

Mark 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.

Question 1. A. slowly B. downtown C. power D. crowded

Question 2. A. modern B. pollute C. produce D. congested

Mark 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.

Question 3. A. fabulous B. reliable C. variety D. forbidden

Question 4. A. pricey B. metro C. advance D. process

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

Question 5. The sky train is _____ with commuters at rush hour.
A. packed B. full C. busy D. interesting

Question 6. It is often more _____ to live in the downtown than in the suburbs.
A. quite B. peaceful C. convenient D. silent

Question 7. The _____ the public transport system is, the _____ it is for residents to get around the city.
A. more reliable/ easier C. less reliable/ easier
B. more reliable/ harder D. less reliable/ harder

Question 8. My phone battery is low; I need to _____ it before the meeting.
A. turn off B. pick up C. turn on D. run out of

Question 9. We've _____ all the milk; we need to buy more.
A. set up B. get along C. put up with D. run out of

Question 10. During _____, traffic can be very heavy and slow-moving.
A. Public transport B. rush hour C. concrete jungle D. high crime rate

Q11. _____ smoother _____ traffic flow in the downtown area, _____ better the commute for workers.
A. The/ the/ the B. A/ the/ a C. The/ a/ a D. The/ a/ the

Question 12. Linda: " Would you mind opening the window?" – Jane: " _____"
A. I agree with you B. Yes, you can C. Not at all D. Yes, I'd love

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome to the annual City Life Festival! This event will showcase (13) _____ vibrant culture and (14) _____ activities of our city. Join us (15) _____ Central Park for a day filled with music, and fun. There will be performances from local bands, (16) _____ a food market featuring international cuisines.

- Question 13.** A. a B. an C. the D. X
- Question 14.** A. diverse B. diversity C. diversing D. diver
- Question 15.** A. at B. in C. on D. by
- Question 16.** A. including B. included C. include D. includes

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions 17.

- a. However, I am still looking for the best spots to eat and shop.
- b. Additionally, I have discovered many parks where I can relax and enjoy nature.

- c. I hope you are doing well. I am writing to tell you about my new city life. Firstly, I have been exploring various places and activities in the city.
- d. Moreover, there are numerous entertainment options available, including theaters and music venues.
- e. Finally, I look forward to hearing about your experiences in the city as well!
- A. b-d-c-a-e B. a-c-d-b-e C. c-d-a-b-e D. a-b-d-e-c

Question 18.

- a. Firstly, the city offers a diverse range of experiences for its residents.
- b. For example, from shopping malls to museums, there is something for everyone.
- c. Moreover, public transport is easily accessible, making it convenient to get around.
- d. In contrast, many people enjoy the hustle and bustle of city life, while others may find it stressful.
- e. However, living in the city can be exciting but also overwhelming at times.
- A. a-c-b-d-e B. a-b-d-c-e C. b-a-d-c-e D. a-b-c-e-d

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each numbered blank from 19 to 24.

The city is known (19) _____ its lively atmosphere and diverse population. (20) _____ the high cost of living, many people find the urban environment stimulating. The city's landscape is filled with (21) _____ landmarks and modern architecture. (22) _____ the hustle and bustle of daily life, residents often find solace in the city's green spaces. The vibrant energy of the city (23) _____ it an appealing place for those who enjoy an active lifestyle. (24) _____ you're looking for excitement or relaxation, the city provides plenty of options.

- Question 19.** A. as B. for C. with D. to
- Question 20.** A. Although B. Because C. So D. And
- Question 21.** A. historical B. history C. historic D. historian
- Question 22.** A. Despite B. Because C. Although D. Because of
- Question 23.** A. makes B. puts C. takes D. make
- Question 24.** A. When B. If C. While D. Although

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

Question 25. Mary doesn't study as well as she used to.

- A. Mary used to study worse than she does now. B. Mary used to study better than he does now.
- C. As time flew, Mary studies better d. Mary doesn't use good studying methods now.

Question 26. My current house is more spacious than the old one.

- A. My old house is smaller the current one. B. My current house is the most spacious house.
- C. My old house is smaller than the current one. D. My old house had more space than the new one.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues in each of the following questions.

Question 27. Some cities/ be/ not safe/ because/ high crime rates.

- A. Some cities are not safe because of high crime rates.
- B. Some cities are not safe because high crime rates.
- C. Some cities are not safe because in high crime rates.
- D. Some cities are not safe for because high crime rates.

Question 28. The town's/ public amenities/ make/ liveable place/ its residents.

- A. The town's public amenities make it a liveable place for its residents.
- B. The town's public amenities makes it a liveable place for its residents.
- C. The town's public amenities make liveable place for its residents.
- D. The town's public amenities makes liveable place for its residents.

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.

Question 29. What does the sign say?



- A. You can park your car in any place
- B. Do not park your car here
- C. Only customers can park in this area.
- D. You can park your car in any spot you like.

Question 30. What does the notice say?

Don't keep this soup in the fridge for more than two days after opening it.

- A. If you open this soup, only keep it in the fridge for two days.
- B. You must open and eat this soup in the next two days.
- C. Put this soup in the fridge as soon as you open it.
- D. If you open this soup, you shouldn't keep it in the fridge.

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.

One of the most important aspects of city life is public transportation. Efficient public transport systems can greatly enhance the quality of life for city dwellers by reducing traffic congestion and pollution. Many large cities have developed extensive networks of buses, trains, and subways to help people get around quickly and affordably.

In cities like Tokyo and New York, public transportation is an essential part of daily life. The Tokyo subway system is known for its **punctuality** and cleanliness, transporting millions of passengers every day. Similarly, New York's subway system, though older and less reliable, is crucial for the mobility of its residents. Public transportation not only benefits individuals but also has a positive impact on the environment. By reducing the number of private vehicles on the road, public transport systems help to lower emissions and decrease the city's carbon footprint. Additionally, using public transportation can be more economical for residents, saving money on fuel and parking fees.

However, public transportation systems also face challenges. In many cities, aging infrastructure and lack of funding can lead to delays and overcrowding. Safety and cleanliness are other concerns that need to be addressed to make public transport more appealing to users.

Despite these issues, the advantages of public transportation in city life are clear. Investments in modernizing and expanding public transport can lead to significant improvements in urban living conditions. Encouraging the use of public transportation is essential for the sustainable development of cities.

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Question 31. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The history of public transportation
- B. The benefits and challenges of public transportation in cities
- C. The differences between public transportation in Tokyo and New York.
- D. The environmental impact of private vehicles.

Question 32. The word "**punctuality**" in paragraph 2 is CLOSEST in meaning to ____.

- A. Speed
- B. cleanliness
- C. reliability
- D. timeliness

Question 33. According to the passage, what is the benefit of public transportation?

- A. Increased traffic congestion
- B. Reduced emissions
- C. Higher fuel costs
- D. Less safety

Question 34. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a challenge for public transportation?

- A. Aging infrastructure
- B. Lack of funding
- C. Overcrowding
- D. High fuel costs

Question 35. The word **increase** in the passage is OPPOSITE in meaning to ____.

- A. Reduce
- B. Improve
- C. Develop
- D. Expand

Question 36. What is one of the biggest challenges for public transportation systems?

- A. Too many train lines in small cities.
- B. The difficulty of finding passengers.
- C. Aging infrastructure and lack of funding.
- D. The high cost of private vehicles.

Four phrases/ sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, 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 37 to 40.

I love city life. First, the availability of good and reliable health services (37) _____ is an important aspect that ensures a sense of security and well-being. Second, the convenience of easy shopping with numerous markets and malls, (38) _____. Third, cities offer a wealth of public amenities, (39) _____, making city living a well-rounded and fulfilling experience. In conclusion, (40)_____, and enhance the quality of city life.

- A. so that buying daily necessities is quicker and simpler
- B. ranging from parks and recreational spaces to cultural institutions and educational facilities
- C. that are available whenever needed
- D. the combination of these factors collectively contribute to a vibrant and livable urban lifestyle

Question 37 _____ Question 38 _____ Question 39 _____ Question 40 _____

Exercise 3: Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences: (truongthanh)

1. Nomadic people live in a ger. It keeps them cool in summer and warm in winter.
A. house B. circular tent C. cave D. yatch
2. The nomads move two or three times a year to look for new pastures
A. food B. places C. grasslands D. lifestyles
3. life in the city is more exciting than in the country.
A. boring B. interesting C. convenient D. beautiful
4. That village is very peaceful, so we like to live there.
A. noisy B. quiet C. boring D. skillful
5. I don't like living in the country.
A. dislike B. hate C. enjoy D. A and B are correct

Exercise 1: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes each of the following exchanges. (truongthanh)

1. - **Lan:** "Have you ever ridden a cart?" - **Nam:** " _____ "
A. Yes, we do. B. That's a good idea. C. No, but I'd like to. D. Not at all.
2. - **Nick:** You've made new friends? - **Aly:** " _____ "
A. Yes, I did. B. Yeah- right on the first day. C. Yes, please. D. You're welcome.
3. - **Ba:** "Why don't we take a trip to my home town?" - **Nam:** " _____ "
A. Yes, we do. B. That's a good idea. C. Not at all. D. You're welcome.
4. - **Nick:** "How is your stay there?" - **Nam:** " _____ "
A. Yes, please. B. So exciting. C. Never mind. D. Sure
5. - **Lan:** "What are you doing there?" - **Nam:** " _____ "
A. Lots of things. B. Good idea. C. Ok. D. Not at all.