GRADE 12 - THE FIRST MID-TERM - TEST 4

Họ và tên: .....

Lớp: .....

Read the following advertisement and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from questions (1) to (6).

Explore the Heritage Park of Vietnamese Scientists

A Treasure of Knowledge

Located just 90 kilometers from Hanoi, the Heritage Park of Vietnamese Scientists in Phu Tho Province is a unique destination where science meets nature. Home (1) _____ over one million artefacts and connected to nearly 3,400 scientists, the park offers an immersive experience in the world of scientific discovery.

Explore the lives and work of famous Vietnamese scientists such as Professors Ton That Tung, Ho Dac Di, and Luong Dinh Cua. The park displays rare (2) _____ like old cameras, microscopes, and notebooks, each telling a story of research and innovation (3) _____ Vietnam's scientific history.

One of the park's most striking features is the "Book Building", designed like an open book, symbolizing an endless treasure of knowledge. Visitors can delve into thematic exhibits (4) _____ "Thirst for Learning" and "Science: Creativity and Dedication."

The park's expansive campus also provides a peaceful, natural setting, perfect for relaxation after a journey of learning. Whether you're a science (5) _____ or nature lover, this park offers something for everyone.

Plan your visit today and unlock the treasures of Vietnam's (6) _____!

Question 1.

A. of B. in C. on D. to

Question 2.

A. catalogues B. manuscripts C. artworks D. artefacts

Question 3.

A. to shape B. shaped C. which shape D. that shaped

Question 4.

A. even B. like C. just D. as

Question 5.

A. enthusiastically B. enthusiasm

C. enthusiastic D. enthusiast

Question 6.

A. rich scientific heritage B. rich heritage scientific

C. heritage rich scientific D. scientific rich heritage

Read the following leaflet/notice and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from questions (7) to (12).

Birthday Traditions Around the World

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Birthdays are universally celebrated, but the traditions (7) _____ them vary from country to country. Let's take a closer look at how birthdays are observed in Australia, China, and Mexico.

- **Australia & New Zealand: Fairy Bread**

In Australia and New Zealand, fairy bread is a common birthday treat. It is made by spreading butter or margarine on white bread and sprinkling it with colorful sugar sprinkles. This simple dish is typically served at children's parties. Despite its simplicity, fairy bread (8) _____ a beloved tradition for many years, with some suggesting its name comes from a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

- **China: Longevity Noodles**

In China, longevity noodles are a traditional birthday food. These long noodles symbolize a long life, and it is important that the birthday person eats (9) _____ without breaking or biting them. This practice has been followed for over 2,000 years and is also observed in (10) _____ East Asian countries.

- **Mexico: La Mordida**

In Mexico, a fun tradition called la mordida takes place during birthday celebrations. After the birthday person makes a wish and (11) _____ the candles, their face is gently pushed into the cake. This is followed by the singing of Las Mañanitas and sometimes the breaking of a piñata filled with sweets.

These customs highlight the unique ways (12) _____ birthdays are celebrated around the world.

Question 7.

A. depended on B. satisfied with
C. known for D. associated with

Question 8.

A. will be B. is C. has been D. was

Question 9.

A. you B. it C. us D. them

Question 10.

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

Question 11.

A. puts away B. takes off C. turns off D. blows out

Question 12.

A. of which B. whose C. when D. in which

Choose the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from questions (13) to (17).

Question 13.

Dear Professor Vance,

I am writing to you today for some guidance regarding a new research project.

a. I deeply value your insights and would be honored to receive your assistance.

b. I am particularly interested in the cross-cultural significance of natural symbols like the sun, water, and the tree of life.

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c. My goal is to analyze the anthropological and mythological aspects of these shared images.

d. I would be very grateful if you could recommend some foundational texts or articles that would be good to begin with.

e. Given your expertise in this field, I was hoping you might have a moment next week to meet briefly to discuss my approach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lee

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

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

Question 14.

a. Lisa: That's another big myth. Diversity is so much more than that.

b. Tom: Yeah, it's a mix of everything that makes us unique.

c. Lisa: And different ways of thinking and seeing the world.

d. Tom: I know, right? It's also about gender, age, language, and abilities.

e. Tom: My friend believes that diversity is only about skin color and race.

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

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

Question 15.

a. Leo: I think the pyramids for Egypt are a fantastic choice. Everyone knows them.

b. Mia: They are so iconic. What about Brazil, what do you think of that one?

c. Leo: They have a soccer ball, which makes perfect sense for them.

A. a - c - b B. c - a - b

C. c - b - a D. a - b - c

Question 16.

a. Because many followers trust their opinions, recommendations from influencers can inspire people to adopt better habits and make choices that support the planet.

c. Through their influence, practices such as using reusable bags or reducing plastic can become normal in society.

b. They have the ability to reach very large audiences and share messages with great impact.

d. I believe influencers should play an active role in promoting eco-friendly lifestyles.

e. Influencers can also present sustainable living as attractive, modern, and practical, encouraging more people to see it as part of daily life.

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

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

Question 17.

a. A sudden flash flood struck his village, and he quickly took action while others were still asleep.

b. He went door-to-door, urging people to evacuate immediately to higher ground. His quick thinking and courage led to the safe evacuation of 90 villagers, preventing a major tragedy.

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c. Mua A Thi, the leader of Hang Pu Xi village, is a true hero who put his community's safety before his own.

d. Maa A Thi's life is a testament to his strong sense of responsibility and love for his community.

e. His heroism was recognized at a national level, and he was praised by the Prime Minister for his dedication and bravery.

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

Read the following passage and choose the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from questions (18) to (22).

The built environment significantly impacts the planet, contributing to high energy consumption, water usage, and CO2 emissions. (18) _____. Sustainable or green architecture focuses on designing buildings (19) _____. This approach prioritizes environmental responsibility, resource efficiency, and the well-being of occupants. By integrating advanced technologies like energy-efficient systems, green architecture reduces harmful impacts and promotes eco-friendly practices.

This architectural concept (20) _____. The need for such buildings is evident, as residential and commercial properties in the United States are responsible for nearly 40% of carbon emissions. Green buildings are designed to consume less energy, use sustainable materials, and reduce waste. Some even generate their own energy and conserve water. For example, (21) _____.

Aside from their environmental benefits, green buildings provide notable economic gains, (22) _____. With higher resale values and rental income driven by the demand for sustainable living, they also stand out as profitable investments. Moreover, by improving indoor air and water quality, thereby promoting occupant health and happiness, green buildings enhance workplace productivity.

Question 18.

A. As environmental awareness grows, green architecture is seen as a solution for a sustainable future

B. Green architecture promotes sustainable development to raise people's environmental awareness

C. Growing environmental concerns that are making green architecture a key to a sustainable future

D. That's growing environmental concern that makes green architecture important for a sustainable future

Question 19.

A. that are healthy for people so as to decrease their negative effect on the ecosystem

B. to create healthy spaces and simultaneously lessen the damage done to the environment

C. fostering comfortable, healthy lifestyles when lowering environmental footprints

D. that create healthy living spaces while minimizing negative environmental effects

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Question 20.

A. aiming to produce environmentally responsible structures by supporting the integration of innovative technologies

B. encourages the use of advanced technologies to create structures that have small harmful effects on the environment

C. promotes advanced technologies ensure buildings which reduce harm and support environmental sustainability

D. is a sustainable approach that applies advanced technologies to reduce a building's negative environmental impact

Question 21.

A. greenhouse gas emissions reduced by half in LEED-certified buildings compared with standard designs

B. LEED-certified buildings produce 50% fewer greenhouse gases than traditional buildings

C. traditional buildings emitting greenhouse gases at levels nearly double those of LEED-certified structures

D. compared to traditional buildings, LEED-certified buildings emissions 50% less greenhouse gases

Question 22.

A. that leads to a 20% drop in maintenance costs and a 10% reduction in annual operational expenses

B. with an average 20% savings on maintenance and a yearly 10% decrease in operational costs

C. reducing maintenance costs by around 20% and lowering operational expenses by up to 10% each year

D. create financial savings, with maintenance costs reduced by 20% and operations cut by 10% each year

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions from questions (23) to (30).

1. Before global travel became more accessible and cultural architectural distinctions began to **blur**, each country had its own unique architectural style reflecting its heritage. Traditional buildings were unmistakable, such as the imposing columns of Greece and Rome, pagodas representing China and its Asian influence, and Federal-style architecture, which is a distinctly American design. These styles highlighted the diversity of cultures.

2. **Globalization has significantly transformed architecture, diminishing the influence of individual cultures**. Modern design has become the dominant approach, leading to a more standardized architectural style globally. **Iconic** structures like the BMW Welt in Germany, Guangzhou Opera House in China, and the City of Arts and Sciences in Spain, though in distinct countries, share similar design characteristics. Since the 20th century, contemporary styles have proliferated, reducing the cultural uniqueness of buildings.

3. While modern architectural trends are widespread, cultural influences continue to shape building designs. In certain cases, architecture directly reflects the cultural and natural environment of **its** location. For instance, the Vulcano Buono in Italy is designed to integrate

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with the landscape and evoke the nearby Mt. Vesuvius, symbolizing the region's volcanic history. Likewise, the Cathedral of Northern Lights in Norway incorporates design elements inspired by the northern lights, aligning with the country's cultural identity while maintaining a contemporary form.

4. Contemporary buildings are sometimes drawn directly from historical architecture. For instance, a holiday home in Zicatela, Mexico, blends modern design with elements of Aztec temples, giving it a distinct Mexican identity. In Tokyo, Japan's Skytree is inspired by the ancient Horyuji Pagoda, which has endured for centuries. Similarly, the Tianzi Hotel in China resembles three gods, and a Moscow house features Fabergé egg designs, linking the structures to their cultural histories.

Question 23. The word ***blur*** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

A. spread B. purify C. emerge D. clarify

Question 24. Which of the following best paraphrases the **underlined sentence** in paragraph 2?

A. Cultural impact on architecture has diminished because globalization has reshaped modern design.

B. Globalization's impact on architecture is so strong that it reduces individual cultural influences significantly.

C. Thanks to globalization, architecture has undergone changes that have reduced cultural identity's role.

D. With globalization, architecture has experienced sweeping changes that reduce cultural distinctiveness.

Question 25. The word ***iconic*** in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

A. famous B. huge C. artistic D. major

Question 26. The word ***its*** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. century B. environment C. uniqueness D. architecture

Question 27. Which of the following is **NOT** a contemporary building inspired by historical architecture according to the passage?

A. Holiday home in Zicatela, Mexico. B. Tianzi Hotel, China.

C. Tokyo Skytree, Japan. D. Cathedral of Northern Lights, Norway.

Question 28. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

A. The design of a building creates unique features that define the place or its regional identity.

B. Regional pride and history play vital roles in shaping modern architectural project designs.

C. The move away from culturally unique architecture is a recent phenomenon in this century.

D. The use of historical elements in modern design is a way to promote local culture to others.

Question 29. In which paragraph does the author mention the prioritization of universal aesthetic principles in architecture?

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

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Question 30. In which paragraph does the author assert that a building's design may accurately indicate its country of origin?

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

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions from questions (31) to (40).

1. Consuming seasonal foods is a tradition that has been valued for centuries, providing numerous advantages beyond mere flavor. When we select foods that are in season, we experience them at their optimal ripeness, enhancing their freshness, flavor, and nutritional value. **[I]** Seasonal fruits and vegetables are naturally enriched with essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants since they are allowed to mature fully on the plant. In contrast, off-season produce is typically harvested early and transported over long distances, which can **diminish** its taste and nutritional quality.

2. Adopting seasonal eating also fosters a deeper connection to nature's cycles. **[II]** By aligning our diets with the natural rhythms of the environment, we cultivate a greater appreciation for the seasons and the foods **they** offer. This practice encourages us to value the land's bounty and be more conscious of the agricultural processes that sustain us. Seasonal eating promotes mindfulness in our food choices, helping us recognize the significance of sustainability and fostering gratitude for the earth's **abundant** resources.

3. Supporting locally sourced food further benefits both local communities and the environment. By purchasing locally grown produce, consumers help sustain local economies, creating jobs and enhancing community resilience. [III] Local farmers who adopt environmentally responsible farming practices, such as crop rotation and soil conservation, help preserve biodiversity and promote sustainable land use, contributing to the long-term health of agricultural ecosystems.

4. Local and seasonal foods also stand out for their superior flavor and quality. **[IV]** When fruits and vegetables are harvested at their peak, they develop richer flavors and textures that are often lacking in out-of-season produce. Similarly, locally sourced meats, dairy, and artisanal products reflect the expertise and dedication of local farmers, providing higher-quality goods. Purchasing directly from local producers, such as at farmers' markets, helps build transparency and trust, ensuring consumers receive fresher, more nutritious, and ethically sourced food.

Question 31. The word ***diminish*** in paragraph 1 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

A. measure B. enhance C. declare D. control

Question 32. The word ***they*** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. the natural rhythms B. the diets

C. the foods D. the seasons

Question 33. The word ***abundant*** in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

A. financial B. natural C. plentiful D. valuable

Question 34. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

A. Adopting seasonal eating strengthens our connection to nature, encourages sustainability, mindfulness, and gratitude for resources.

B. By choosing seasonal foods, we connect more closely with nature, promote sustainability, and respect traditional agricultural practices.

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C. Adopting seasonal eating creates a deeper connection to nature by promoting mindfulness and appreciation for sustainable food cycles.

D. Eating seasonally fosters greater awareness of environmental rhythms, gratitude toward the earth, and more conscious food choices.

Question 35. Which of the following best paraphrases the **underlined sentence** in paragraph 3?

A. Both local communities and ecological systems benefit from the consumption of locally sourced food.

B. Favoring locally sourced produce benefits society locally to encourage environmental conservation.

C. Through the purchase of locally grown foods, communities thrive and environmental impact is minimized.

D. Supporting local food producers contributes to environmental protection to increase community well-being.

Question 36. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a function of local and seasonal foods in paragraph 4?

A. Showcase the skill and commitment of farmers.

B. Building social interaction through local food events.

C. Provide more vitamins and essential nutrients naturally.

D. Deliver enhanced flavor and appealing food texture.

Question 37. Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

"Additionally, sourcing food locally minimizes the carbon footprint associated with transportation, reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions."

A. [I] B. [III] C. [IV] D. [II]

Question 38. Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?

A. Someone who ignores seasonal eating has a weaker connection to nature and its natural cycles than others.

B. The modern food system, offering year-round produce, strives to balance product quality and convenience.

C. The practice of seasonal eating is not a modern fad, but a long-standing tradition based on practical benefits.

D. Local farmers need to implement eco-friendly farming practices more extensively than large-scale producers.

Question 39. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Losing connection with nature's cycles is a clear consequence of today's modern, industrialized food system.

B. Farmers' markets, as direct-selling models, should be expanded widely to offer greater benefits to consumers.

C. Supporting local food helps build stronger, more resilient communities and equips farmers to face future challenges.

D. A consumer who prioritizes quality, nutrition, and ethical standards will likely prefer local and seasonal food.

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Question 40. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

A. Selecting local and seasonal foods offers a healthy, ethical, and delicious way to support agricultural growth, environmental sustainability, and stronger, more resilient communities.

B. Choosing seasonal and locally sourced foods offers superior flavor and nutrition, while also promoting sustainability, community support, and a deeper connection to nature.

C. The tradition of consuming seasonal and locally sourced foods offers enhanced flavor, freshness, and nutrients, while also supporting environmental sustainability and community resilience.

D. By choosing seasonal and locally produced foods, consumers not only gain health benefits but also actively support a more sustainable, transparent, and resilient food system.

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