



Make the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. homework B. rhythm C. perhaps D. hunt
2. A. sechemes B. receives C. begins D. laughs

Make the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. ecological B. opportunity C. itinerary D. anniversary
4. A. leftover B. artisan C. handicraft D. pottery

Make the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

5. My mother told me to go shopping since we were _____ milk and Coke.
A. using out B. running out of C. looking for D. taking care of
6. What _____ tourists often spend time _____ in Hanoi?
A. does – do B. do – do C. do – doing D. do – does
7. This year, the city council has invested more in protecting and improving _____ public amenities such as parks and children playgrounds.
A. the B. an C. x (no article) D. a
8. The _____ she tried to explain, the _____ they wanted to listen, as she was not an honest person.
A. more – more B. less – more C. worse – better D. more – less
9. Mi is talking to John about the good news she has just received.
Mi: "I have been awarded a full scholarship into Harvard."
John: " _____ "
A. Congratulations! B. How come? C. It was impossible. D. Thank you so much
10. A police officer makes people _____ the law and solves crimes.
A. obey B. protect C. keep D. prevent
11. Samsung called _____ the project to develop a new electronic product that can replaces smartphones and smartwatches.
A. off B. on C. for D. with
12. The bus is often late, _____ it often updates the bus stops on an app, _____ I can plan my own trip in advance.
A. so – but B. or – so C. but – so D. so – or

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

- Travel in Groups: Whenever possible, hike or explore (13) _____ a companion or group.
- Inform Someone: Always let someone (14) _____ your plans and expected return time.
- Be Aware of Weather Changes: Mountain weather can change rapidly. Be prepared to turn back if (15) _____ conditions worsen.
- Carry a First Aid Kit: Be equipped to handle minor injuries or emergencies.





- Know Emergency Contacts: Familiarize yourself with local emergency services and have a plan (16) _____ an emergency.

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| 13. A. in | B. on | C. at | D. with |
| 14. A. knows | B. know | C. to know | D. knowing |
| 15. A. the | B. x (no article) | C. a | D. an |
| 16. A. unless | B. despite | C. in case of | D. if |

Make the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to questions from 17 to 18.

17. Put the sentences (a-c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

"Once upon a time, a young lady named Mia decided to transform her life after feeling exhausted from carrying extra weight. She started by incorporating healthy meals into her diet, swapping sugary snacks for vibrant fruits and vegetables. _____"

- a. Gradually, friends and family began to compliment her radiant smile and energy, inspiring her even further.
b. Each morning, she laced up her sneakers and took long walks in the nearby park, where she found peace in nature.
c. As the weeks passed, Mia noticed not only the change in her body but also a newfound confidence blooming within her.

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

18. Choose the sentence that can end the text (in Question 17) most appropriately.

- A. Finally, Mia decided to apply for a scholarship to study abroad for two years after she had lost enough weight.
B. Although she was thinner than before, she loved to wear oversized clothes everywhere.
C. In the end, Mia's family was very proud of her journey.
D. In the end, Mia realized that the journey was about more than just losing weight; it was about embracing a healthier, happier version of herself.

Read the passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Artificial intelligence (AI) image generators are new and creative tools that use artificial intelligence and machine learning to create or edit images in various ways. These tools empower users to manipulate images. With them, you can change an image's style, color, and content or improve the overall quality of an image. You can even create an entirely new image just by (19) _____ a prompt.

(20) _____, you could give a prompt of a penguin as James Bond and (21) _____ an image showing a penguin wearing a James Bond outfit. Many generators come with prompt capabilities. Several also allow you to choose the style in (22) _____ you want your piece to copy. You could choose between anime or cartoon, realism, Sci-Fi, and more.

These AI image-generation tools have opened (23) _____ to new creative endeavors for (24) _____ graphic designers and artists alike. These tools help creatives produce stunning visuals and digital assets easier than doing everything by hand.

(Adapted from <https://starryai.com/blog/benefits-of-using-ai-image-generators-for-creatives-designers>)

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| 19. A. enter | B. entering | C. to enter | D. entered |
| 20. A. For example | B. However | C. Although | D. In addition |





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| 21. A. end up to | B. end with | C. end up with | D. end at |
| 22. A. where | B. who | C. which | D. that |
| 23. A. windows | B. ways | C. boxes | D. doors |
| 24. A. both | B. such | C. so | D. all |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in the meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.

25. You spend time more properly. You have more time to rest.
 A. The more properly you spend your time, the less time you have to rest.
 B. The more properly you spent your time, the more time you had to rest.
 C. The more properly you spend your time, the more time you have to rest.
 D. The properlier you spend your time, the less time you have to rest.
26. The girl next door asked: "Would you like to watch a movie tomorrow?"
 A. The girl next door asked if I liked to watch a movie tomorrow.
 B. The girl next door asked if I would like to watch a movie the following day.
 C. The girl next door told me to watch a movie the following day.
 D. The girl next door invited me to watch a movie the following day.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best written from the words/phrases given.

27. I / want/ spend/ that money/ educate/ my children.
 A. I want to spend that money to educate my children.
 B. I want to spend that money on educating my children.
 C. I want spending that money educating my children.
 D. I want to spend that money educate my children.
28. My father/ suggested/ / buy/ a smart watch/ if/ I/ call/ navigate/ same time.
 A. My father suggested I buy a smart watch so that I can call and navigate at the same time.
 B. My father suggested I bought a smart watch so that I call and navigate at the same time.
 C. My father suggested I buy a smart watch so that I could call and navigate at the same time.
 D. My father suggested I buy a smart watch so that I called and navigated at the same time.

Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

29. What does the sign say?



- A. No parking
 B. Do not enter
 C. Danger ahead
 D. There's nothing ahead

30. What does the note say?





**UNDER 9'S
SWIMMING COURSE
SATURDAY 10 A.M.**

- A. The swimming course for children under 9 is at 10 a.m. Saturday.
 B. Children under 9 have a swimming class after 10 a.m. Saturday.
 C. A 10-year-old boy can join the swimming course at 10 a.m. Saturday.
 D. Children older than 9 join the swimming course before 10 a.m. Saturday.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 36.

If you are planning a trip to Shangri-La, it probably means you have visited Lijiang already. You are now looking for something else to do in the area. Thanks to the recent infrastructures like a new highway and the high-speed railway, it's now quite convenient to visit this little Tibetan city. Technically, you can even do it on a day trip, but I recommend staying a few nights.

Until December 17, 2001, Shangri-La was called Zhongdian, but the name was changed to match the mystical place James Hilton talked about in his novel "Lost Horizon". It was a marketing move to get more tourists. In the novel, Shangri-La is an ancient and secret city of wise men, gathered from all over the world, of different sexes, cultures, religions, and temperaments, who live extremely long lives and are truly happy.

The city lies at an elevation of about 3100 meters, so it's pretty cold in winter. It can rain often in summer so it's better to visit in spring or autumn. Regardless of when you decide to go, try to avoid all the national holidays and the month of August when students and teachers are on holiday. August is **exceptionally** crowded because most Chinese are trying to escape from the heat of the rest of the country. Remember that Shangri-La is at an altitude of 3160 meters, so you might suffer from altitude sickness, especially if you fly from a much lower elevation.

Right next to the city is a small airport and a newly built high-speed train station. So you can either fly or get there by train. The other option is to get there by bus from Lijiang. There are buses every 20 minutes or so, and thanks to a new highway, it only takes 2.5 hours. If you **opt for** the bus, remember that foreigners cannot book the tickets in advance using an app, so you'll have to physically go to the bus station (bring your passport). I recommend doing so if you want to leave at a specific time because the tickets are quickly sold out. You cannot buy the return ticket from Shangri-La to Lijiang while you are in Lijiang. So I suggest booking the return ticket when you arrive in Shangri-La.

(Adapted from <https://www.fabionodaripphoto.com/en/shangri-la-yunnan-travel-guide/>)

31. What is the main purpose of the reading passage?

- A. to promote Shangri-La as an attractive tourist destination
 B. to provide practical travel tips and advice for visiting Shangri-La
 C. to educate readers about the history and culture of Shangri-La
 D. to compare the real Shangri-La with the fictional city in the novel by James Hilton.

32. What was the previous name of Shangri-La?

- A. Zhongdian B. Lijiang C. Tibetan City D. Lost Horizon

33. The phrase "**exceptionally**" is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. shockingly B. especially C. completely D. hardly

34. What may be the disadvantage of visiting Shangri-La in the summer months?

- A. The city may be less crowded. B. Rainfall can be higher.
 C. Temperatures are more comfortable. D. The airport and train station may be less busy.



35. Which of the following statements is NOT the reason why foreign tourists book the return ticket from Shangri-La to Lijiang when arriving in Shangri-La?

- A. Tickets sell out quickly.
- B. Prices are lower when purchased locally.
- C. Foreigners cannot book tickets in advance using an app.
- D. The bus schedule is more reliable when purchased on-site.

36. The phrase "**opt for**" is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

- A. pay for
- B. choose
- C. leave
- D. avoid

Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.

Matcha, a finely ground powder made from green tea leaves, is increasingly recognized for its benefits in weight management. This vibrant green tea is packed with antioxidants, which are known to enhance metabolism and promote fat loss. (37) _____. Additionally, matcha contains a moderate amount of caffeine, which can provide a gentle energy boost and improve exercise performance, making workouts more effective. One of the key advantages of matcha is its ability to help people feel fuller for longer and reduce unhealthy snacking. By incorporating matcha into daily routines "(38) _____" people can enjoy its unique flavor while reaping its health benefits. Moreover, matcha's L-theanine content helps to reduce stress and anxiety, (39) _____. For those looking to lose weight, matcha can serve as a delicious and beneficial addition to a balanced diet, supporting overall health and wellness while contributing to sustainable weight loss efforts. (40) _____ seeking to enhance their weight loss journey naturally.

- A. whether in smoothies, lattes, or baked goods
- B. Studies suggest that the EGG in matcha can help increase the body's calorie-burning rate, even during rest
- C. which are often linked to emotional eating
- D. Ultimately, matcha is a versatile option for anyone

37. _____ 38. _____ 39. _____ 40. _____

