

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

Question 1: A. supported B. participated C. qualified D. depended

Question 2: A. ancestor B. parade C. splash D. calendar

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D 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. promote B. apply C. support D. current

Question 4: A. proposal B. compliment C. cultural D. qualified

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 5: The parade during the celebration is an exciting event that _____ bad things and welcomes a fresh start.

A. gets off B. washes away C. takes place D. catches on

Question 6: To be _____ for youth volunteering programs, individuals must meet certain criteria and possess the necessary skills.

A. available B. eager C. qualified D. grateful

Question 7: I propose organising a series of workshops and events related _____ leadership skills for the youth in Viet Nam.

A. to B. with C. for D. in

Question 8: The _____ of the region depends on collaborative efforts and mutual support.

A. contribution B. relation C. promotion D. prosperity

Question 9: Viet Nam has made significant progress in its efforts to achieve a _____ economy.

A. prosper B. prosperity C. prosperous D. prosperously

Question 10: The goal of community development projects is to create a prosperous region _____ everyone can develop.

A. which B. where C. who D. when

Question 11: The aim of the campaign about sustainable development is _____ environmental challenges.

A. tackle B. tackling C. to tackling D. tackled

Question 12: Tet, _____ on the lunar calendar, is celebrated to honour ancestors and welcome the new year.

A. basing B. is basing C. based D. is based

Question 13: All member countries are trying to achieve sustainable development goals _____ there may be challenges.

A. although B. because C. therefore D. despite

Question 14: ASEAN member countries share a common goal of _____ regional stability, economic integration, and cultural exchange.

A. foster B. fostering C. being fostered D. fostered

Question 15: Engaging in cultural activities help participants break the _____ and build relationships with others.

A. ice B. rock C. stone D. rule

Question 16: _____ bonds with people from different backgrounds is essential for developing a sense of community.

A. Being created B. To create C. To have created D. Creating

Question 17: She suggests _____ events to raise people's awareness of gender equality.

A. organise B. to organised C. organising D. organised

Question 18: The _____ event allowed people worldwide to experience the celebration in real-time.

A. cultural B. eye-opening C. live-streamed D. current

Question 19: _____ ancestors is an important tradition that reflects respect and gratitude for one's roots.

- A. Honouring B. To honour C. To honouring D. Honoured

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the option that best completes the following exchanges

Question 20: Mike and John are talking about a presentation Peter made this morning.

Mike: "I want to say how impressed I was with your presentation on volunteering. You're a great presenter!" - Peter: "_____."

- A. That sounds good. B. Thanks. I'd love to.
C. Thank you. That means a lot to me. D. I think you're right.

Question 21: Lucy and Kate are talking about a cultural event Kate organised last week.

Lucy: "The cultural event you organised last week was very fantastic. Also, it ran smoothly. You did a really good job!" - Kate: "_____."

- A. I'm so pleased to hear that. B. You're welcome.
C. Yes, with pleasure. D. I don't think I can.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

Question 22: The success of ASEAN's initiatives depends on the active participation of its member countries.

- A. counts on B. ignores C. separates from D. distrusts

Question 23: Many young individuals in Viet Nam participate in youth volunteering activities to make a meaningful contribution to their communities.

- A. neglect B. detriment C. withdrawal D. donation

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 24: The project aims to promote youth volunteering as a means of strengthening community development within member countries.

- A. hinder B. advocate C. encourage D. support

Question 25: People are keen on participating in cultural celebrations to honour their heritage and showcase their traditions.

- A. enthusiastic about B. passionate about C. indifferent to D. interested in

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction In each of the following questions.

Question 26: Leadership skills play a vital role in inspiring others and manage diverse teams to achieve common goals.

- A. play B. inspiring C. manage D. common

Question 27: ASEAN is committed to involve member countries in decision-making processes and strengthening the region as a whole.

- A. committed B. involve C. in D. strengthening

Question 28: Joining youth volunteering programs helps individuals develop problem-solving and leader skills.

- A. volunteering B. helps C. problem-solving D. leader

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Leadership skills play a vital role in personal and professional development. Whether in the workplace or in personal endeavours, possessing strong leadership skills can lead to success and positive outcomes. To develop these skills, individuals must be (29) _____ for opportunities that allow them to practise and enhance their abilities.

One way to foster leadership skills is to participate in leadership development programs. These programs offer a structured and supportive environment (30) _____ individuals can learn and apply

leadership principles. (31) _____ way to strengthen leadership skills could involve creating workshops or seminars related to effective communication, decision-making, and teamwork. These initiatives aim to provide individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to lead with confidence. By taking part in such programs, participants have the opportunity to present their ideas, (32) _____ with others, and receive valuable feedback. (33) _____, applying for leadership positions or roles within organisations is a way to use and improve these skills. Individuals can seek out opportunities to lead projects, teams, or committees, which allows them to make a meaningful contribution and gain practical experience.

Question 29: A. responsible

B. qualified

C. talented

D. confident

Question 30: A. which

B. whose

C. when

D. where

Question 31: A. One

B. Another

C. Every

D. The

Question 32: A. collaborate

B. argue

C. cope

D. disagree

Question 33: A. However

B. Therefore

C. Although

D. Moreover

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

Viet Nam, a lively and culturally rich nation, has been an active participant in the cultural integration within the ASEAN community, with its diverse traditions, ethnic groups, and historical heritage, Viet Nam has made significant contributions to the collective culture of the region.

Viet Nam's cultural integration in ASEAN can be seen through various aspects. One significant area is the promotion of cultural exchanges and **collaboration**. Vietnamese artists, musicians, and performers have taken part in regional festivals, exhibitions, and cultural events, showing the beauty and depth of Vietnamese arts and traditions. Viet Nam's cuisine, with its distinctive flavours and culinary traditions, has also played a role in cultural integration. Vietnamese dishes such as *pho*, *banh mi*, and *spring rolls* have become well-loved and recognized in the region. Furthermore, Viet Nam's cultural integration in ASEAN has been strengthened through educational and youth exchange programs. Vietnamese students and young professionals have participated in academic and cultural exchange programs, fostering friendships and connections with peers from other ASEAN countries.

Through cultural integration, Viet Nam has gained a better understanding and appreciation of the cultures of other ASEAN countries. Vietnamese people have also had the opportunity to showcase their cultural heritage and connect with others in the region. It has fostered friendship and cooperation among ASEAN member countries. By sharing **their** cultural practices and learning from others, Vietnam has played an active role in promoting unity and harmony within ASEAN.

Question 34: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

A. Viet Nam's Cultural Contributions to ASEAN

B. Viet Nam's Rich Cultural Heritage in ASEAN

C. Cultural Exchanges and Collaborations in ASEAN

D. Viet Nam's Cuisine and Cultural Integration in ASEAN

Question 35: The word "**collaboration**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. competition

B. cooperation

C. conflict

D. isolation

Question 36: According to paragraph 2, Viet Nam strengthened its cultural integration in ASEAN through youth exchange programs by _____.

A. boosting tourism

B. promoting connections with other ASEAN countries

C. encouraging sports competitions

D. establishing economic partnerships

Question 37: The word "**their**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. cultures'

B. Vietnamese people's

C. ASEAN member countries'

D. cultural practices'

Question 38: Which of the following is TRUE about Viet Nam's participation in cultural integration within ASEAN?

- A. Viet Nam has remained isolated and uninvolved in cultural exchanges.
- B. Viet Nam has solely focused on showcasing its own cultural heritage.
- C. Viet Nam has actively promoted unity and harmony within ASEAN through cultural integration.
- D. Viet Nam's cultural integration has created divisions and conflicts within ASEAN.

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

Identity and the ways we define it are constantly shaped by history. Socio-cultural exchanges in the region have helped establish a sense of a Southeast Asian identity.

In shaping ASEAN Identity, arts and culture have a significant role to play. Artistic and cultural exchanges between Southeast Asian nations expose people to different worldviews and ways of life. **They** allow ASEAN people to become aware of cultural similarities as well as differences. Discussions alone cannot promote cultural understanding. What we need is to continuously take part in artistic and cultural activities and exchanges to become appreciative of each other's society and culture. The art community has been leading such exchanges for many decades. In visual arts, the countless festivals, biennales, and other collaborative activities have brought together artists from different parts of Southeast Asian countries. These efforts have taken artistic practices into a whole new level and resulted in an array of artistic works that stretches from one corner of Southeast Asia to the other. Governments should play a facilitating role in this bottom-up process of regional identity-making.

We begin with an awareness that each culture has been influenced by and have similarities with other cultures. Hybridisation, resulting from borrowing and adoption of cultural elements of other societies, is a historical fact. Having said these, ASEAN Member States are still very much culturally diverse. We should pay serious attention to each other's cultural differences and specific cultural contexts to preserve national identities while building regional harmony. We believe that such cultural diversity is not an obstacle to development. In fact, we believe that cultural diversity is the foundation of sustainable development. ASEAN Member States' distinct cultural practices allow each state to respond to complex sustainable development challenges such as climate change, migration, rapid population growth, food insecurity, land degradation, war and conflict in different ways. But our efforts can be complementary and can have spaces for collaboration. Our diverse cultural expressions can be channelled to create cultural and creative industries. Everywhere in the world today, cultural economy is on the rise. We need to invest in culture not only to improve people's economic welfare, but also to create a more **tolerant** and diverse society.

To foster ASEAN identity, we need to make an effort to strengthen our regional cultural ecosystem. Our regional identity depends on the **preservation** of the cultural identities of each ASEAN Member state. Hence, each state must work to nurture its unique cultural expressions while collaborating with other nations to expand cultural exchanges and link our cultural and creative industries.

Adapted from <https://theaseanmagazine.asean.org/article/fostering-asean-identity-through-collaborative-efforts-in-cultural-ecosystem/>

Question 39: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Cultural Diversity and Regional Identity in ASEAN
- B. The Role of Cultural Diversity in Shaping ASEAN Identity
- C. Cultural Exchanges and Sustainable Development in ASEAN
- D. Promoting ASEAN Identity through Arts and Culture

Question 40: According to paragraph 2, what is the purpose of artistic and cultural exchanges between Southeast Asian nations?

- A. To promote cultural differences and create divisions among ASEAN people
- B. To discourage people from participating in discussions and symposia
- C. To expose people to different worldviews and enhance their cultural understanding

D. To limit artistic practices to a specific region within Southeast Asia

Question 41: The word “tolerant” in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. developing B. accepting C. resistant D. biased

Question 42: The word “preservation” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. protection B. eradication C. transformation D. neglect

Question 43: What does the phrase “they” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. Southeast Asian nations B. worldviews
C. artistic and cultural exchanges D. ways of life

Question 44: According to paragraphs, how can cultural diversity contribute to addressing sustainable development challenges?

- A. Cultural diversity allows for different approaches to development challenges.
B. Cultural diversity is an obstacle to addressing sustainable development challenges.
C. Sustainable development challenges can only be solved through diverse cultural practices.
D. Cultural diversity has no impact on sustainable development challenges.

Question 45: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The art community has not been actively involved in promoting cultural exchanges.
B. Governments should restrict artistic practices to preserve national identities.
C. Cultural exchanges and activities are crucial in developing a sense of regional identity in ASEAN.
D. Investing in culture can create a more intolerant and uniform society.

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

Question 46: He is keen on participating in the project to make a positive contribution to society.

- A. He is uninterested in participating in the project to make a positive contribution to society.
B. His interest is participating in the volunteering project to make a positive contribution to society.
C. He is not interested in participating in the volunteering project and does not intend to make a positive contribution to society.
D. His interest is participating in the volunteering project and not making a positive contribution to society.

Question 47: The proposal aims to strengthen the region’s economy by attracting new investments and promoting innovation.

- A. The goal of the proposal is strengthening the region’s economy by attracting new investments and promoting innovation.
B. The goal of the proposal is attracting new investments and promoting innovation to strengthen the region’s economy.
C. The proposal aims to attract new investments and promote innovation by strengthening the region’s economy and politics.
D. The proposal aims to weaken the region’s economy by attracting new investments and promoting innovation.

Question 48: English serves as the working language in international conferences to ensure effective communication.

- A. English, serving as the working language in international conferences, helps to ensure ineffective communication.
B. English, serving as the working language in international conferences, is used to ensure ineffective communication.
C. English serves as the working language in international conferences to hinder effective communication.
D. English is considered as the working language in international conferences to ensure effective communication.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 49: I enjoy learning about sustainable development. I also like participating in community service.

- A. I find it boring to learn about sustainable development and participate in community service.
- B. I am keen on learning about sustainable development and engaging in community service.
- C. Learning about sustainable development and participating in community service are of no interest to me.
- D. I am interested in learning about sustainable development but hate participating in community service.

Question 50: The organisation proposes a new project. It is aimed at dealing with problems in the region.

- A. Solving the problems in the region is the aim of the new project which the organisation proposes.
- B. The organisation proposes a new project aimed at ignoring the problems in the region.
- C. The organisation proposes a new project which has nothing to do with the problems in the region.
- D. The organisation rejects a new project which is aimed at dealing with the problems in the region.