

e. When you asked if I feel lonely, I must say that I meet many friendly people who share the same lifestyle.
Your friend,

LK

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Read the following passage about Reducing Electronic Waste 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.

In today's hyper-connected world, our constant need for the newest electronic devices has led to a growing environmental crisis. Electronic waste, or e-waste, is one of the fastest-growing waste streams globally, with millions of tons discarded annually. A digital detox, (18)_____, can be an effective environmental practice that helps address this issue.

(19)_____, the current e-waste crisis might have been avoided. The devices that we carelessly discard often contain valuable materials that could be recycled and harmful components that contaminate soil and water. Many consumers replace functioning smartphones and laptops simply because newer models are available, not realizing the environmental impact of their decisions. The manufacturing process of new electronics requires significant resources and energy; (20)_____.

Practicing digital detox not only improves mental health but also decreases the demand for new products. (21)_____ ; however, if consumer demand decreases, production might slow down as well. Individuals who commit to using their devices for longer periods contribute significantly to waste reduction, and they often discover that older models fulfill their needs perfectly well.

The electronic waste problem requires both individual action and systemic change. We can create a world embracing sustainable principles, (22)_____ , through our participation in digital detox practices and mindful consumption.

Question 18:

- A. involved completely eliminating internet usage and promoting analog alternatives
- B. that is focusing on financial benefits and productivity enhancement through technology
- C. will include mandatory recycling programs and government restrictions on technology
- D. which involves intentionally reducing screen time and dependence on electronic devices

Question 19:

- A. People who having awareness about sustainable choices make better decisions
- B. The people which are learning to embrace minimalist lifestyles today
- C. Having educated consumers ignored warnings about electronic waste
- D. Had people been more conscious about their consumption habits earlier

Question 20:

- A. moreover, replacing electronics frequently encourages innovation in energy efficiency
- B. consequently, upgrading to newer models annually minimizes electronic compatibility issues
- C. therefore, extending the lifespan of our current devices directly reduces our carbon footprint
- D. furthermore, digital consumption increases technological literacy without environmental impact

Question 21:

- A. Consumers reject sustainable practices despite increasing environmental education efforts
- B. Companies continue to produce more devices due to our consistent purchasing habits
- C. Digital products naturally deteriorate regardless of our careful handling procedures
- D. Environmental concerns rarely influence technological development or marketing strategies

Question 22:

- A. having maximized production efficiency while ignoring environmental consequences
- B. targeting consumers with upgrades and creating dependency on new technologies
- C. produced with planned obsolescence and requiring frequent replacement cycles
- D. designing electronics to last longer and making them fully recyclable

Read the following passage about The Elderly in Multicultural Societies: Challenges and Opportunities 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.

In multicultural societies, elderly individuals face unique challenges and important opportunities. As communities diversify rapidly, traditional support systems are constantly evolving. Seniors often navigate

unfamiliar cultural environments while facing significant language barriers that lead to social isolation. These persistent obstacles frequently prevent full access to essential healthcare services or meaningful community participation. Fortunately, innovative local organizations address these critical issues by offering comprehensive translation services and culturally sensitive care options.

Technology presents both remarkable benefits and considerable difficulties for elderly individuals from various cultural backgrounds. Digital tools effectively connect seniors with distant family members globally, yet many older adults struggle substantially with these new communication methods. Recent research shows approximately 65% of elderly immigrants experience digital exclusion compared to native-born seniors. In response, numerous community centers have successfully established specialized technology workshops for older adults from diverse backgrounds, helping **them** maintain vital connections with overseas relatives and friends.

Cultural differences significantly impact elderly care approaches across communities. In collectivist cultures, elderly family members traditionally live with their children, while Western societies typically emphasize personal independence. This fundamental **divergence** creates tension when immigrant families attempt to adapt to new societal norms. However, vibrant multicultural environments provide valuable opportunities for exchanging diverse perspectives on aging. Many communities benefit tremendously from adopting hybrid approaches blending traditional cultural practices with modern care techniques, creating more comprehensive support systems.

Economic aspects of aging in multicultural contexts matter significantly for overall wellbeing.

Elderly immigrants frequently face severe financial hardships due to limited retirement savings and persistent employment discrimination throughout their lives. Some progressive governments implement supportive policies addressing these vulnerable individuals' unique needs. Certain forward-thinking regions offer specialized employment programs for seniors with diverse cultural backgrounds, recognizing their valuable skills and extensive life experiences. Additionally, creative intergenerational initiatives connecting elderly immigrants with younger community members effectively foster mutual understanding and practical support, successfully transforming demographic challenges into meaningful community enrichment opportunities.

Question 23: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a challenge faced by elderly immigrants?

- A. Transportation difficulties
- B. Digital exclusion
- C. Limited retirement savings
- D. Language barriers

Question 24: The word “**diversify**” in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. expand
- B. develop
- C. homogenize
- D. transform

Question 25: The word “**them**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Older adults from diverse backgrounds
- B. Community centers
- C. Technology workshops

D. Overseas relatives and friends

Question 26: The word “divergence” in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

A. convergence B. difference C. disagreement D. advancement

Question 27: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

A. Cultural considerations outweigh economic concerns for elderly immigrants' quality of life and contentment.
B. Financial factors affecting older people in diverse societies are important for their general health and happiness.
C. Social connections determine financial stability for aging individuals across multicultural communities.
D. Healthcare systems primarily dictate the economic outcomes for seniors in diverse cultural settings.

Question 28: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

A. Technology workshops effectively eliminate digital exclusion faced by all elderly immigrants globally.
B. Language barriers rarely prevent elderly immigrants from accessing essential healthcare services effectively.
C. Hybrid approaches combining traditional and modern care techniques create more comprehensive systems.
D. Western societies generally encourage elderly family members to live with their adult children permanently.

Question 29: In which paragraph does the writer mention challenges and support systems for elderly in diverse communities?

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

Question 30: In which paragraph does the writer mention economic challenges and supportive initiatives for elderly immigrants?

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

Read the following passage about the Pathways from Today's Actions to Tomorrow's World 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.

As we stand at the crossroads of environmental decision-making, the actions we take today will shape our world in 2050. Scientists warn that we're skating on thin ice with current consumption patterns and carbon emissions. Global temperatures could rise by 2-4 degrees Celsius unless significant changes occur within the next decade. Many countries have pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, but these promises require immediate implementation. Individual choices in transportation, energy usage, and consumption can collectively influence whether future generations inherit a sustainable planet or face severe climate consequences.

[I] Technological innovation represents our greatest hope for addressing environmental challenges by 2050. [II] Renewable energy sources like solar and wind are becoming increasingly affordable, potentially replacing fossil fuels entirely within thirty years. [III] Electric vehicles may dominate transportation networks, while vertical farming could transform food production in urban areas. [IV] However, these

technological solutions must be developed and deployed equitably to avoid creating new disparities between wealthy and developing nations.

Social structures will undergo dramatic transformation by 2050 as demographic shifts reshape communities worldwide. Aging populations in developed countries will **necessitate** new approaches to healthcare, retirement, and social support systems. Meanwhile, climate migration may force millions to relocate from vulnerable coastal and drought-prone regions. Education systems must evolve to prepare our students for jobs that don't yet exist, emphasizing **their** adaptability and lifelong learning. Cities will need to become more resilient, incorporating green spaces and sustainable infrastructure to support growing populations.

Economic models must fundamentally change by 2050 to balance prosperity with environmental responsibility. The traditional focus on continuous growth may shift toward measuring success through wellbeing indicators rather than GDP alone. Circular economy principles will likely replace linear production models, with products designed for reuse and recycling. Resource-sharing platforms may become more prevalent, reducing individual consumption while maintaining living standards. Companies implementing genuinely sustainable practices will thrive, while those clinging to environmentally harmful methods may disappear entirely. The transition presents both challenges and opportunities for businesses willing to embrace innovation and sustainability.

Question 31: The phrase “skating on thin ice” in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by _____.

Question 32: Where in paragraph 2 does the following sentence best fit?

Artificial intelligence systems will likely revolutionize resource management, reducing waste significantly across industries.

A. [I] **B. [III]** **C. [III]** **D. [IV]**

Question 33: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a potential change by 2050?

- A. Circular economy principles replacing linear production models
- B. Underwater cities housing displaced populations
- C. Electric vehicles dominating transportation networks
- D. Resource-sharing platforms becoming more prevalent

Question 34: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

- A. Social demographic shifts will create healthcare challenges while climate change will force migration to resilient cities with sustainable infrastructure by 2050.
- B. Aging populations in developed nations and climate migration from vulnerable regions will necessitate completely rebuilding all existing social support systems.
- C. Education systems must prioritize adaptability for future careers while cities incorporate green spaces, addressing the primary concerns of social transformation.
- D. Social structures face transformation by 2050 due to demographic changes and climate issues, requiring adaptations in healthcare, education, and urban planning.

Question 35: The word “**necessitate**” in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

A. permit **B. require** **C. demand** **D. obviate**

Question 36: The word “**their**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

Question 37: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. By mid-century, our economic systems require complete restructuring to ensure both financial growth and ecological sustainability simultaneously.
- B. Economic paradigms need significant alteration within three decades to achieve harmony between wealth creation and environmental stewardship.
- C. A radical transformation of business frameworks is essential before 2050 to prevent economic decline while protecting our natural environment.
- D. Financial structures should gradually evolve over time to potentially accommodate both economic interests and environmental concerns by 2050.

Question 38: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Education systems must evolve by 2050 to prepare students for jobs that currently exist but will require advanced technical skills and environmental expertise.
- B. Vertical farming will completely replace traditional agriculture worldwide by 2050, eliminating food scarcity while reducing the environmental impact of farming.
- C. Companies that fail to adopt sustainable practices by 2050 will likely struggle to compete and may eventually disappear from increasingly eco-conscious markets.
- D. Most developed nations have already implemented concrete policies that will achieve their carbon neutrality pledges, though developing nations require assistance.

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

- A. Technological solutions alone cannot solve environmental challenges if social inequities prevent their equal access across developing and developed nations.
- B. Current environmental policies will likely be insufficient to prevent climate catastrophe without significant acceleration of implementation within this decade.
- C. Traditional businesses will strongly resist economic model changes, potentially causing political conflict between corporate interests and environmental advocates.
- D. Individual consumer choices may ultimately prove more influential than government policies in determining whether carbon neutrality goals are achieved by 2050.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

A. Our environmental future depends on immediate technological innovations that will allow continued economic growth while reducing carbon emissions through renewable energy adoption and artificial intelligence resource management.

- B.** Social structures worldwide face unprecedented challenges due to aging populations and climate migration, necessitating dramatic reforms in education, healthcare, and urban planning to create resilient communities by mid-century.
- C.** Economic models must evolve from growth-focused to wellbeing-centered systems that embrace circular principles and resource sharing, allowing businesses to thrive through sustainable practices while eliminating environmentally harmful methods.
- D.** Addressing climate change requires transformative shifts across technological, social, and economic systems by 2050, with both individual choices and structural changes needed to balance prosperity with environmental sustainability.

