

Keiji Nakazawa, a world-renowned sushi master, has opened Sushi Sho in Midtown Manhattan. The restaurant, easy to miss with its small sign, offers an exceptional dining experience for \$450, featuring a mix of appetizers and sushi.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. Diners can also add special dishes like monkfish liver and sea urchin for extra.

Nakazawa follows the Edomae style of sushi, which uses traditional techniques like salting, pickling, and curing to bring out the best flavors in fish, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ both innovative and rooted in tradition. He started learning sushi at 15 and became passionate about reviving these old methods, which had fallen out of favor.

Sushi Sho serves unique dishes using rare ingredients like green-eye fish and cured prawns. Nakazawa combines tradition with modern touches, such as using local New York apples in some recipes. (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He is also known for training more than 30 chefs worldwide in his sushi style.

At Sushi Sho, everything is carefully planned, from the seasonal seafood to the skilled team working together. The more carefully the dishes are prepared, (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Nakazawa's dedication to quality and teamwork has helped make New York a major sushi destination and sets Sushi Sho apart as a standout sushi restaurant. (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

d. The team gave me great feedback, and the manager was very impressed.

e. Thanks so much for your help during my big presentation.

With all my love,

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

9. a. It gives me the flexibility to work from anywhere.

b. I've discovered that remote work suits me perfectly.

c. Plus, it reduces my commuting time and expenses significantly.

d. Overall, I've found remote work to be incredibly rewarding.

e. I can also balance my personal life while staying productive.

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

10. a. The city has grown rapidly over the past decade.

b. This has led to longer commutes and increased pollution.

c. As a result, traffic congestion has become a major problem.

d. Public transportation hasn't expanded to match the rising demand.

e. More investment in infrastructure is urgently needed.

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

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11. A. the biggest festival of the eco-friendly year  
C. the biggest eco-friendly festival of the year

B. the eco-friendly festival biggest of the year  
D. the festival eco-friendly of the biggest year

12. A. participation      B. participant  
C. participate      D. participating

13. A. by      B. on  
C. in      D. for

14. A. who      B. which  
C. where      D. whose

15. A. make      B. do  
C. take      D. create

16. A. Booking      B. Books  
C. Book      D. Booked

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17. A. the      B. a      C. an      D. no article

18. A. all      B. every      C. several      D. plenty

19. A. night shift      B. experiment      C. nine-to-five      D. experience

20. A. sign up	B. fill in	C. put in	D. hand in
21. A. after	B. before	C. through	D. with
22. A. support	B. invites	C. welcome	D. awaits

Job interviews can be a nerve-wracking experience, but with the right approach, you can increase your chances of success. The first step is learning how to relax and manage anxiety. Practicing slow, deep breathing before and during the interview can help calm your nerves and improve your focus. By ensuring your mind stays clear, you'll be better prepared to present yourself effectively.

Another essential aspect of interview preparation is understanding your **strengths** and weaknesses. Reflect on your unique skills and how **they** match the job description. Clearly communicate what makes you stand out and be prepared to discuss areas for improvement. Demonstrating self-awareness, along with strategies for addressing weaknesses, can leave a positive impression. For instance, if you tend to take on too much work, explain how you now use detailed planning or assertiveness training to manage your workload effectively.

Preparation is also key to delivering strong, confident answers. Write out responses to common questions and rehearse them aloud. Practicing with a friend or family member can **boost** your confidence and ensure your answers are clear and concise.

Lastly, avoid generic responses. Use specific examples to illustrate your skills and achievements. Tailor your answers to show deeper insights about the industry and role, which will make you stand out from other candidates.

23. Which of the following is mentioned as a method to calm your anxiety during a job interview?

- A. Speaking quickly to finish the interview faster.
- B. Practicing slow, deep breathing before and during the interview.
- C. Ignoring nervousness and staying quiet.
- D. Preparing generic answers to common questions.

24. The word “**strengths**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_:

- A. weaknesses
- B. strong points
- C. obstacles
- D. challenges

25. The word “**they**” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_.

- A. job descriptions
- B. friends or family
- C. interviews
- D. strengths and weaknesses

26. The word “**boost**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. increase
- B. weaken
- C. lessen
- D. hinder

27. What does the writer mean by “*Tailor your answers to show deeper insights about the industry and role*”?

- A. Use responses that are overly general to show versatility.
- B. Provide detailed examples that relate to the job and industry.
- C. Avoid discussing specific achievements to stay concise.
- D. Focus on personal life stories to stand out.

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

- A. Discussing weaknesses entirely.
- B. Highlight strengths and ignore areas for improvement.
- C. Explain how planning or training has helped overcome the weakness.
- D. Apologize for your weaknesses but provide no solutions.

29. In which paragraph does the writer emphasize the importance of rehearsing interview answers?

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

30. In which paragraph does the writer steer clear of generic answers?

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

The housing crisis is a big problem worldwide, and different countries are trying to solve it in their own ways. In New Zealand, house prices have risen a lot. The government has **funded** new infrastructure and introduced stricter rules for loans, but some efforts to build more homes were stopped due to political changes and opposition from local communities. [A].

Japan has kept housing **affordable** by building a lot of smaller homes. [B]. Their simple zoning laws make it easy to construct houses quickly when needed, and tax rules encourage building new homes.

In Austria, people pay a small housing tax that helps fund affordable housing. Rent-controlled and communal housing options are available, even for middle-income families. These homes often include extra benefits like playgrounds and community spaces, making renting an **attractive** option.

The Netherlands is facing a severe housing shortage, with high prices and rents. The government has introduced rent controls and incentives to build more houses, but these changes are taking time to show results due to long-term issues with housing policies. [C].

In Colorado, USA, new laws are making it easier to build affordable housing. On 13 May 2024, Colorado governor Jared Polis signed a bill requiring local governments to plan and zone for more apartments and condominiums near transit stations. [D]. These bills came after others that repealed minimum vehicle parking restrictions for apartments and preempted local rules barring people from living with roommates. These steps aim to meet the growing demand for housing.

31. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Countries worldwide are trying to address housing affordability and shortages.
- B. Only wealthy countries can fix housing problems.
- C. All governments refuse to introduce any changes to solve the housing crisis.
- D. Housing shortages do not exist in places like the Netherlands or New Zealand.

32. In the sentence “The government has funded new infrastructure,” “**funded**” is closest in meaning to:

- A. ignored
- B. paid for
- C. removed
- D. opposed

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

- A. cheap enough that people can afford
- B. costing so much
- C. not changed or influenced
- D. fairly good, but not very good

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

- A. not pleasant to look at
- B. that you can trust or rely on
- C. showing great skill
- D. having features or qualities that worth having

35. Which country mentioned uses a housing tax to fund affordable housing?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Japan
- C. Austria
- D. Colorado

36. Where does the following sentence best fit?

**‘Another law was passed the same day that permitted small homes on single-family lots to be constructed in large cities and towns’**

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

37. Which of the following expresses the essential information in the underlined sentence in **paragraph 4**?

- A. Policies prevent limiting rents and construction from fixing the problem
- B. The Netherlands immediately solved its housing problems by using rent controls.
- C. The government refuses to attempt any new housing strategies.
- D. Rent controls alone have ended the housing shortage.

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

- A. Japan relies on complicated zoning laws that slow down construction.
- B. Austria uses a housing tax to help support affordable rentals.
- C. New Zealand faced no challenges in building more homes.
- D. The Netherlands saw immediate success with new housing policies.

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

- A. Introducing rent controls
- B. Using zoning laws to encourage new housing construction
- C. Allowing the construction of smaller homes
- D. Banning all affordable housing projects

40. What can be inferred about efforts to solve the housing crisis worldwide?

- A. They are simple and always work immediately.
- B. They often face delays, opposition, and policy issues.
- C. No country has tried to address housing affordability.
- D. Only the Netherlands has attempted any changes at all.