Question 14. Ted: "How was your family vacation in New Orleans?" Marie: " _____ "

A. Don't forget to post it on social media. B. I didn't realized that.

C. It was a fantastic experience. D. I don't think so.

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 notice say?

1. **A.** It is easier to make an appointment by using your phone.
2. **B.** Update your information by means of your cell phone.
3. **C.** The appointment is cancelled due to the Internet disconnection.
4. **D.** Using your phone during the meeting is forbidden.



Question 16. What does the sign mean?

1. **A.** All vehicles are not allowed to park here.
2. **B.** Drivers must not go on this way.
3. **C.** There is a shop selling electric vehicles ahead.
4. **D.** Only electric cars can be parked at this place.

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

FROM A MAGNATE TO AN ART COLLECTOR

During the Gilded Age, spanning from the 1870s to the early 1900s, wealthy individuals played a vital (17) _____ in shaping the art world. Among them was John D. Rockefeller, (18) _____ made significant contributions that influenced the evolution of art during his time.

John D. Rockefeller, an American industrialist, had a long-standing (19) _____ for modern art and spent the better part of a century collecting artworks by Paul Gauguin, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and others. His collection was (20) _____ of a wide range of artistic styles and periods, indicating a diverse taste.

Moreover, he provided assistance for both established and emerging artists. For instance, he commissioned Mexican painter Diego Rivera to create the mural "Man at the Crossroads" for Rockefeller Center. (21) _____ the painting was controversial and eventually destroyed due to ideological differences, it

showcased Rockefeller's openness to modern and socially relevant art. Such willingness and patronage resulted (22) _____ the elevation of artists' status and the exploration of new themes.

Question 17. Choose the correct answer.

A. duty B. role C. function D. sect

Question 18. Choose the correct answer.

A. that B. which C. who D. whom

Question 19. Choose the correct answer.

A. affection B. affluence C. affinity D. attention

Question 20. Choose the correct answer.

A. made up B. brought up C. held up D. put up

Question 21. Choose the correct answer.

A. Because B. Despite C. However D. Although

Question 22. Choose the correct answer.

A. at B. in C. with D. from

IV. Read the following and do as directed.

Communication in Vietnam has undergone remarkable transformations from the past to the present. In- person dialogues, handwritten letters and texting used to be dominant, but many tech-based forms have replaced them.

Traditional modes: During the late 20th century, Vietnam's telecommunications industry was characterised by limited access to international channels and reliance on traditional forms such as face-to-face interactions and handwritten correspondence. Moreover, state-controlled media played an important role in disseminating information.

Mobile phones: Although the first mobile network officially began operation in 1993, it was not until the early 21st century that the explosion of mobile communication brought about a revolution. With their portability and affordability, they were commonly used to make calls and send messages whenever and wherever you are.

Modern-day communications: In recent years, Vietnam has embraced digital communication fully.

Smartphones with high-speed internet connectivity offer instant access to information and connect individuals on a broader scale. Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Zalo, enable users to share news and send pictures with astonishing rapidity, as well as stay connected regardless of geographical distances.

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

Question 23. Handwritten letters are no longer popular in the present.

A. True B. False

Question 24. The spread of the news was regulated by the government in the late 20th century.

A. True B. False

Question 25. Vietnam's mobile network first launched in the early 21st century.

A. True B. False

Question 26. Spatial separation now has prevented people from keeping in touch with each other.

A. True B. False

b. Choose the correct answer to each question:

Question 27. What serves as the best title for the passage?

- A. Modes of Communication in Vietnam B. Ways of Communicating in Bygone Days
C. Social Media – A New Method of Communication D. Communication in Vietnam – Then and Now

Question 28. What can Facebook, Instagram and Zalo be described as?

- A. e-commerce platforms B. computerised database
C. information sharing apps D. electronic gadgets

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

Question 29. You may bring a hand-held **calculator** without memory expansion chips or electronic cards into exam rooms. (**CALCULATE**)

Question 30. I still keep this old-style phone because it has great **sentimental** value for me. My grandmother gave it to me on my tenth birthday. (**SENTIMENT**)

Question 31. The fire was so serious that no house in the neighbourhood escaped **undamaged**. (**DAMAGE**)

Question 32. As society develops, keeping warm and being well fed no longer suffice. Humans want tasty dishes and dress **fashionably**. (**FASHION**)

Question 33. The company has done their utmost to **popularise** its latest model of electronic bikes. (**POPULAR**) **Question 34.** You should store all your **valuables** in the hotel safe in case of theft. (**VALUE**)

VII. Look at the entry of the word “common” in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with ONE word.

tough adjective

B2

/tʌf/

/tʌf/

(comparative **tougher**, superlative **toughest**)

Idioms

difficult

1 ★ B2 having or causing problems or difficulties

- a tough childhood
- It was a **tough decision** to make.
- During the interview I was asked some really **tough questions**.
- Now Karen must make one of the **toughest choices** of her life.
- She's been having a **tough time of it** (= a lot of problems) lately.
- **Times are tough** at the moment.
- We've got a **tough fight ahead**.
- He faces the **toughest test** of his leadership so far.
- What was the **toughest job** you ever had?

Question 35. Most teenagers in mountainous areas have to make a tough **decision**, whether to attend school or work.

Question 36. Working on a farm every day is the **toughest** job that I have ever done.

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. After having filled more than 600 boxes with objects from his everyday life, Andy Warhol died in 1987. **(PASSED)**

By the time **Any Warhol / he passed away in 1987**, | **he / Andy Warhol had filled more than 600 boxes with** objects from his everyday life.

Question 38. Last night, I finished all my homework. Then, I went to bed.

Before I went to bed last night, I **had finished all my homework**.

Question 39. I accidentally met an old friend on my way to work. **(CAME)**

While I **was going to work**, | **I came across an old friend**.

Question 40. During their football practice, their fans came in. **(PRACTISING)**

Their fans came in while they **were practising (playing)** football.