When you're abroad, trying to find out who to tip is never straightforward and neither is trying to work out the exact amount. To make things even more complicated, the rules for tipping vary greatly from country to country. Even people from the same country can't agree on how much to tip. However, here are some general guidelines which might help the traveler.

You face your first **dilemma** as soon as you land at the airport - the taxi ride. Taxi drivers generally do expect tips, but rather than there being a precise amount, people round up the fare, or just tell the driver to keep the change.

Your next encounter is with the hotel porter and you know he's expecting a tip, but the problem is trying to figure out how much. It seems that in many European countries €3 - €5 would be an appropriate amount

Then, of course, you have to eat. In some countries such as Ireland, Chile, Poland and Portugal, the customary tip in restaurants is 10 - 15% unless a service charge is included, so the first rule of thumb is always check the bill. In other countries such as France, Italy, Germany, Australia and Spain, where a **10-15%** service charge is either very common or compulsory, you may want to leave an additional tip if you think the service was particularly good, but **it** certainly isn't obligatory. However, in some countries it may seem strange if you do leave a tip. In Iceland, for example, the waitress might be **insulted** if you tipped her. In Japan, if you left a tip, the restaurant staff wouldn't be offended, but you would probably be pursued down the street by someone trying to return your money. And in New Zealand, although it's unlikely anyone would chase after you, you'd definitely get some odd looks if you left a tip.

And your problem with tipping isn't over when you leave the restaurant. Next you discover the tour guide, the hairdresser and the toilet attendant are all expecting a tip, but again, how much? Perhaps the best option in these cases is to ask the local people what is acceptable or observe what others do. Of course, you could simply play safe and tip everyone you meet!

Question 1: What can be tile best title for the passage?

A. The Culture of Tipping in Europe B. International Tipping Etiquette

C. Unusual Tipping Habits D. Rules for Tipping in Restaurants

Question 2: The word **dilemma** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____ .....

A. problem B. fortune C. advantage D. risk

Question 3: Which of the following is mentioned as a problem with tipping for travelers?

A. The amount is included in the bill.

B. Tipping is obligatory in many countries,

C. They need to tip everyone they meet.

D. They don't know how much is appropriate.

Question 4: The word it in paragraph 4 refers to _____ .

A. service B. tip C. charge D. bill

Question 5: The word **insulted** in paragraph **4** is closest in meaning to.....

A. alienated B. amused C. delighted D. offended

Question 6: According to paragraph **4,** people in which country would return the money if given a tip?

A. Iceland B. Japan C .New Zealand D. France

Question 7: When they have problems with tipping, travelers are advised to.....

A. observe other people B. tip local people

C. ask their tour guide D. check the bill

Question 8: It can be inferred from the passage that.....

A. tipping customs round the world are quite different.

B. it's customary to leave a tip in restaurants in Iceland.

C. most hotel porters in Europe don't receive a tip.

D. people in many countries have similar tipping habits.

Gender Equality Today:

Gender equality is a fundamental human right and a critical foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. **[I]** Despite significant progress in recent years, gender inequality remains a pressing issue across the globe. **[II]** Women continue to be underrepresented in leadership positions and face numerous **barriers** in various sectors, including education, healthcare, and the workforce. **[III]** According

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to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021, it will take an estimated 135.6 years to close the gender gap globally if current trends continue. **[IV]**

In many countries, women are still subjected to discrimination and violence. Gender-based violence, including domestic violence and sexual harassment, affects millions of women worldwide and hinders **their** ability to participate fully in society. Additionally, cultural and societal norms often perpetuate stereotypes that limit women's roles and opportunities.

However, there are positive signs of change. Movements advocating for gender equality have gained **momentum**, and more individuals are recognizing the importance of women's rights. Governments and organizations are implementing policies to promote equal opportunities and protect against discrimination. Education plays a vital role in this transformation, as empowering girls through education can lead to improved economic outcomes and healthier communities.

Achieving gender equality is not only a matter of fairness; it is essential for the advancement of society as a whole. By ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all genders, we can create a more just and equitable world.

[Adapted United Nations. "Gender Equality." UN Women. 2021]

Question 1: Which position in paragraph 1 is the most appropriate for the sentence:
"*Ensuring that women and men have equal opportunities is essential for the development of society*."
A. [I] **B. [II]** **C. [III]** **D. [IV]**

Question 2: The phrase "barriers" in paragraph 1 can be replaced with which word?
A. Challenges **B.** Benefits **C.** Rights **D.** Laws

Question 3: Whose is the word "**their**" in paragraph 2 mentioned:
A. Men **B.** Governments **C.** Women **D.** Norms

Question 4: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT a reason preventing women from fully participating in society?
A. Violence **B.** Cultural norms **C.** Equal opportunities **D.** Stereotypes

Question 5: What is the best summary of paragraph 3?
A. Women's rights are gaining more recognition. **B.** Violence against women is decreasing rapidly.
C. Gender equality movements are ineffective. **D.** Discrimination is no longer an issue for women.

Question 6: The word "momentum" in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to which word?
A. Increase **B.** Decline **C.** Growth **D.** Movement

Question 7: Which statement is true according to the reading?
A. Education plays a key role in promoting gender equality.
B. Gender inequality is no longer a major issue globally.
C. Women's leadership roles are now equal to men's.
D. Gender-based violence has decreased worldwide.

Question 8: Which statement best expresses the meaning of the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?
A. Gender equality can be achieved quickly through government policies.
B. Gender equality is essential for ensuring that women have more rights than men.
C. Achieving gender equality is primarily about securing jobs for women.
D. Gender equality is necessary for the advancement of society as a whole.

Question 9: What can be inferred from the reading?
A. Gender equality movements have completely eliminated discrimination.
B. It will take less than 50 years to close the gender gap.
C. Cultural norms still play a role in limiting women's opportunities.
D. Education alone is enough to solve gender inequality issues.

Question 10: What is the best summary of the entire reading?
A. Gender equality is no longer an issue in most parts of the world.
B. Progress has been made, but gender inequality still requires attention and action.
C. Women are now equally represented in all leadership positions.
D. The education system has solved the issue of gender inequality.

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Question 1: A. about	B. in	C.at	D. with
Question 2 :A. making	B. searching	C. doing	D. putting
Question 3: A. deeply	B. deep	C. dept	D. deepen
Question 4: A. share	B. to share	C. sharing	D. Shares
Question 5: A. who	B. where	C. whom	D. that
Question 6: A. an attractive bonus	B. attractive bonus an	C. attractive an bonus	D. an bonus attractive

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN

The **Eco Warriors Club** invites all students to join our exciting "Go Green with Plastic" campaign (7) …..Saturday! Established ten years ago, the club focuses on creating(8) …..opportunities for students to protect the environment.

Activities:

- **Plastic Recycling:** Collecting plastic waste from the community to ….. (9) eco-friendly products. Last year, we(10)…….. 2,000 plastic bottles into reusable items like plant pots and stationery holders.
- **Awareness Programs:** Organizing workshops on reducing single-use plastic and …. (11) eco-conscious habits.
- **Community Clean-Up:** Partnering with local groups to clean beaches, parks, and neighborhoods.

Join us to make a difference, protect the planet, and inspire others to live sustainably! Together, we can turn small actions into big changes. For more information, _(12)……. the Eco Warriors office.

Question 7: A. in	B. on	C. at	D. with
Question 8: A. many	B. much	C. little	D. a little
Question 9: A. turn into	B. look for	C. apply for	D. get over
Question 10: A. reduced	B. recycled	C. raised	D. organized
Question 11: A. improving	B. promoting	C. developing	D. providing
Question 12: A. contact	B. listen	C. visit	D. Understand

Question 13:

a. Besides, doing chores together can actually be fun and it makes the work go faster.
b. Dear Mike, I hope you are well! I've been thinking about why it's important for children to help with housework.
c. It's a good way for families to spend time together and learn new skills.
d. Firstly, it teaches us responsibility and how to take care of our own things.
e. Also, when we help our parents, it shows them respect and gratitude for all they do for us.
f. Best wishes.

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

***Question 14*:**

a. Hi Miranda, How are things?
b. My parents are very strict and set hard rules.
c. I can't wait to hear from you. Write back soon.
d. Everything is great at school except I'm having problems with my parents at home.
e. I really need some advice. Most of the time we get along really well and I enjoy spending time with them.
f. Hope you are doing well.

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

***Question* 15:**

a. It's true, we don't have much free time, but doing a few chores doesn't take long.
b. I think we should try to help our parents because it's not fair for them to do everything.
c. I'm sorry to hear that you're so busy with your studies and have too many chores to do.
d. Hi Jack, How are you?
e. Talk to you soon!
f. I am very busy with school and other activities too, but I still help around the house.

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

***Question* 16**

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a. I understand that ensuring the comfort and safety of students and staff is a priority for the school.
b. I am writing to bring to your attention a concerning issue regarding the lack of air conditioning in classroom of 12A4.
c. The absence of adequate cooling not only affects our concentration but also poses health risks, especially during warmer weather conditions.
d. As the temperatures continue to rise, it has become increasingly uncomfortable and difficult for both students and teachers to focus and perform effectively in the learning environment.
e. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to a resolution soon.
f. Therefore, I kindly request your prompt attention to this matter. Implementing a solution, such as repairing the existing air conditioning system or providing temporary cooling measures, would greatly alleviate the discomfort experienced by everyone in the affected area.

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

Question 17:

a. Many parents at our school drive their children to school and pick them up at the school gate. Therefore, it has caused severe traffic jams, increased noise levels and air pollution. This not only disrupts the flow of traffic but also has a harmful effect on the environment.
b. This report describes the problem of traffic congestion, noise and air pollution at the school gate and suggests two main solutions to the problem.
c. To solve this issue, we propose the following solutions. First, we recommend that the school should establish designated drop-off and pick-up zones away from the main entrance in collaboration with local authorities to alleviate congestion. Second, it is important for students to cycle, walk, or use public transport to go to school frequently to reduce the amount of pollution.
d. Implementing these solutions will undoubtedly lead to reduced traffic congestion, decreased noise pollution, and improved air quality around the school gate.
e. Therefore, we recommend you put the suggested solutions into practice as soon as possible.

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

In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) has been widely applied in various fields, including healthcare, finance, and education. AI systems are now (18) _____. Despite these advancements, there are still concerns about the ethical use of AI, particularly in (19) _____. Many organizations are adopting AI technologies (20) _____. These technologies have the potential to transform industries, but experts emphasize that AI should complement human abilities rather than replace them. For example, in education, AI can (21) _____, allowing teachers to focus on other important aspects of teaching. However, it remains crucial to ensure that AI (22) _____.

Question 18.

A. being integrating into critical industries that handle complex decision – making processes
B. integrated in workflows where human input is gradually becoming unnecessary
C. being integrated into systems designed to automate repetitive and data – driven tasks
D. being integrate into systems which still depend on human supervision

Question 19.

A. making decisions which traditionally relied on human expertise
B. to make decisions that required careful consideration and judgment
C. making of decisions that influence significant outcomes in various sectors
D. make decisions in situations that require ethical responsibility

Question 20.

A. with aim improve processes and increase productivity
B. in order improving operations across various departments
C. in order to improve efficiency and reduce human mistakes
D. with the goal of to enhancing performance and minimizing errors

Question 21.

A. helps performing automated grading and feedback tasks
B. be applied to doing various tasks in educational settings
C. perform tasks like grading and giving feedback for students
D. performs tasks to providing real – time feedback to students

Question 22.

A. operates in a manner which respects human oversight
B. operate with consistent regulations to guarantee fairness
C. operates consistently to ensure that ethical standards are met
D. are operating according to principles of fairness and transparency

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