



## LANGUAGE: (2.5 pts)

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others

Question 11. A. group      B. pound      C. sound      D. proud

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 the primary stress

Question 12. A. enemy      B. achievement      C. resistance      D. impression

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

Question 13. From a young age, she was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ her youth and whole life to the preservation of endangered species.

- A. direct      B. expose      C. devote      D. open

Question 14. Students should learn as much as they can about the new culture, \_\_\_\_\_ will help them avoid culture shock in different situations.

- A. who      B. which      C. whose      D. that

Question 15. The documentary highlighted his \_\_\_\_\_ genius as it followed his journey from a young talent to a world-renowned artist.

- A. creative      B. creation      C. creativity      D. create

Question 16. While the band \_\_\_\_\_ on the stage, the fans \_\_\_\_\_ along.

- A. was performing - have sung      B. was performing - were singing  
C. performed - sang      D. performed - were singing

Question 17. Dang Thuy Tram's diary \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of interesting information about the life and career of heroine Dang Thuy Tram.

- A. takes up      B. brings up      C. consists of      D. thinks of

Question 18. The Trung Sisters, who were military leaders more than 2,000 years ago, are considered national \_\_\_\_\_ of Viet Nam.

- A. heroes      B. geniuses      C. youths      D. scientists

Question 19. Marie Curie was admired \_\_\_\_\_ her achievements in physics and chemistry.

- A. with      B. of      C. for      D. by

Mark 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 questions.

Question 20. Mark Zuckerberg attended Harvard University, but never completed his degree.

- A. resigned      B. studied at      C. graduated from      D. worked at

## READING: (2.5 pts)

**PART 1: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to choose the word or phrase that best fits each other numbered blanks.**

### THE BORYEONG MUD FESTIVAL

The Boryeong Mud Festival is an annual festival which (21)\_\_\_\_\_ place during the summer in Boryeong, a town around 200 km south of Seoul, South Korea. The first Mud Festival was staged in 1998 and, by 2007, the festival (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 2.2 million visitors to Boryeong.

The mud is taken from the Boryeong mud flats, and trucked to the Daecheon beach area, where it is used as the centrepiece of the 'Mud Experience Land'. The mud is considered rich

(23) \_\_\_\_\_ minerals and used to manufacture cosmetics. The festival was originally conceived as a marketing vehicle for Boryeong mud cosmetics and other cosmetic brands.

(24) \_\_\_\_\_ the festival occurs over a period of around two weeks, it is most famous for its final weekend, (25) \_\_\_\_\_ is popular with Korea's western population. The final weekend of the festival is normally on the second weekend in July.

(Adapted from <https://en.wikipedia.org>)

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| <b>Question 21.</b> A. gets          | B. takes       | C. has         | D. makes      |
| <b>Question 22.</b> A. captivatingly | B. captivation | C. captivating | D. captivated |
| <b>Question 23.</b> A. with          | B. of          | C. at          | D. in         |
| <b>Question 24.</b> A. Although      | B. Because     | C. Despite     | D. Due to     |
| <b>Question 25.</b> A. which         | B. whom        | C. that        | D. when       |

**PART 2: 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 questions.**

Elon Musk was born on June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa. From a young age, he showed his interest in technology and taught himself computer programming at the age of 12. He also sold his first software, a video game called *Blastar*, at the age of 12.

While he was attending Queen's University in Ontario, Canada in 1995, he was already thinking about his next steps. When he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, where he was earning degrees in both economics and physics, Musk continued to explore his passions. After completing his studies, Musk moved to California to pursue a Ph.D. in energy physics at Stanford University. However, he dropped out after just two days to pursue his **ambition**.

Musk's first major success came with the creation of Zip2, a software company that provided business directories and maps for newspapers. In 1999, he co-founded *X.com*, an online payment company **that** later became *PayPal*. While PayPal was developing well, Musk was already setting his sights on the next project: space exploration. In 2004, Musk founded *SpaceX* (Space Exploration Technologies Corp.), with the goal of reducing space transportation costs and enabling the colonization of Mars. Musk is also the CEO and lead designer of *Tesla, Inc.*, an electric vehicle and clean energy company.

Elon Musk's ambitious vision for the future, together with his strong determination, has made him one of the most influential figures in technology and innovation.

(Adapted from <https://www.atozlibrary.in/elon-musk/>)

**Question 26.** What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Elon Musk's Journey in the Automotive Industry
- B. Elon Musk's Contribution to Space Exploration
- C. The Rise of Tesla in the Modern Era
- D. The Life and Career of Elon Musk

**Question 27.** The word **ambition** in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. desire
- B. success
- C. failure
- D. achievement

**Question 28.** The word "that" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. X.com
- B. Elon Musk
- C. newspapers
- D. directories

**Question 29. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?**

- A. Musk's goal with SpaceX is to reduce space transportation costs.
- B. Elon Musk sold his first software at the age of 12.
- C. Musk co-founded X.com, which later became PayPal.
- D. Musk completed his Ph.D. at Stanford University.

**Question 30.** According to the passage, what was Musk's first major success in business?

- A. Creating Zip2
- B. Founding SpaceX
- C. Selling PayPal
- D. Becoming CEO of Tesla

**WRITING: (2.5 pts)**

**PART 1:Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions. (0.5 pt.)**

**Question 31.** While my brother was studying in the room, someone played the piano next door.



**Question 32.** Brazil is home to a largest population in Latin America, of more than 215 million people.



**PART 2:Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it. (0.5 pt.)**

**Question 33.** My mother came home in the middle of my sleep.

→ When

**Question 34.** My father didn't finish secondary school because of the war. (Rewrite the sentence by using the verb with OUT )

→ My father

**PART 3:Combine the two sentences as directed in brackets. Write your answers on your answer sheet. (0.5 pt.)**

**Question 35:** People today put advertisements on TV. This makes it possible to produce more things to sell. (Using “Which” as a connector)

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**Question 36:** They were visiting some poor villages. At that time, they decided to help build a community centre for young children. (Using “While”)

→ [View the full story on the BBC website](#)

**PART 4: Write an opinion essay (120 - 150 words) on the following topic. Use the outline below to help you. (1,0 pt)**

Nowadays, more and more young Vietnamese people celebrate festivals such as Christmas and Halloween. Some people think there is nothing wrong with this while others are worried about the influence of foreign cultures. What is your opinion?

### *Outline:*

*Nowadays, more and more young people.... In my opinion, this has positive/negative impact on young Vietnamese people.*

Firstly...

Secondly...

*Finally...*

### *In conclusion...*