

# UNIT 9 – SOCIAL ISSUES

## TEST 1

### A. PHẦN TRẮC NGHIỆM

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from

- Question 1: A. phys*ic*                      B. l*ia*r                      C. admi*t*                      D. iss*ue*  
Question 2: A. discus*s*ion                      B. asse*m*ble                      C. depre*s*sion                      D. peer-press*u*re

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3: A. admi*t*                      B. obe*y*                      C. bul*l*y                      D. awa*r*e  
Question 4: A. povert*y*                      B. alcoh*o*l                      C. confide*n*ce                      D. awar*e*ness

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 5: Poverty can cause anxiety for children who worry about their future.

- A. offense                      B. depression                      C. campaign                      D. violence

Question 6: Verbal bullying in schools can have severe effect on the victims.

- A. Using speeches                      B. Using weapons  
C. Using social media                      D. Using violence

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 7: People who belong to the LGBT community may feel like the odd one out in a society that emphasizes binary gender norms.

- A. being the difference                      B. being the confidence  
C. being the similarity                      D. being the embarrassment

Question 8: Addressing poverty and inequality can help reduce crime and improve social cohesion.

- A. anxiety                      B. wealth                      C. suffering                      D. issue

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 9: Binh is talking to his teacher, Minh:

Binh: "I think I cannot meet the deadline of this project, teacher! I had a severe headache last night."

Minh: "That's okay! \_\_\_\_\_"

- A. What a pity!                      B. I can sympathise.  
C. How disappointing!                      D. You should quit the course.

Question 10: Thomas and Henry are talking about their project:

Thomas: "The professor rejected our project on social issue because it was not clear enough."

Henry: "\_\_\_\_\_ We should try again."

- A. What a shame!                      B. I am sorry!                      C. I appreciate it!                      D. That's terrific!

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer seer to indicate the underlined part that needs correction following questions.

**Question 11:** Discrimination is still popular in modern society; therefore, awareness campaigns may ease this problem easily.                      **A**                      **B**                      **C**                      **D**

**Question 12:** Physical bullying is the use of technology to intimidate, or threaten someone, often through social media, or other online platforms.                      **A**                      **B**                      **C**                      **D**

**Question 13:** Because I was the smallest person among my classmates, so I used to be bullied.                      **A**                      **B**                      **C**                      **D**

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.*

Being left out is always difficult, but it can be especially (14) \_\_\_\_\_ when you're left out by your own friend group. There isn't always an obvious reason why it happens. Sometimes, things seem to be going fine. (15) \_\_\_\_\_, next thing you know, the group is hanging (16) \_\_\_\_\_ without you. You're being excluded from group texts. Nobody's tagging you on Instagram.

Being treated as the (17) \_\_\_\_\_ one out in the friend group can feel totally crushing. Your friends are supposed to be the people who always have your back. They are supposed to be the ones who make you feel valued, appreciated, and accepted. (18) \_\_\_\_\_, when you find yourself on the outside of the group, you may start feeling like your social life is completely doomed.

(19) \_\_\_\_\_, that doesn't have to be true at all!

<https://www.scienceofpeople.com/feeling-left-out/>

**Question 14:** **A.** offensive

**B.** hurtful

**C.** verbal

**D.** violent

**Question 15:** **A.** By contrast

**B.** Similarly

**C.** Then

**D.** Although

**Question 16:** **A.** on

**B.** in

**C.** of

**D.** out

**Question 17:** **A.** even

**B.** odd

**C.** off

**D.** weird

**Question 18:** **A.** Therefore

**B.** However

**C.** In addition

**D.** Despite

**Question 19:** **A.** Lucky

**B.** Unlucky

**C.** Luckily

**D.** Unluckily

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.*

Peer pressure is a common phenomenon that many individuals, especially adolescents, encounter during their lives. Peer pressure refers to the influence exerted by one's peers to conform to certain behaviors, attitudes, or values. It can manifest in various forms, ranging from minor suggestions to more forceful coercion.

One prominent aspect of peer pressure is the desire to fit in and be accepted by one's social group. Adolescents, in particular, are highly susceptible to this influence as they strive to establish their identities and seek validation from their peers. They may feel compelled to adopt certain fashion trends, engage in risky behaviors, or conform to specific norms to avoid exclusion or ridicule. The fear of being labeled as "uncool" or "different" can significantly impact their decision-making process.

Furthermore, peer pressure can also manifest as direct pressure to engage in negative behaviors. For instance, individuals may be forced to use drugs, alcohol, or engage in illegal activities to maintain social status or avoid rejection. The desire to please their peers or the fear of being left behind can override their better judgment, leading to detrimental consequences.

However, it is important to recognize that peer pressure is not always negative. Positive peer pressure can inspire individuals to adopt healthy habits, pursue academic excellence, or engage in community service. Surrounding oneself



with supportive friends who encourage personal growth and responsible decision-making can have a beneficial influence on one's life.

To navigate peer pressure effectively, individuals must develop a strong sense of self-confidence and self-worth. They should be encouraged to make independent choices based on their values and beliefs rather than succumbing to external pressures. Education on assertiveness and decision-making skills can empower individuals to resist negative peer pressure and make choices aligned with their best interests.

In conclusion, peer pressure is a pervasive influence that individuals, especially **adolescents**, encounter. While **it** can lead to both positive and negative outcomes, it is crucial for individuals to develop a strong sense of self and make independent decisions. With the right support, education, and self-confidence, individuals can navigate peer pressure and make choices that align with their well-being and personal values.

*Adapt from "teenTeen.org"*

**Question 20:** What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Ways to handle peer pressure.    B. Some insights into peer pressure.  
C. Minors and peer pressure.    D. The relationship between pressure and age.

**Question 21:** According to the passage, who is highly susceptible to peer pressure?

- A. adolescents    B. children    C. parents    D. grandparents

**Question 22:** What is **NOT** mentioned as negative behavior, according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph?

- A. Drinking beers    B. Using cocaine    C. Stealing cars    D. Yelling at parents

**Question 23:** The word "**adolescents**" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. crimes    B. teenagers    C. victims    D. peers

**Question 24:** The word "**it**" in the final paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. decision    B. support    C. peer pressure    D. influence

**Question 25:** According to the passage, which of the following sentences is **TRUE**:

- A. Peer pressure is a rare phenomenon that happens among many individuals, especially teenagers.  
B. Peer pressure is always a negative phenomenon as it brings harm to teenagers.  
C. People must develop a strong sense of self-esteem to effectively navigate peer pressure.  
D. Positive peer pressure can inspire individuals to live happier and better their learning.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 26:** Bullies often \_\_\_\_\_ fun of their victims to assert power over them.

- A. do    B. have    C. make    D. get

**Question 27:** The pressure to succeed in society causes \_\_\_\_\_ for many individuals.

- A. anxiety    B. alcohol    C. crime    D. victim

**Question 28:** The wealthy tend to hold onto their riches, \_\_\_\_\_, those living in poverty struggle to make ends meet.

- A. in addition    B. by contrast    C. as a result    D. because of

**Question 29:** \_\_\_\_\_ the rules and regulations of society is seen as a sign of respect.

- A. Bullying    B. Struggling    C. Obeying    D. Skipping

**Question 30:** \_\_\_\_\_ it's scary to stand up to peer pressure, it is important to be brave and make choices that are right for you.

- A. However    B. Because    C. Moreover    D. Although

**Question 31:** \_\_\_\_\_ leads to a shortage of resources, which can result in poverty and malnutrition.

- A. Overpopulation      B. Cyberbullying      C. Peer pressure      D. self-confidence

**Question 32:** \_\_\_\_\_ poverty, many children are forced to drop out of school.

- A. Although      B. Because of      C. Because      D. Despite

**Question 33:** Fat-shaming language can be \_\_\_\_\_ and hurtful towards people who are overweight or obese.

- A. violent      B. ashamed      C. offensive      D. depressed

**Question 34:** My parents think my friends have a bad influence \_\_\_\_ me. Therefore, they do not allow me to hang out with them.

- A. for      B. on      C. with      D. in

**Question 35:** We decided to start an awareness campaign to \_\_\_\_\_ a pressing social issue.

- A. make fun of      B. raise awareness of      C. stand up for      D. draw attention to

**Question 36:** The \_\_\_\_\_ that people with disabilities are unable to work is a false assumption.

- A. crime      B. admit      C. victim      D. lie

**Question 37:** \_\_\_\_\_ the harmful effects, many people still engage in smoking and other unhealthy habits.

- A. Despite of      B. In spite of      C. Even though      D. Though

**Question 38:** The \_\_\_\_\_ line is a measure of income that determines who is living in poverty.

- A. poverty      B. poorness      C. poor      D. poorest

**Question 39:** Many people live in poverty, \_\_\_\_\_, they cannot afford basic necessities like food and shelter.

- A. however      B. although      C. therefore      D. because

**Question 40:** \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to unhealthy behaviors, such as extreme dieting or excessive exercise.      A.

Cyberbullying      B. Toxic friends      C. Alcoholic      D. Body shaming

## **B. PHẦN TỰ LUẬN:**

**Part 1. Complete the following sentences with the correct forms of the words in capitals.**

**Question 1:** People with \_\_\_\_\_ records often face discrimination when seeking employment. (CRIME)

**Question 2:** Many people are not \_\_\_\_\_ of the impact their daily habits have on the environment. (AWARENESS)

**Question 3:** Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious social issue that affects millions of people worldwide. (VIOLENT)

**Question 4:** The cycle of \_\_\_\_\_ can be difficult to break without proper support and resources. (POOR)

**Question 5:** Discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and other factors is a serious \_\_\_\_\_. (OFFENSIVE)

**Part 2. Join the following sentences using appropriate "linking verbs and phrases":**

**Question 1:** Poverty is a pressing social issue. It requires immediate attention from policymakers.

□ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 2:** Lack of access to education is a significant barrier. By providing educational opportunities, we can address this social issue.

□ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 3:** Homelessness is a complex issue. It often stems from a combination of economic and social factors.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 4:** Many people face homelessness. They cannot afford stable housing.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part 3. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meaning:**

**Question 1:** People destroy forests uncontrollably. Many animal species are facing extinction.

☐ **Because of** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 2:** Because of poverty, many children are forced to drop out of school.

☐ **Because many children** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 3:** Despite development in agriculture, hunger and food insecurity still exist globally.

☐ **Although agriculture** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 4:** Although it snowed heavily, we still slept cozily in our bedroom.

☐ **Despite** \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE END.**