

Read the following paragraph 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 from 1 to 6.

Attention Residents,

We would like to share some important updates (1)_____the rapid urbanisation taking place in our neighborhood. Significant changes have occurred over the past few years, transforming the area(2)_____. Many of you may have (3)_____attention to the development of high-rise buildings in places where rice fields once stood, reflecting the ongoing urban growth.

The city is expanding, attracting more people to our urban areas, and we are proud to announce the addition of(4)_____, a large shopping center, and an abundance of convenience stores on every corner, enhancing the quality of life for our community. Additionally, new electric buses have been introduced, providing a quiet and comfortable ride (5)_____all residents.

However, it is important to acknowledge some challenges that come with this growth. Increased traffic jams during rush hours and the rising cost of living are notable concerns that need to be addressed as we continue to develop. We encourage everyone (6)_____to these changes while remaining mindful of the balance between convenience and urban challenges.

Thank you for your attention and continued cooperation.

Best regards,

[Community Management Team]

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| Question 1: | A. regard | B. regarding | C. regarded | D. which regarding |
| Question 2: | A. consider | B. considerable | C. considerably | D. consideration |
| Question 3: | A. did | B. paid | C. took | D. attracted |
| Question 4: | A. new public parks | B. parks new public | C. public new parks | D. new parks public |
| Question 5: | A. to | B. with | C. about | D. for |
| Question 6: | A. adapt | B. adapting | C. to adapt | D. to adapting |

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 from 7 to 12.

Green Day at Anh Son 1 High School

Join us for Green Day at Anh Son 1 High School, where we celebrate sustainability and promote eco-friendly habits! This event will take place on Saturday, 16th December, starting at 8:00 AM in the schoolyard.

One of the key activities is creating compost (7)_____ from organic waste. Learn how leftover food and garden trimmings can (8)_____ nutrient-rich compost for plants. Students will demonstrate how this simple process benefits the environment and reduces waste.

We also encourage using public(9)_____ as a sustainable travel option. It's an easy way to reduce carbon emissions while connecting with your community.

There will be a wide(10)_____ of engaging activities throughout the day, including workshops, games, and a clean-up drive. (11)_____ your age or experience, everyone is welcome to participate and make a difference.

In (12)_____ exciting session, students will present innovative ideas to save energy and protect our planet.

Let's work together for a greener future. Don't miss this chance to contribute and have fun while doing so!

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| Question 7. | A. containers | B. bottles | C. piles | D. resources |
| Question 8. | A. turn out | B. turn into | C. turn up | D. turn round |
| Question 9. | A. vehicle | B. automobile | C. travelling | D. transport |
| Question 10. | A. amount | B. wealth | C. range | D. number |
| Question 11. | A. Instead of | B. Regardless of | C. But for | D. In view of |

Question 12. A. another B. other C. others D. the other

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 from 13 to 17

Question 13. a. Nam: Oh, don't worry! You'll be fine.
b. Minh: Thanks! I hope I can make a good impression.
c. Minh: I've got an interview for a part-time job tomorrow, and I'm feeling really nervous.
A. a - c - b B. b - a - c C. c - a - b D. c - b - a

Question 14. a. Peter: That sounds fun! Where did you go?
b. Anna: We went to Blue Mountain. The view was amazing.
c. Peter: Wow, I'd love to go there someday!
d. Peter: Hi Anna! How was your weekend?
e. Anna: It was great, thanks! I went hiking with some friends.
A. a - b - d - e - c B. e - b - c - d - a C. d - e - a - b - c D. b - a - e - c - d

Question 15. Dear Mr.Pips,
a. Please let us know your availability, and we will ensure to accommodate your schedule.
b. If this idea interests you, we would be happy to arrange a meeting and explore further details.
c. I am writing to discuss a potential collaboration between our teams, as I believe our shared expertise could lead to exciting opportunities.
d. Our company has recently launched a new project, and we are confident that your insights would add tremendous value to its success.
e. We have identified several areas where our objectives align, so working together could maximize the impact of our efforts.
Best regards,
A. c - d - e - b - a B. e - b - c - d - a C. b - a - c - d - e D. b - a - e - c - d

Question 16. a. Additionally, local authorities expand roads to make driving easier, further enhancing convenience in urban living.
b. Well-planned urban infrastructure significantly improves people's quality of life.
c. City residents also benefit from access to better health and communication services, clean water, and waste management facilities.
d. As many city residents earn higher salaries, they can afford to buy a nice house or flat in the many high-rise buildings.
e. Urbanised areas usually have better facilities, such as good schools and modern hospitals.
A. a - b - d - e - c B. b - e - c - d - a C. d - e - a - b - c D. b - a - e - c - d

Question 17. a. It has transformed beliefs, art, and customs while encouraging cultural diversity.
b. Globalisation has made the world increasingly interconnected, bringing significant changes to people's lives and cultures.
c. Although lifestyles worldwide are becoming more similar, this connection has enriched societies with unique cultural exchanges.
d. As a result, globalisation has reshaped the way we live, fostering both unity and diversity.
e. Through globalisation, people can now experience food, fashion, and traditions from different parts of the world.
A. b - d - a - e - c B. b - e - c - d - a C. b - c - a - d - e D. b - a - e - c - d

Read the following passage 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 from 18 to 22.

The origins of popular foods often reveal surprising historical insights. (18)_____. While many assume that curry was introduced to England through interactions with India in the 1600s, historical evidence suggests otherwise. Wealthy English families, (19)_____, were consuming dishes prepared with curry spices as early as the time of King Richard I. Notably, the term "curry" appears in an English cookbook published in 1377, long before British

ships traveled to India. This early mention highlights how food traditions can transcend borders and evolve over centuries, influenced by trade and exploration.

Similarly, pizza, a dish frequently associated with Italian cuisine, (20)_____. While modern pizza originated in Naples, records indicate that in the 500s, Persians consumed round, flat bread topped with cheese. This precursor to the pizza we know today reflects the global interconnectedness of culinary traditions, where simple yet innovative recipes emerge in different cultures independently. (21)_____.

The history of hamburgers also deviates from common perceptions. While widely regarded as an American culinary creation, (22)_____. According to historical accounts, Otto Kuasw created the first hamburger in 1891, and by 1895, German sailors had introduced the dish to the United States. This journey from Germany to the U.S. demonstrates how cultural exchanges shape iconic dishes.

Understanding the origins of these foods enhances appreciation of their cultural and historical significance. Regardless of their provenance, their enduring appeal lies in their taste, adaptability, and ability to bring people together across time and space.

(Adapted from Reading challenge 1)

- Question 18.** A. Thus, this once attracted people's attention far and wide in the world
B. However, there were some secrets among people in the world about this
C. For instance, the history of curry in England predates commonly held beliefs
D. It was once believed to be one of the most fascinating discoveries
- Question 19.** A. most of which members were from the loyal
B. were successful in food business at that time
C. had been selected in the society's management
D. who were known for their elaborate meals
- Question 20.** A. having been transmitted to Persia, now known as Iran
B. has roots that may extend to Persia, now known as Iran
C. that was believed to be originated from a distant area in Iran
D. whose origin was not clearly discovered by the historians
- Question 21.** A. This tradition emerged nearly a millennium prior to pizza's popularity in Naples, Italy
B. There used to be historical evidence about dishes made from curry and flour
C. It has taken people a long time to get used to with the dishes made in this way
D. Historians remain skeptical about the supposed origins of pizza
- Question 22.** A. people had once made hamburgers from flour, water and milk
B. it was believed to be one of the latest dishes to be discovered
C. the hamburger is believed to have originated in Hamburg, Germany
D. the fact about hamburgers has not been found out by scientists

Read the following passage about Singapore Science Centre and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

The Singapore Science Centre, situated on a sprawling six-hectare site in Jurong, offers a **captivating** way to explore the wonders of science and technology. Here, visitors can engage with interactive exhibits that make learning both fun and memorable. Clap your hands, and colorful bulbs will light up; spin a wheel, and it will activate a fan. **This engaging environment sparks curiosity and fuels the imagination of both children and adults.**

The centre boasts more than four hundred exhibits across various fascinating topics, including solar radiation, communication, electronics, mathematics, nuclear energy, and evolution. These exhibits are designed to foster interest in science and technology among the public, making the centre a hub for educational exploration. Notably, it is the first science centre to be established in Southeast Asia. Officially opened in 1977, the centre now welcomes an average of 1,200 visitors daily, highlighting its enduring popularity and educational value.

The exhibits are thoughtfully arranged across four main galleries: the Lobby, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Aviation. To ensure a fresh and engaging experience, the exhibits are renewed annually, encouraging repeat visits. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the exhibits, as opposed to traditional "hands-off" policies in most museums. Here, pushing buttons, turning cranks, or pedaling mechanisms are all part of the fun and learning experience.

The Discovery Centre, added in 1985, is specially designed for children aged three to twelve, providing an exciting space for young minds to explore and experiment. Most recently, a stone-age exhibit was introduced, showcasing extinct animals and early human life, offering insights into prehistoric times.

With its interactive displays and immersive environment, the Singapore Science Centre continues to inspire a love for science and discovery, making it an unforgettable destination for learners of all ages.

(Adapted from tuyensinh247.com)

Question 23: The word **captivating** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to:

- A. boring B. fascinating C. disappointing D. interesting

Question 24: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence?

- A. The Science Centre provides activities that entertain children and adults alike.
B. This setting inspires both young and older visitors to think creatively and be curious about science.
C. The exhibits at the Science Centre are designed to teach scientific concepts in an engaging way.
D. This environment encourages visitors to explore hands-on activities and enjoy learning.

Question 25: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the topics covered in the exhibits in paragraph 2?

- A. solar radiation B. nuclear energy C. animal behavior D. evolution

Question 26: The word **hands-off** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by_____.

- A. interactive B. avoidable C. restricted D. permitted

Question 27: The word **its** in paragraph 5 refers to_____.

- A. The Singapore Science Centre B. The Discovery Centre
C. The average number of visitors D. The new exhibits

Question 28: According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. The Singapore Science Centre officially opened in 1985.
B. The centre features only static, non-interactive exhibits.
C. The Discovery Centre is designed for children at a certain age.
D. Visitors are not allowed to touch the exhibits in the center .

Question 29: In which paragraph is the Discovery Centre first mentioned?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Question 30: In which paragraph is the annual renewal of the exhibits mentioned?

- A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

Read the following passage about lifelong learning and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 40.

My father was an enthusiastic traveller, but as he got older, he increasingly suffered from what he called “travel fever,” a **vivid** term for the acute anxiety felt before a journey, essentially due to uncertainty about all the things that could go wrong. Sadly, this eventually stopped him from going on holiday. Then I, too, started to suffer similar apprehension, so I consulted a psychotherapist. She recommended a small piece of cognitive behavioural therapy, which involved acknowledging the mental and physical symptoms of anxiety, but telling myself that **these** were essentially indistinguishable from feelings of excitement about the prospect of a journey. This reframing of my feelings has been reasonably effective – it’s one way of dealing with uncertainty.

It’s not just the uncertainty of travel that we all have to face. None of us knows what is going to happen, or what is currently going on outside our immediate knowledge, or the vast majority of what has happened in the past.

Uncertainty has been called the “conscious awareness of ignorance,” and there is a lot we are ignorant about. We must navigate through life without complete information, and this fundamental uncertainty is an inescapable aspect of human existence.

We all have to live with this uncertainty and, as a statistician, it’s been my job to try to analyse data and assess some of the risks we face. (I) But some deal with uncertainty with more equanimity than others. (II) Psychological studies, as well as our own experience, reveal a wide variation in people’s responses, including those that are cognitive (how we think), emotional (how we feel), and behavioural (what we do). (III) For example, when faced with uncertainty, do you deny it or acknowledge it, does it **put the wind up you** or make you courageous, do you try to avoid it or approach it? (IV)

Of course, your response may depend on the context, just as an individual's appetite for risk-taking can vary across different areas of their lives. I have known people who seemed to take huge physical risks, yet were very cautious with money. Numerous scales have been developed to measure how well people can deal with uncertainty, based on responses to statements ranging from "Unforeseen events upset me greatly" to "When it's time to act, uncertainty paralyses me." Those who score highly, and find it difficult to tolerate uncertainty, may also be at increased risk of clinically significant anxiety and depression.

(Adapted from *The Guardian.com*)

Question 31: The word "**vivid**" in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to:

- A. feeble B. intense C. remarkable D. crucial

Question 32: The word "**these**" in paragraph 1 refers to:

- A. symptoms of anxiety and excitement B. feelings of excitement
C. mental and physical symptoms of anxiety D. travel fever and apprehension

Question 33: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. Being uncertain means realizing we don't know everything.
B. Ignorance and uncertainty are completely unrelated concepts.
C. Awareness of uncertainty only applies to the past and present.
D. Most of our knowledge comes from ignoring uncertainties.

Question 34: Where in paragraph 3 would the following sentence best fit?

"This variation reflects the complexity of human psychology when facing unknown outcomes."

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 35: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a factor influencing people's responses to uncertainty in paragraph 3?

- A. cognitive thinking patterns B. emotional reactions
C. behavioral actions D. professional expertise

Question 36: The phrase "**put the wind up you**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____

- A. assist you B. calm you down C. make you nervous D. reassure you

Question 37: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 4?

- A. Responses to uncertainty depend on the circumstances, with low tolerance linked to mental health problems.
B. People who dislike uncertainty are at a much higher risk of developing anxiety disorders and depression.
C. Scales used to measure uncertainty tolerance highlight individual differences.
D. An individual's response to uncertainty undeniably reflects their appetite for taking risks in various situations.

Question 38: According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. The author's father completely overcame his fear of travel.
B. Cognitive behavioural therapy involves denying feelings of anxiety.
C. Reframing anxiety as excitement can help manage pre-travel apprehension.
D. People's responses to uncertainty are primarily shaped by their professions.

Question 39: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Travel anxiety is a universal experience for all individuals.
B. People's responses to uncertainty are shaped by both internal and external factors.
C. High tolerance for uncertainty guarantees lower levels of anxiety.
D. The concept of uncertainty has little relevance in modern life.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarizes the main point of the passage?

- A. Anxiety about uncertainty is common but can be managed with the right strategies.
B. Travel anxiety highlights the broader issue of uncertainty in life.
C. Individual responses to uncertainty vary widely and impact mental health.
D. Uncertainty is an inevitable part of life that challenges everyone differently.