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**English Speaking Contest 2024: "Saving the Earth"**

Are you passionate about the environment? Do you want to inspire (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to take action? Join our English Speaking Contest on the theme "Saving the Earth"!

**Eligibility:** Open to all high school and university students.

**Contest Details:** Participants will deliver a 5-minute speech focusing on how individuals and communities can (2)\_\_\_\_\_ harmful activities. The contest encourages creative and impactful ideas to tackle the growing (3)\_\_\_\_\_ of pollution and waste harming our planet.

**Prizes:**

- First Prize: A trip to an eco-friendly resort, free (4)\_\_\_\_\_, and a trophy.
- Other winners will receive prizes such as cash awards and gift hampers.

**Additional Benefits:** All participants will receive a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of recognition for their efforts in raising awareness about environmental protection.

**Key Dates:**

- Registration Deadline: March 1, 2024
- Contest Date: March 20, 2024
- Venue: Green Future Hall, City Center.

**How to Apply:**

Register on our website or at the school office. (6)\_\_\_\_\_ you meet the criteria, a confirmation email will be sent with further details.

Let's speak up and make a difference! Together, we can save the Earth!

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. A. other         | B. others       | C. another     | D. the others     |
| 2. A. put up with   | B. look down on | C. cut down on | D. look up to     |
| 3. A. number        | B. plenty       | C. amount      | D. range          |
| 4. A. accommodation | B. household    | C. home        | D. settlement     |
| 5. A. degree        | B. certificate  | C. license     | D. qualification  |
| 6. A. Provided that | B. Due to       | C. Instead of  | D. With regard to |

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|   |                  |                     |                  |                     |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 7. Our visit to Japan was delayed _____ my wife's illness.  | A. because       | B. although         | C. because of    | D. however          |
| 8. She kindly offered _____ me how _____ to the station.  | A. to show – get | B. showing – to get | C. showing – get | D. to show – to get |
| 9. Mary wrote a letter of _____ to Microsoft yesterday after seeing their advertisement in the morning. | A. position      | B. appliance        | C. application   | D. employment       |

10. Many young people carry a pair of earbuds as they are small, light, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. chargeable      B. portable      C. economical      D. transferable

11. I really regret \_\_\_\_\_ your feeling when I asked you such a silly question.  
A. hurting      B. hurt      C. to hurt      D. hurts

12. Like Vietnamese, Thai people also depend \_\_\_\_\_ water for their crops.  
A. against      B. for      C. on      D. in

13. Many competitors felt it difficult to identify \_\_\_\_\_ the famous singer or celebrities.  
A. of      B. about      C. for      D. with

14. He was really \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of going into the office.  
A. depressing      B. depressed      C. depressive      D. depressful

15. It is more **economical** to buy this car than that jet ski. (*find a synonym with the underlined word*)  
A. expensive      B. cost-effective      C. insensitive      D. wasteful

16. The \_\_\_\_\_, which can travel underwater, is very useful for scientists to learn about the undersea world.  
A. aeroplane      B. submarine      C. electronic car      D. spaceship

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17. \_\_\_\_\_  
(a). Peter: Thank you, that means a lot coming from you. I put a lot of time and effort into making sure it was a success.  
(b). Jane: That sounds really interesting. How did it go?  
(c). Peter: It went really well! I received a lot of positive feedback from the participants.  
(d). Jane: That's great to hear! You did an excellent job with the organization and the content was very informative.  
(e). Peter: I recently organized a workshop on skills for future leaders in ASEAN.  
A. a-b-d-e-c      B. e-b-c-d-a      C. b-a-c-d-e      D. b-a-e-c-d

18. \_\_\_\_\_  
(a). While education fosters a sense of empathy and tolerance, media outlets can facilitate positive intercultural exchange by presenting narratives that promote understanding.  
(b). However, the process of integration is not always smooth, as it can give rise to cultural clashes and misunderstandings.  
(c). In doing so, society can move towards a more inclusive and cohesive future where diversity is seen as a strength rather than a challenge.  
(d). As the world becomes more interconnected, cultures that once existed in isolation now interact on a daily basis.  
(e). Governments and policymakers must also ensure that legislation supports multicultural harmony while safeguarding the rights of minority groups.  
A. d-e-a-b-c      B. e-b-c-d-a      C. b-a-c-d-e      D. b-a-e-c-d

19. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Janna,

- (a). Please let me know if you can make it so I can prepare everything accordingly.
- (b). I'm going to have a birthday party at 6.30 p.m. next Monday at my house. Are you free to come?
- (c). I've also invited some of our classmates, so it will be a great chance to catch up and have fun together.
- (d). There will be about 20 people at the party, most of them are my family and relatives.
- (e). There will be games, music, and plenty of food and drinks for everyone to enjoy then.

Love, Sally

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

\* **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 following questions.**

### **Friends of the Earth Trust**

Friends of the Earth Trust is an educational charity set up to help people of all ages become aware of the **threats** to our environment. Pollution is just one of these. The destruction of wildlife and wasting our natural resources are others.

In Britain, the countryside is disappearing or being destroyed - modern farming, mining, motorways and power stations are all adding to this destruction. By the year 2010, about half the world's animal and plant species could be extinct.

Every year a forest with the size of Wales is cut down to make paper for use in Britain. If more people used recycled paper, fewer trees would be cut down, and there would be less waste to dispose of. Another important benefit would be the new jobs created in the collection of waste paper.

New jobs would also be created if there was a large programme to save energy in buildings. **It is cheaper to save energy than to produce electricity, but vast amounts of money are spent on nuclear power.** From the mining of uranium to the **disposal** of radioactive waste, there are a number of threats to the environment. In addition, there are close connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons. There are safer of energy.

Energy could also be saved if more short journeys were made by bicycle. **This** would reduce pollution and traffic congestion. Cycleways should be built to make cycling safer.

The threats to our environment are all related. For instance, building cycleways instead of unnecessary new roads would save energy and reduce pollution and the destruction of our wildlife.

*(Adapted from Basic IELTS Reading)*

20. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a cause of environmental destruction in Britain?

A. Modern agricultural practices      B. The construction of power stations  
C. The expansion of motorways      D. The excessive use of bicycles

21. The word "**threats**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. benefits      B. dangers      C. solutions      D. resources

22. The word "**disposal**" in paragraph 3 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. destruction      B. distribution      C. preservation      D. creation

23. The phrase “**This**” in paragraph 5 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the reduction of traffic congestion      B. the practice of cycling for short journeys  
C. the building of cycleways      D. the saving of energy

24. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?  
A. Using recycled papers primarily an effort to create new jobs.  
B. Friends of the Earth Trust focuses on raising awareness about various environmental issues.  
C. Building new roads is considered a more effective way to save energy than building cycleways.  
D. It is more cost-effective to produce electricity than to save energy in buildings.

25. Which of the following best paraphrases the statement from paragraph 4?  
“It is cheaper to save energy than to produce electricity, but vast amounts of money are spent on nuclear power.”  
A. Producing electricity through nuclear power is less expensive than saving energy.  
B. The government prefers to invest in nuclear energy rather than renewable sources.  
C. Although conserving energy costs less, nuclear power gets significant financial support.  
D. While saving money is important, nuclear power plants require huge investments.

26. The author suggests in which paragraph that environmental problems are interconnected?  
A. Paragraph 2      B. Paragraph 4      C. Paragraph 5      D. Paragraph 6

27. In which paragraph does the author discuss the issue of deforestation related to the use of a common material?  
A. Paragraph 1      B. Paragraph 2      C. Paragraph 3      D. Paragraph 4

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“APT” a duet between ROSÉ from the K-pop group BLACKPINK and American pop star Bruno Mars, has made waves in the music world. The music video (28)\_\_\_\_\_ in just five days after its pre-release on October 18. (29)\_\_\_\_\_. The video features fun scenes that showcase the chemistry between ROSE and Bruno, making it enjoyable for viewers.

After its release, “APT” climbed to the top of global music charts, including Spotify in the U.S. and iTunes in 40 regions. Released on October 23, (30)\_\_\_\_\_. The catchy melody and fun lyrics have made it a favorite, encouraging fans to create videos singing the chorus. (31)\_\_\_\_\_.

The song is popular not only in South Korea but also in many other countries, showcasing ROSÉ’s global appeal. The collaboration highlights the talent of both artists, (32)\_\_\_\_\_. With its catchy chorus and vibrant visuals, “APT” brings people together, and fans look forward to ROSÉ’s debut solo album “Rosie,” set to be released in December.

28. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. was watched by over 100 million people on YouTube  
B. of which it was watched by over 100 million people on YouTube  
C. that was watched by over 100 million people on YouTube  
D. having been watched by over 100 million people on YouTube

29. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The collaboration received mixed reviews, with some fans expressing disappointment in the quality
- B. Fans were thrilled to see these two artists collaborate, and the song quickly gained popularity
- C. Many people believe that the song's success was primarily due to the popularity of its catchy beat
- D. Critics noted that the video lacked creativity, failing to showcase the unique talents of both artists

30. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the attention of fans was caught by the music video, shared by many people on social media
- B. fans shared it eagerly on social media, showcasing their attention to the music video
- C. social media was filled with millions of fans eagerly sharing the music video
- D. the music video caught the attention of fans, who eagerly shared it on social media

31. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Many fans think the song will soon fade away from the charts due to competition
- B. Critics believe that the music video overshadowed the song's actual artistic quality
- C. This excitement has helped the song maintain its high rankings on music charts
- D. The song's success was unexpected, leaving many fans confused about its rapid rise

32. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. enabled their unique styles to blend beautifully in "APT".
- B. who having unique styles blended beautifully in "APT"
- C. that have their unique styles blended beautifully in "APT"
- D. whose unique styles blend beautifully in "APT"

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