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

We are a planet of seven billion people, and this number is growing by about 370,000 people every day. This is putting a huge **strain** on the planet's natural resources. For many governments and environmental organizations, the race is on to drastically reduce our consumption of resources before they run out.

Water is one of our most precious resources. Our quality of life, as well as life itself, depends on the availability of clean, fresh water. It is the most widely used resource in industry, and plays a major role in energy production. Although 70 percent of the world is covered in water, only 2.5 percent of that is fresh water, and less than one percent of that freshwater is readily available to us. Yet we often **overestimate** how much water we have, and reduce it further through pollution or inefficient use.

Some 92 percent of all fresh water used annually is dedicated to growing plants and raising animals for food. This means that if water runs out, our food supply might follow. In India, it is estimated that future water shortages could reduce grain harvests by 25%. In a country where the population exceeds 1.2 billion people and is growing rapidly every year, this is a huge concern. India, like many developing countries, is already struggling to provide for its population. While most people in developed countries can get water at the turn of a tap, nearly four billion people elsewhere lack access to safe water, according to United Nations Development Report.

Rain forests are another endangered resource. While rain forests are critically important to humanity, **they** are rapidly being destroyed by human activities. The biggest cause of deforestation is conversion of forest land for agriculture. Often called the "Lungs of the Planet", rain forests once covered 14 percent of the Earth's land surface, but this has shrunk to only six percent. Every second, an area of rain forest, the size of a football field, is destroyed at this rate. Rain forests will possibly disappear completely in less than 40 years.

(Adapted from: Active Reading)

Question 1. The word **"strain"** in paragraph 1 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. pressure

B. depletion

C. harmony

D. contradiction

Question 2. Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?

- A. Most of the fresh water is used to grow plants and raise animals for food.
- B. Our forests, the "Lungs of the Planet", are increasing quickly.
- C. The availability of clean, fresh water greatly affects our quality of life.
- D. The deforestation has been caused mainly by conversion of forest land for agriculture.

Question 3. The word "overestimate" in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to ____.

- A. exaggerate
- B. magnify
- C. underrate
- D. overvalue

Question 4. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. All water on Earth is available for human use.
- B. Developed countries suffer the most from water shortages.
- C. Deforestation is mostly due to building cities.
- D. Fresh water is limited and often used inefficiently.

Question 5. The word "they" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. rain forests
- B. human activities
- C. resources
- D. humanity

Question 6. In which paragraph does the writer mention the risk to food supplies from water shortages?

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

Question 7. In which paragraph does the writer discuss the speed of rainforest loss?

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

Question 8. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Rain forests are being overused for water supplies.
- B. Rain forests are in danger of being lost forever.
- C. Rain forests are changing due to weather conditions.
- D. Rain forests are home to endangered animals.

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WELCOME TO HA LONG BAY - A NATURAL WONDER OF VIETNAM!

Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracts visitors with its (9)_____ and emerald waters. This geological wonder offers a myriad of activities, from kayaking through hidden caves to cruising among iconic rock formations. The bay's rich biodiversity

includes tropical rainforests and unique marine life, making it a great spot for nature (10)_____. Whether you're exploring the serene waters or hiking through lush landscapes, Ha Long Bay promises an unforgettable adventure.

Immerse Yourself in Local Culture

Beyond its natural beauty, Ha Long Bay is home (11)_____ traditional floating fishing villages like Cua Van and Vung Vieng. These communities offer a glimpse into a way of life that has remained largely unchanged for centuries. Visitors can (12)_____ in activities such as fishing, squid catching, and mangrove planting, providing a unique cultural experience. Supporting local artisans by purchasing handmade crafts helps (13)_____ these traditions and supports the community. A visit to Ha Long Bay is not just a journey through nature, but also a deep dive into Vietnam's rich cultural heritage (14)_____ through centuries.

Call us at 0929292929 and book your tour today!

- Question 9.** A. limestone beautiful karsts B. limestone karsts beautiful
C. beautiful limestone karsts D. beautiful karsts limestone
- Question 10.** A. enthusiasm B. enthusiasts C. enthusiastic D. enthusiastically
- Question 11.** A. of B. to C. for D. from
- Question 12.** A. attend B. observe C. involve D. engage
- Question 13.** A. maintain B. maintains C. maintaining D. to maintaining
- Question 14.** A. preserving B. which preserves C. preserved D. which preserve

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Are you looking for a more interesting alternative to your weekly shop? Why not try one of the many farmers' markets which have sprung up all over the country? Offering a fine selection of the very freshest fruit and vegetables, as well as bread, cheese, meat, and honey, (15)_____, along with a pleasant change from a boring trip to the supermarket.

Farmers' markets have been popular in smaller towns for many years, and they also have a long tradition in parts of London. Even though the majority of people prefer shopping

in large supermarkets, particularly on weekdays, shopping at local farmers' markets (16)_____. These markets offer a chance for farmers to sell fresh produce directly to the public. (17)_____. This is exactly what appeals to the city shoppers who frequent these markets - they want to know where their food comes from and how it is made. They are looking for fresh, high-quality produce from local suppliers, and an authentic taste of the country. However, it isn't only city folk who are benefiting from this boom in farmers' markets, as (18)_____.

Edinburgh Farmers' Market is one of the most prestigious markets in the UK and has won many awards for its high-quality produce. It takes place every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., just below the impressive Edinburgh Castle, which provides a rather dramatic setting. Visitors to the market can find a wide variety of local products. There are even cookery demonstrations (19)_____. Whether you are simply doing your weekly shopping, or looking for something special to buy, a visit to one of these farmers' markets is always an interesting experience.

(Adapted from Solutions)

Question 15.

- A. the shopper at these farmers' markets have access to both variety and superior quality
- B. both variety and superior quality in these farmers' markets benefit the shopper
- C. the shopper will enjoy both variety and superior quality in these farmers' markets
- D. these farmers' markets provide the shopper with both variety and superior quality

Question 16.

- A. emerging as an increasingly popular weekend activity
- B. is becoming a more and more popular weekend activity
- C. that is gaining in popularity as a weekend activity
- D. of which the increased popularity as a weekend activity

Question 17.

- A. This direct contact with the producers gives customers the opportunity to ask questions about the produce they are buying
- B. Wanting to learn more about the produce they are buying, this direct contact with the producers benefits customers

C. Customers who are keen on gaining insights into the produce they are buying should come in close contact with the producers

D. The producers who provide information for the produce customers are buying should keep in contact with them

Question 18.

A. what draws tourists to UK produce is sampling its genuineness

B. sampling genuine UK produce is part of the tourist industry

C. tourists are also keen to sample genuine UK produce

D. tourists frequently have genuine UK produce sampled

Question 19.

A. where you can learn how to make the most of the delicious home-grown produce

B. in which the chance to learn to make the most of the delicious home-grown produce

C. offered an opportunity to learn to make the most of the delicious home-grown produce

D. highlighted how to make the most of the delicious home-grown produce

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PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

The name of your medicine is Borodine tablets.

WHAT ARE Borodine TABLETS USED FOR?

Borodine tablets serve as a remedy for individuals experiencing allergic conditions like hay fever. (20)_____, they are beneficial in managing symptoms such as skin rashes and a persistently runny nose.

AFTER TAKING Borodine TABLETS

Borodine tablets, like many (21)_____ medicines, may cause side-effects in some people.

If you faint, stop (22)_____ Borodine tablets and tell your doctor immediately.

In addition, Borodine tablets may cause (23)_____ with your vision, hair loss, depression or confusion, yellowing of your skin or your eyes.

If you experience these effects while on Borodine tablets, inform your doctor immediately.

Other side-effects are dizziness or headaches, and indigestion or stomach (24)_____. However, these effects are often mild and usually (25)_____ after a few days' treatment. If they last for more than a few days, tell your doctor.

(Adapted from Cambridge IELTS 2)

Question 20. A. In view of B. On account of C. On the whole D. In particular

Question 21. A. others B. the others C. other D. another

Question 22. A. taking B. getting C. consuming D. applying

Question 23. A. problems B. advantages C. benefits D. improvements

Question 24. A. surgery B. ache C. acid D. capacity

Question 25. A. cut off B. give in C. wear off D. throw away

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

Due to the nature of our business, it's sometimes necessary that our staff work at night. **(I)**. Night shifts can be particularly demanding on employees' wellbeing and health. **(II)**. This can include **disruption** to the body clock, fatigue, sleeping difficulties, disturbed appetite and digestion, reliance on sedatives or stimulants, social and domestic problems and other symptoms of ill health. **(III)**. This is because workers' bodies will just have started to adapt to the new pattern. **(IV)**.

We find rotation shifts every two to three days are best for workers and weekly or fortnightly rotations are the least comfortable for workers. Forward-rotating programs (moving from morning to afternoon to night shifts) are better than backward-rotating ones in terms of sleep loss and tiredness.

If someone works at night, there are rules covering the hours **they** work. Night time working hours are usually between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. – but this can be flexible and should be discussed between you and us. To qualify as night working, the night time period must be

no more than 8 hours long and include the period between midnight and 5 a.m. Any of our staff under 18 years are not allowed to be night workers.

We must make sure that you don't work more than an average of 8 hours in a 24-hour period. By law, you can't **opt out of** this working limit. We must also keep records of any night workers' working hours to prove they aren't exceeding night working limits, and we must keep the records for at least 2 years. These records can be inspected by you at any time on request.

Our usual limits and regulations for night workers do not apply to self-employed workers. This does not include agency workers, who are treated as normal workers with us. If you agree to work at night for us, the agreement will be put in writing. If you are to begin working at night, we must perform a health assessment before you become a night worker and on a regular basis after that. Usually, this is just done with a questionnaire, which was created in collaboration with qualified health professionals. If there are any health questions regarding your health and night work, we will offer you a follow-up examination by a health professional if you still wish to work nights.

Question 26. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. It outlines the benefits of night shifts for employees.
- B. It discusses the challenges and regulations associated with night work.
- C. It provides a history of night work practices.
- D. It advocates for the elimination of night shifts in the workplace.

Question 27. Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit in paragraph 1?

"To combat this, we do not have employees on night shifts for extended periods"

- A. (III)
- B. (II)
- C. (I)
- D. (IV)

Question 28. The word "**disruption**" in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by _____.

- A. restoration
- B. adjustment
- C. balance
- D. disturbance

Question 29. According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned?

- A. Changing shifts every two to three days
- B. Changing shifts every week or two
- C. Working only in the morning
- D. Forward and backward shift rotation

Question 30. The word "**opt out of**" in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to ____.

- A. accept
- B. refuse
- C. avoid
- D. withdraw

Question 31. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 4?

- A. Workers can choose to work more than 8 hours per night if they agree in writing.

- B. Employers must follow legal limits on night work hours and keep records for two years.
- C. Night workers should work as many hours as they want unless it affects their health.
- D. Records of working hours must be destroyed after one year to protect privacy.

Question 32. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Night working can be available at any time on workers' request.
- B. It is reasonable for us to work on a night shift in order that we can get extra income.
- C. We should look into specific regulations relating to night workers if we want to work on a night shift.
- D. We should take part in many programs in which we can work on night shifts for a long time.

Question 33. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. The company must keep records relating to night workers' hours for leastwise 2 years.
- B. Under existing regulations, night time working hours are required to be from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- C. The maximum length of a night shift at the company is 24 hours.
- D. Backward-rotating shift schedules are best for minimising employees' fatigue.

Question 34. The word "they" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. the hours
- B. someone working at night
- C. rules
- D. night time working hours

Question 35. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 5?

- A. Self-employed workers do not have to follow the normal night work rules.
- B. Self-employed workers must follow all the night work rules.
- C. All workers have the same rules for night work.
- D. Self-employed workers cannot work at night.

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.

Question 36.

- a. The quick and easy nature of platforms like TikTok and Instagram often leads to decreased attention spans, as viewers become accustomed to rapid changes and instant gratification.

- b. In conclusion, while short-form content can be entertaining and engaging, it is essential to be aware of its potential harms and to practice moderation in consumption to maintain a healthy balance in our lives.
 - c. This type of media can also contribute to feelings of anxiety and inadequacy, as individuals may find themselves comparing their lives to the highlights showcased by others.
 - d. In recent years, the rise of short-form content has become a significant trend, but its negative effects on viewers cannot be overlooked.
 - e. Furthermore, the addictive nature of short-form content can lead to excessive screen time, negatively impacting physical health and social interactions.
- A. b- a - c- d - e B. b - d - c - a - e C. d- a - c-e - b D. a - d - c- e - b

Question 37.

- a. Jason: That's awesome! I wish I could have gone with you.
 - b. Jason: Hi, Emma! Did you enjoy the concert last night?
 - c. Emma: Hey, Jason! It was incredible! The band played all my favorite songs.
- A. a-c-b B. b-a-c C. b-c-a D. c-b-a

Question 38.

Dear Sir or Madam,

- a. I am currently in my final year of high school, specializing in electronic appliances.
- b. I am writing to apply for the part-time assistant advertised on your website on 10 November.
- c. Additionally, I can communicate effectively in English with foreign customers.
- d. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.
- e. If my application is approved, I will be ready to start work next December.

Yours faithfully,

Elsa

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

Question 39.

- a. Online education has grown in popularity due to its flexibility, allowing students to balance their studies with personal and professional responsibilities.
- b. This means that students can attend classes from anywhere in the world, without being tied to a specific location.

- c. In addition to convenience, online courses often provide a wide range of resources, such as recorded lectures, discussion forums, and interactive assignments.
- d. In conclusion, online education offers students the flexibility and resources they need to succeed, especially in today's fast - paced world.
- e. Furthermore, online platforms are accessible at any time, allowing learners to study at their own pace, which is particularly beneficial for those with busy schedules.

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

Question 40.

- a. Daniel: Let's make a list of what to buy and when to plant.
 - b. Rachel: I'm thinking of planting vegetables in our backyard this spring.
 - c. Daniel: Why not include some flowers for color?
 - d. Daniel: How do you plan to start your gardening project?
 - e. Rachel: That's a good suggestion! I'll pick some that attract butterflies.
- A. d-b-c-e-a B. d-e-c-b-a C. c-b-a-e-d D. c-e-d-b-a

