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| <b>Question 1.</b> | A. at                         | B. about         | C. with                       | D. for           |
| <b>Question 2.</b> | A. effective teaching methods |                  | B. teaching methods effective |                  |
|                    | C. effective methods teaching |                  | D. methods teaching effective |                  |
| <b>Question 3.</b> | A. to announce                | B. to announcing | C. announcing                 | D. announce      |
| <b>Question 4.</b> | A. interactively              | B. interact      | C. interactive                | D. interaction   |
| <b>Question 5.</b> | A. have                       | B. do            | C. take                       | D. make          |
| <b>Question 6.</b> | A. who are dedicated          | B. who dedicated | C. which dedicated            | D. are dedicated |

### Say No to Plastic Bags! 🌱

Every year, **millions** of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags end up in landfills and oceans, harming **countless** animals and ecosystems. It's time to *cut down on* plastic and switch to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ bags!

By reducing plastic bag use, you can make a big difference. Even if (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people make the change, the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ is huge!

Let's protect our planet by replacing plastic with eco-friendly alternatives. It takes (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 second to grab a reusable bag – but a plastic bag takes **hundreds** of years to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Make the switch today! 🔄**

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| <b>Question 7.</b>  | A. the          | B. an         | C. a         | D. Ø            |
| <b>Question 8.</b>  | A. harmful      | B. frequent   | C. reusable  | D. single-use   |
| <b>Question 9.</b>  | A. a little     | B. every      | C. a few     | D. little       |
| <b>Question 10.</b> | A. landfill     | B. impact     | C. habit     | D. environment  |
| <b>Question 11.</b> | A. a maximum of | B. maximum of | C. maximum   | D. maximum with |
| <b>Question 12.</b> | A. pass away    | B. break down | C. rinse out | D. throw away   |
| <b>Question 13.</b> |                 |               |              |                 |

a. **Mai:** So, Steve, how was your first impression of Vietnam?

b. **Mai:** Haha, yes! It's a lot to take in at first, but you'll get used to it quickly!

c. **Steve:** Honestly, I was amazed by how lively the streets are! There are *so many* motorbikes!

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| A. b-c-a | B. a-c-b | C. c-a-b | D. c-b-a |
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**Question 14.**

a. **Rose:** I've just heard about Kyoto. What do you think is the best time of year to go?

b. **Rose:** I think I'll come there in the spring. I'd love to see the cherry blossoms. Thank you for giving me the tips!

c. **Mark:** Spring is definitely a popular time because of the cherry blossoms, but autumn is also beautiful with all the fall foliage.

d. **Mark:** In my opinion, Japan is a great choice! You should visit Kyoto. It's a beautiful city with a rich history.

e. **Rose:** I'm planning a trip to Japan next year. Do you have any suggestions?

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| A. e-b-d-c-a | B. e-d-a-c-b | C. e-c-d-b-a | D. e-a-d-b-c |
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**Question 15.**

a. You made everything so much better with your kindness and hospitality.

b. Dear Nam,

I hope this letter finds you well. I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the incredible trip to Vietnam!

c. Take care, and hope to see you soon!

Best,

Jimmy

d. I had such a wonderful time exploring your beautiful country, tasting the amazing food, and experiencing the culture.

e. Now, it's my turn! I'd love for you to visit me in Singapore soon. There are so many things to see and do here, and I'd be excited to show you around. Let me know when you're free!

A. b-a-d-e-c

B. e-b-d-a-c

C. b-e-d-a-c

D. b-d-a-e-c

**Question 16.**

a. Next, the performances feature vibrant costumes, and lively melodies. Apart from these two things, it is clever dialogue infused with poetry that captures the heart among audiences.

b. Lastly, it is suggested to keep this celebrated art form, preserving Vietnam's cultural heritage.

c. One of the well-renowned types called *Cheo* has origin in the rural areas of Northern Vietnam.

d. There are many traditional forms of Vietnamese folk theatre.

e. Firstly, it is characterized by three main factors: music, dance, and storytelling. The harmonious combination reflects the daily lives, customs, and ethical values.

A. d-c-e-a-b

B. c-d-e-a-b

C. d-e-c-a-b

D. d-c-a-e-b

**Question 17.**

a. **Firstly**, reduce waste by bringing reusable bags, bottles, and containers wherever you go.

b. By making these simple changes, you can help protect the environment and live a greener, healthier life for future generations.

c. **Finally**, support local and organic products to reduce pollution caused by long-distance transportation.

d. **Additionally**, consider using public transport, biking, or walking to cut down on emissions.

e. Living green is easier than you think!

A. e-a-c-b-d

B. e-a-d-c-b

C. e-d-c-b-a

D. e-a-d-b-c

Vietnam is known for its rich cultural heritage. This Asian country, first and foremost, showcases a mix of local traditions. It is clear that Vietnam has been influenced by nearby countries, (18) \_\_\_\_\_. With a population of over 99 million, the Kinh people — the largest ethnic group in Vietnam — have many unique customs, beliefs, and practices.

A key part of Vietnamese culture is the importance of family and community bonds. People are taught to respect their elders and follow traditional values that play a strong role in their daily lives. In addition, (19) \_\_\_\_\_.

Vietnam is also famous for its amazing cuisine, which is both diverse and full of flavor, showing its cultural richness. Many families cook meals with staples like rice, fish sauce, and fresh herbs. The more these ingredients are used, (20) \_\_\_\_\_. Regional dishes highlight the country's diversity, with each area offering something special. From the savory broth of *pho* to the fragrant herbs of *bun cha*, Vietnamese cuisine takes you on a flavorful journey through the country's food traditions.

Traditional Vietnamese arts and crafts are important to the country's culture. Vietnamese artisans work hard to create detailed silk embroidery and colorful water puppetry. (21) \_\_\_\_\_. These crafts not only show the skill and creativity of the artisans but also connect generations through shared traditions. By keeping these art forms alive, Vietnam preserves its unique culture and fills its people with pride.

Even with modernization and globalization, Vietnamese customs remain strong and continue to be a source of pride and identity. Across different age groups, more efforts are being made to preserve traditional culture. This helps ensure Vietnamese heritage is passed down to future generations without interruption. (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 18.**

A. which can be seen throughout its history.

B. who play a major role in global trade.

C. where many different cultures have disappeared.

D. whose customs are no longer practiced today.

**Question 19.**

A. That is an underlying reason why respect for ancient values tends to decline

B. Cultural knowledge is mainly accumulated by the Kinh people

C. Individual achievements rather than fostering connections are actually the main point of Vietnamese culture

D. Family gatherings and celebrations provide great opportunities for strengthening bonds and passing down cultural knowledge

**Question 20.**

A. the better the dishes taste

B. the fewer spices you need to add

C. the harder it is to find new recipes

D. the faster the food is prepared

**Question 21.**

A. Some artisans focus only on making modern designs for global markets.

B. Many tourists enjoy visiting Vietnam to learn more about these art forms.



- C. These skills require a lot of time and patience to master.
- D. They use techniques passed down for centuries, which add beauty to Vietnamese culture.

**Question 22.**

- A. Traditional customs are rarely practiced by younger generations.
- B. People are now focusing on modern trends instead of old traditions.
- C. These changes have made Vietnamese customs harder to maintain.
- D. In short, the continuous sharing of traditions depends on everyone working together.

In today's connected world, multiculturalism is more common as people from different cultures live and work together. This gives people access to more cultural experiences and promotes understanding and tolerance (Banks, 2015). While multiculturalism offers many benefits, it also brings challenges that must be managed to create a peaceful society (Parekh, 2000).

One major benefit of multiculturalism is how it **enriches** society with different ideas. For example, many Asian students travel to European countries like Germany, the UK, and Spain. **Their** luggage often carries their homeland viewpoints and values, helping cultures connect. In workplaces, diverse perspectives boost creativity and improve problem-solving. Experiencing different cultures also helps people become more accepting, reducing discrimination and promoting **unity**.

A multicultural society also faces challenges. Language barriers can make communication difficult, leading to misunderstandings or conflicts. Furthermore, people may feel divided by their cultural identities, which can create a sense of "us versus them". Some argue that without efforts to bridge cultural differences, multiculturalism could lead to social fragmentation (Modood, 2007).

Building a successful multicultural society requires inclusive policies and open dialogue. Schools and workplaces can celebrate diversity and teach cultural understanding. **When people actively engage with different cultures, they are more likely to find common ground, develop mutual respect, and contribute to a more united community.**

*(Adapted from Multiculturalism in Society by Banks, Parekh, and others)*

**Question 23.** Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 1?

- A. Multiculturalism allows people to experience more cultural diversity.
- B. Multiculturalism has no challenges in today's society.
- C. Multiculturalism eliminates the need for tolerance and understanding.
- D. Multiculturalism has reduced the number of people working together.

**Question 24.** The word "**enriches**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_.

- A. enhances
- B. ignores
- C. simplifies
- D. worsens

**Question 25.** The word "**Their**" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_.

- A. nations'
- B. students'
- C. perspectives'
- D. parts'

**Question 26.** The word "**unity**" in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. harmony
- B. agreement
- C. division
- D. inclusion

**Question 27.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

- A. Experiencing various cultures increases understanding and strengthens communities.
- B. People engaging with different cultures can lessen cultural respect.
- C. Multicultural societies struggle with finding mutual understanding among people.
- D. Schools and workplaces should limit exposure to diverse cultures.

**Question 28.** All of the following are true in the passage EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.

- A. Multiculturalism can enrich society by bringing diverse ideas and perspectives.
- B. Schools and workplaces can promote unity by teaching cultural understanding.
- C. Multiculturalism always leads to social fragmentation without any benefits.
- D. Language barriers can lead to misunderstandings or conflicts in multicultural societies.

**Question 29.** In which paragraph does the writer highlight a state where people might feel disconnected from others due to cultural differences?

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

**Question 30.** In which paragraph does the writer mention the role of teachers in facilitating multiculturalism?

A. Paragraph 2

B. Paragraph 4

C. Paragraph 1

D. Paragraph 3

The housing crisis is global. What are other countries doing about it? Australia is not the only country facing a housing crisis. [A]. Alan Kohler takes us on a whistle-stop tour of five governments trying to make homes more affordable.

Singapore has long been praised for its successful public housing program, with over 80% of its **residents** living in government-built apartments known as HDB flats. These homes are affordable, well-maintained, and come with modern amenities. Buyers can get subsidies to make ownership easier, while strict regulations help keep housing prices under control. [B].

In Canada, housing affordability remains a challenge, particularly in cities like Toronto and Vancouver. High demand and limited supply have caused prices to increase suddenly. [C]. While the government has introduced foreign buyer taxes and incentives for **affordable** housing projects, these initiatives have had limited success so far due to underlying economic pressures and urban migration.

Meanwhile, in Germany, renting is a far more common practice than owning. Rent controls and tenant-friendly policies ensure that rental prices remain **stable**, even in major cities like Berlin. [D]. This approach has made renting an appealing long-term option for many Germans.

**Question 31.** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Different countries are taking steps to address housing affordability in unique ways.
- B. Germany discourages people from renting homes.
- C. Housing policies in Singapore have failed to meet residents' needs.
- D. Canada is the only country facing housing challenges.

**Question 32.** The word “**residents**” in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. people who are paid to work for someone
- B. people who live in a particular place
- C. people who have the highest position in a country
- D. people who move from one place to another

**Question 33.** The word “**affordable**” in the passage mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. uneconomical
- B. reasonable
- C. expensive
- D. overpriced

**Question 34.** The word “**stable**” in the passage mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. rising
- B. changeable
- C. unavailable
- D. unchanging

**Question 35.** Which country is mentioned as having tenant-friendly rental policies?

- A. Canada
- B. Germany
- C. Australia
- D. Singapore

**Question 36.** Where does the following sentence best fit?

**‘This imbalance between supply and demand continues to put pressure on housing markets’**

- A. [C]
- B. [D]
- C. [A]
- D. [B]

**Question 37.** Which of the following expresses the essential information in the underlined sentence in **paragraph 2**?

- A. Strict rules have completely solved all housing issues in Singapore.
- B. Government subsidies and rules help keep homeownership affordable.
- C. Singapore discourages ownership and focuses only on renting.
- D. Subsidies have caused housing prices to increase quickly.

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

- A. Singapore’s HDB flats offer modern amenities and affordability.
- B. Germany discourages tenant-friendly policies in major cities.
- C. Germany prioritizes homeownership over renting.
- D. Canada has solved its housing challenges through new policies.

**Question 39.** All of the following approaches are mentioned in the text **EXCEPT** \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Offering subsidies for homebuyers
- B. Rent controls to stabilize prices
- C. Building only luxury apartments
- D. Foreign buyer taxes

**Question 40.** What can be inferred about Singapore’s approach to public housing?

- A. It only benefits wealthy citizens.
- B. It has created a shortage of homes in major cities.
- C. It has successfully balanced affordability and quality.
- D. It is unpopular due to strict regulations.