

● The Negative Impacts

Urban sprawl causes many problems:

- Environmental damage: More cars increase air pollution, and more land is taken for development, hurting wildlife.
- Flooding: (9) _____ the land becomes covered in concrete, water cannot soak in, leading to more floods.
- Social issues: Areas can become less (10) _____ since people from similar backgrounds tend to move into the same suburbs.

● Increased costs

Building new roads, schools, and services in these areas costs a lot of money, (11) _____ public spending.

● What can we do?

With better planning, we can build smarter, more sustainable cities. The more we plan ahead, (12) _____ we'll have to deal with the negative effects of sprawl. Let's grow wisely!

Question 7.

A. build up B. take over C. stretch out D. work out

Question 8.

A. has been often marked B. often marked
C. is often marked D. has often marked

Question 9.

A. While B. If C. Though D. As

Question 10.

A. spacious B. diverse C. relevant D. complex

Question 11.

A. that increases B. increased
C. increasing D. which increase

Question 12.

A. the least B. less C. the less D. the little

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

Question 13. a. Thùy: It's crazy how much international business we do now, yet so few people speak good English.

b. Thùy: Wow, that's terrible! You really need to be comfortable using it every day to get better.

c. Thùy: I guess that lack of strong language skills is still a major hurdle for many local companies.

d. Kiên: Tell me about it. We had a huge deal fall apart just because of a simple translation error.

e. Kiên: Exactly. Studying grammar isn't enough; you need to practice speaking regularly with native speakers.

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

Question 14. a. Minh: Have you actually tried riding the new metro line yet? It looks very modern.

b. Minh: That's great! I hope they finish the next lines quickly to reach more places.

c. Trang: I took it last week! It saved me so much time avoiding all that city traffic.

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

Question 15. Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to apply for the Summer Internship position at GreenTech Solutions, as advertised on the university career portal.

a. I am a student at City Technical College and I am very interested in gaining practical work experience in the environmental engineering field.

b. I am available for an interview at your earliest convenience and I look forward to hearing from you.

c. I have strong skills in data analysis and good communication.

d. This internship would be an excellent opportunity for me to develop professional skills.

e. I am a fast learner and I am motivated to work hard and contribute to your team during the summer months.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Nguyen Binh An

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

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

Question 16. a. Rapid urbanization often causes severe housing problems that push the poor into new challenges.

b. Also, housing costs in cities are often very high, taking up a large part of a poor family's income.
c. Living in overcrowded and unhygienic conditions makes people more likely to get sick, which prevents them from working and escaping poverty.
d. When many people move to the city quickly, there are not enough affordable homes for everyone.
e. This leads to the growth of slums and informal settlements, which lack basic services like clean water and sanitation.

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

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

Question 17. a. By keeping up with industry changes, you show your employer that you are proactive and dedicated to your field.

b. New tools, software, and methods appear every year, meaning old knowledge can quickly become outdated.
c. If you stop learning, your skills will eventually lag behind those of your peers and new graduates.
d. This effort ensures you remain a competitive and desirable candidate throughout your professional life.
e. The modern job market is constantly evolving, making continuous learning a necessity, not just an option.

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

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

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

In the first eight months of 2025, (18) _____, with nearly 90,000 units sold. It ranked just behind Thailand, which sold more electric vehicles (EVs) during the same period. These figures are based solely on sales from VinFast, (19) _____.

VinFast has already exceeded its 2024 total of 87,000 vehicles, and experts predict that Vietnam could soon surpass Thailand and become the region's top EV market by the end of 2025. From January to August, (20) _____, and three VinFast models ranked among the country's 10 best-selling cars.

The sharp increase in EV sales comes from several reasons, including government incentives such as registration fee exemptions, VinFast's free charging program, and (21) _____. Meanwhile, Thailand sold 92,665 BEVs in the same period, a 35.4% rise from last year, largely supported by Chinese manufacturers. However, the country's overall car market has shown little growth, and EVs now make up 23% of total sales.

(22) _____, behind Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. However, the country's rapid shift to electric vehicles could help it rise further in the rankings.

Question 18.

A. helping Vietnam become the second-largest electric vehicle selling country in Southeast Asia
B. in terms of electric vehicle sales across Southeast Asia, Vietnam is ranked the second
C. Vietnam became the second-largest market for electric vehicles in Southeast Asia
D. to achieve second place in Southeast Asia, Vietnam increased electric vehicle sales

Question 19.

A. with other automakers not to publish their sales figures
B. instead of the lack of reporting from other automakers
C. since the absence of sales data from other automakers
D. as other automakers have not shared their sales data

Question 20.

A. when battery electric vehicles captured 26% of the market in Vietnam
B. 26% of all car purchases in Vietnam that were battery electric vehicles
C. battery electric vehicles made up 26% of all car sales in Vietnam
D. battery electric cars representing 26% of Vietnam's auto market

Question 21.

- A. that's a noticeable shift in buyer interest toward electric models rather than gas-powered ones
- B. the more the shift toward electric cars, the more users choose them over gasoline ones
- C. a changing demand in which consumers favoring electric over old-style gasoline vehicles
- D. the growing consumer shift toward electric cars instead of traditional gasoline vehicles

Question 22.

- A. Vietnam's electric vehicle market has boomed, helping the country surpass four other nations in Southeast Asia
- B. Even with the rapid growth in the EV segment, but Vietnam is not higher than fourth place in the Southeast Asian car market
- C. To reach Southeast Asia's fourth-largest car market, Vietnam must further encourage consumers to adopt electric vehicles
- D. Although Vietnam has seen impressive growth in the EV sector, it is still the fourth-largest overall car market in Southeast Asia

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

1. Many students are concerned that AI may threaten their future employment opportunities. However, these concerns are often misplaced and may **hinder** personal development. The primary aim of AI is not to replace humans, but to enhance our capabilities. A historical example of such fears is the Luddite movement in 19th-century England. When mechanical looms were introduced, handloom weavers protested, fearing job loss. Rather than eliminating jobs, the industry evolved, with mass production increasing productivity, creating new roles, and **stimulating** economic growth.

2. Today, AI is once again changing the job market. In healthcare, AI systems like IBM Watson Health are helping doctors make more accurate diagnoses. In education, AI is providing personalized learning experiences for students. In business, companies like Amazon are using AI to improve supply chains and forecast customer needs.

3. To effectively benefit from AI, it is crucial to develop the skills required to thrive in this changing landscape. Education plays a key role in mastering technology and keeping pace with developments. Leading countries like the U.S., China, the U.K., and South Korea emphasize STEM education. According to experts from McKinsey and the World Economic Forum, skills such as programming, data analysis, and AI operations, along with creativity, will be essential for the future workforce.

4. AI is not about humans competing with machines; it is about changing the way we think and work. By automating repetitive tasks, AI allows people to focus on qualities unique to humans, such as creativity and emotional intelligence. AI is intended to boost human potential, not take over **it**, as emphasized by authorities like Kai-Fu Lee and Andrew Ng. Instead of fearing AI, we should view it as an opportunity for growth, innovation, and success, while staying open to learning and contributing to society.

Question 23. The word **hinder** in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by

A. prevent **B.** return **C.** deny **D.** neglect

Question 24. The word **stimulating** in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to

A. disrupting **B.** observing **C.** examining **D.** weakening

Question 25. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the positive impacts of AI in paragraph 2?

- A.** Improving medical services.
- C.** Streamlining business processes.
- B.** Customizing student learning.
- D.** Reducing operational costs.

Question 26. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

A. Developing the necessary skills is crucial for anyone hoping to successfully benefit from the changing AI environment.

B. If you want to benefit from AI, you need to develop the skills required to succeed in a constantly changing job market.

- C.** Skills are essential for succeeding in the shifting technological environment and taking advantage of AI.
- D.** Thriving in a world shaped by AI requires mastering the abilities that enable one to adapt and excel.

Question 27. The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to _____

- A. AI**
- B. human potential**
- C. creativity**
- D. emotional intelligence**

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

- A.** Creativity and emotional intelligence are core human skills that AI cannot easily replicate.
- B.** Top technology experts question AI's capacity to significantly enhance human abilities.
- C.** Education must combine practice with learning to prepare students for an AI-driven world.
- D.** Students' widespread concerns about AI today are all valid and based on clear reasons.

Question 29. In which paragraph does the author mention that the future workforce will require a combination of technical skills and unique human abilities?

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

Question 30. In which paragraph does the author suggest that AI's impact will follow a path similar to earlier industrial revolutions?

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

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

1. Flooding has become a persistent and serious issue in many major cities in Vietnam. One of the primary causes is that existing drainage systems and wastewater treatment facilities are overburdened and unable to keep pace with rapid urbanisation. At present, the country has 82 wastewater treatment plants across more than 50 urban areas, with a total design capacity of approximately 1.79 million cubic metres per day and night, yet they operate at only about 700,000 cubic metres. [I] Việt Nam's pipeline length per capita remains low at around 0.5 metres, far below the global average of two metres.

2. As explained by Lê Thu Thùy, most drainage installations in cities, having been constructed long ago, are now deteriorating due to prolonged use. Many sections have not been upgraded. Since the 2000s, urban flooding during heavy rain has happened more often, especially in big cities. [II] The problem has become more severe and unpredictable since 2010, with longer flooding periods.

3. Dr Nguyễn Việt Anh from Hà Nội University of Civil Engineering said that Vietnam faces many challenges in drainage and urban flood prevention. Public awareness of wastewater treatment is still limited, and people are not fully prepared to respond to climate change. In many cities, the connection rate to the drainage system remains low, and service prices are not high enough to cover operation and maintenance. Pollution of soil, groundwater, and surface water is also increasing due to untreated wastewater. Financial resources for upgrading systems are still lacking. [III]

4. Experts argue that Vietnam must adopt more robust drainage laws and policies to safeguard clean water and mitigate flooding. [IV] The government should create a clear legal framework, technical standards, and national strategies for green and sustainable drainage systems. Environmental standards must be unified and applied to all responsible parties. Policies should also support green and smart infrastructure and improve urban planning standards to better adapt to climate challenges.

Question 31. The word they in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A.** existing drainage systems **B.** wastewater treatment plants
- C.** wastewater treatment facilities **D.** urban areas

Question 32. The word deteriorating in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by _____.

- A.** destroying **B.** breaking **C.** eroding **D.** worsening

Question 33. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A.** Since 2010, floods have lasted longer and become more unpredictable, worsening the overall problem.
- B.** Since 2010, the longer floods persist, the more severe and unpredictable their impacts become.
- C.** What has worsened since 2010 is the severity and unpredictability of floods, along with their duration.
- D.** Having become more intense and unpredictable since 2010, the issue involves floods that last longer.

Question 34. Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

Additionally, in many cities, rainwater and domestic wastewater are discharged together into canals and rivers.

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

Question 35. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of the challenges in urban drainage and flood prevention in the passage?

- A.** Illegal construction blocking drainage channels.
- B.** Communities unready for climate change challenges.

C. Insufficient knowledge about wastewater handling.

D. Charges unable to fund system maintenance.

Question 36. The word **robust** in paragraph 4 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

A. fragile **B.** outdated **C.** conflicting **D.** unfair

Question 37. Which of the following best summarises paragraph 4?

A. Clear legal frameworks and updated urban planning are vital for protecting clean water and climate adaptation.

B. Experts recommend stronger drainage regulations and sustainable policies to protect water and prevent flooding.

C. Vietnam must adopt new robust laws and technical standards for sustainable, green drainage systems.

D. Vietnam needs stronger drainage laws, unified standards, and sustainable policies to reduce urban flooding.

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

A. Although Vietnam has invested in building plants, issues persist in the collection and transport phases.

B. Most wastewater treatment plants in Vietnam operate at less than half of their intended capacity.

C. Even a single heavy rain now floods Vietnamese cities, often lasting much longer than before.

D. Current urban planning standards are outdated, as they do not account for climate change risks.

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

A. Solving the urban water problem requires simultaneous technical, financial, and behavioral adjustments.

B. The overall severity of urban floods comes from frequency, intensity, and rising levels of destruction.

C. Future urban development needs to follow global urban development standards to be environmentally friendly.

D. Transitioning to sustainable drainage requires substantial investment from the government and companies.

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

A. Urban flooding in Vietnam has increased due to inadequate drainage systems, outdated infrastructure, limited public awareness, and a lack of strong management measures.

B. To mitigate worsening floods, Vietnam must upgrade drainage systems, enhance public awareness, and implement unified, sustainable policies nationwide.

C. Experts urge Vietnam to adopt sustainable, smart drainage strategies and improve system financing to combat frequent, unpredictable flooding and environmental pollution.

D. Vietnam faces severe urban flooding due to outdated infrastructure, low pipeline capacity, and inadequate funding, requiring robust policy reform and green systems.