

Question 1.

- a. Lisa: Hi, Anna! It's been a while. You look fantastic!
b. Lisa: Thanks! I've started jogging every morning and eating more vegetables.
c. Anna: Hi, Lisa! Thank you. You look great, too. Have you been doing something new lately?

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

Question 2.

- a. Jake: Have you heard about the new café downtown?
b. Sarah: Hey Jake, what are you up to this afternoon?
c. Sarah: Sure! I've been meaning to check it out. What time should we meet?
d. Jake: Not much. I was thinking of going somewhere for a coffee. Do you want to join me?
e. Sarah: That sounds great! Do you have a place in mind?

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

Question 3.

Hi Sarah,

- a. It's so exciting to try something new, but I've been really busy with my photography class recently.
b. Thanks so much for recommending those painting tutorial videos last week!
c. Maybe we could work on a creative project together sometime. What do you think?
d. Also, the website you suggested for free art classes is incredible way better than the ones I've used before.
e. I haven't started painting yet, but I've watched a few videos, and they're super inspiring.

Write back soon,

Emily

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

Question 4.

- a. However, despite these challenges, many young individuals remain hopeful and are actively seeking out networking opportunities to enhance their prospects.
b. Many young people in Vietnam are experiencing significant difficulties in finding suitable employment.
c. This struggle is exacerbated by a lack of internships and practical experience, which many companies prioritize when hiring.
d. Moreover, the mismatch between their qualifications and the demands of employers further complicates their job search.
e. The competitive job market, especially in urban areas, has made it increasingly challenging for recent graduates to secure positions.

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

Question 5.

- a. Discoveries made through space exploration fuel curiosity and inspire future generations to pursue careers in science and engineering.
b. Additionally, space exploration often leads to advancements in technology, which eventually find applications in daily life.
c. As a result, everyday devices like GPS systems, weather satellites, and satellite television owe their existence to space technology.
d. Such technology has greatly improved life on Earth, offering solutions to global challenges like communication, navigation, and climate monitoring.
e. The benefits of space research extend beyond the cosmos, providing us with essential tools that shape modern society.

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

FUTURE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Have you considered (6) _____ in our futuristic transportation projects? As technology advances, (7) _____ in cities are expected to become more efficient and sustainable. The concept of future transportation is appealing to those who dream (8) _____ reducing traffic congestion and lowering carbon emissions. Engineers and designers are highly skilled and (9) _____ when it comes to creating smart vehicles. Future transportation systems will include options for electric vehicles, self-driving cars, and efficient public transport. These innovations are designed to (10) _____ travel smoother and reduce environmental impacts.

One key development will be the rise of autonomous vehicles. These vehicles are expected to reduce accidents and eliminate the need for human drivers, (11) _____ to safer roads. We all hope to travel more quickly, with less pollution and greater convenience. New technologies will improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the overall travel experience.

Question 6.

A. to invest B. to investing C. invested D. investing

Question 7.

A. transportation eco-friendly systems B. transportation systems eco-friendly
C. eco-friendly transportation systems D. systems transportation eco-friendly

Question 8.

- A. for B. to C. on D. of

Question 9.

- A. innovation B. innovator C. innovative D. innovatively

Question 10.

- A. take B. build C. create D. make

Question 11.

- A. led B. which lead C. to lead D. leading

In a world increasingly shaped by technological **advancement**, the concept of a "career path" has evolved dramatically. Traditionally, a career path was seen as a linear progression within a single industry or profession. Today, however, it is often nonlinear and characterized by multiple shifts across fields. This shift has been driven by globalization, automation, and the rise of the gig economy. For instance, a professional may start as an engineer, transition into data analysis, and later become a consultant.

One of the key challenges of navigating modern career paths is dealing with uncertainty. Unlike in the past, when **long-term** employment in one organization was common, today's workforce must be prepared to continually upskill and reskill to increase their adaptability. According to a report by the World Economic Forum, nearly half of all employees will need significant retraining by 2030 due to advancements in artificial intelligence and automation. This has given rise to the concept of "lifelong learning," where individuals proactively pursue education and training throughout **their** lives.

Another emerging trend is the emphasis on purpose-driven careers. **Younger generations, particularly millennials and Gen Z, increasingly prioritize roles that align with their values and contribute to societal or environmental change.** For example, careers in renewable energy, non-profit organizations, and social entrepreneurship are gaining popularity. However, chasing a meaningful goal often requires sacrifices, such as accepting lower starting salaries or taking non-traditional career paths.

Despite the challenges, modern career paths offer unparalleled opportunities for personal and professional growth. With the right attitude and resources, people can build careers that are rewarding and flexible in a fast-changing world.

Question 12. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a factor influencing modern career paths?

- A. Globalization B. Automation
C. Organizational policies D. The gig economy

Question 13. The word **advancement** in paragraph 1 is could best be replaced by _____.

- A. decline B. development C. reduction D. production

Question 14. The word **their** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. advancements B. organizations C. professionals D. individuals

Question 15. The phrase **long-term** in paragraph 2 OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. lasting B. temporary C. loyal D. unchangeable

Question 16. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

Younger generations, particularly millennials and Gen Z, increasingly prioritize roles that align with their values and contribute to societal or environmental change.

- A. Millennials and Gen Z prioritize societal and environmental change over job opportunities.
B. Younger generations focus more on jobs with better contribution to societal or environmental change than on roles that are suitable with their values.
C. Younger generations prefer jobs that match their principles and have a positive impact on society or the environment.
D. Younger generations avoid roles that do not offer societal or environmental benefits.

Question 17. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Lifelong learning is becoming essential due to rapid technological advancements.
B. Long-term employment with a single organization is more common today than in the past.
C. Career paths today are typically linear and confined to a single industry.
D. Millennials and Gen Z prioritize higher salaries over purpose in their careers.

Question 18. In which paragraph does the writer discuss the relationship between career purpose and generational values?

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

Question 19. In which paragraph does the writer highlight the adaptability required in modern career paths?

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

Hanoi Awaits. Your Guide to the City

Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, is bustling and full of energy. It's also rich in history and culture, with (20) _____ of attractions to see and (21) _____ to experience. Why not stay a bit longer?

Where to stay: The Old Quarter is a must-visit, but it can be crowded and hectic. For a more peaceful option, (22) _____ Tay Ho District as (23) _____ place to stay. Tay Ho offers tranquil views of West Lake, cozy cafes, and a quieter atmosphere.

Getting around: Hanoi's traffic is infamous. (24) _____ renting a motorbike, you should consider taking a cyclo ride through the Old Quarter or walking to nearby attractions. For longer distances, grab a taxi or use the city's new metro system.

Where to eat: Hanoi is a street food paradise. Try Pho or Bun Cha for under \$5. Don't miss Dong Xuan Market for diverse food (25) _____.

After visiting Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the Hanoi Opera House, enjoy a traditional water puppet show.

Question 20.

- A. several B. number C. plenty D. quantity

Question 21.

- A. pursuits B. destinations C. moments D. activities

Question 22.

- A. look at B. check out C. give off D. take in

Question 23.

- A. the others B. others C. other D. another

Question 24.

- A. Regardless of B. Instead of C. On account of D. On behalf of

Question 25.

- A. examples B. features C. options D. patterns

(I) Cultural diversity has long been a defining trait of human societies, and in recent years, the world has witnessed a significant surge in cultural exchanges. (II) Various factors, including globalization, migration, and technological innovations, have facilitated this intensifying interconnection among cultures. (III) Experts anticipate that by 2050, the global cultural landscape will be even more closely connected than it is today. (IV) This rapid cultural exchange offers great benefits but also presents significant challenges for societies worldwide.

A primary driver of cultural exchange is the increasing prevalence of migration. As individuals relocate across national borders in pursuit of enhanced career prospects, education, or a more secure environment, **they** inevitably transport their cultural customs, languages, and values. This often leads to the blending of different cultural practices, enriching the social life of the host country. Furthermore, advancements in communication technologies have revolutionized the way people disseminate and celebrate cultural **distinctions**. The internet, social media platforms, and accessible global travel enable individuals to immerse themselves in cultures from distant corners of the world without necessitating physical relocation.

However, cultural exchange is not without its complexities. Interactions between individuals from different cultural backgrounds can sometimes give rise to misunderstandings or value-based conflicts. For example, certain cultural practices may be at odds with local norms, resulting in social conflict. Additionally, the widespread **dissemination** of globalized culture, particularly Western culture, often threatens to overlook or replace indigenous traditions and heritage, leading to the erosion of unique cultural identities.

Despite these impediments, cultural exchange remains an invaluable mechanism for fostering mutual comprehension and respect among diverse communities. To ensure that cultural diversity thrives while minimizing conflict, it is essential for societies to develop inclusive policies that both honor and celebrate differences, while promoting constructive dialogue and integration. By cultivating cultural awareness and tolerance, communities can harness the wealth of diverse traditions and perspectives, ultimately creating a more harmonious and enriched global society.

Question 26. Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

“Over the years, people from different parts of the world have become more connected through various cultural exchanges.”

- A. (I) B. (IV) C. (II) D. (III)

Question 27. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT a reason for cultural exchange?

- A. technological advancements B. globalization
C. migration D. global conflicts

Question 28.

The phrase **“distinctions”** in paragraph 2 OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. problems B. differences C. similarities D. influences

Question 29. The word **“they”** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. cultural practices B. societies C. languages D. migrants

Question 30. Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 2?

- A. Migration and technology are major drivers of cultural exchange, enabling individuals to share and experience diverse cultures.
B. People migrate primarily to escape conflict, and technology helps them maintain their original cultural practices.
C. Technological advancements are the sole factor in increasing cultural exchange, without the need for migration.
D. While migration promotes the blending of cultures, technology has no role to play in the facilitation of cultural exchange.

Question 31. The word **“dissemination”** in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. limit B. end C. control D. spread

Question 32. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Migration brings negative effects to the societies that host migrants.
B. Cultural exchange can sometimes result in the complete loss of cultural identities.
C. Globalized culture often poses a threat to indigenous traditions and heritage.
D. Misunderstandings in cultural exchange are rare and easily resolved.

Question 33. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

Despite these impediments, cultural exchange remains an invaluable mechanism for fostering mutual comprehension and respect among

diverse communities.

- A. Cultural exchange is difficult but necessary for creating lasting connections between diverse communities.
- B. Cultural exchange is important because it helps us learn about other communities, regardless of the obstacles it faces.
- C. Because of its challenges, cultural exchange is not an effective means of fostering understanding and respect between different communities.
- D. Cultural exchange, despite its difficulties, is a powerful way to promote understanding and respect among different groups.

Question 34. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The more people are exposed to and experience other cultures, the less they value their own cultural identity.
- B. Migration and technology have made the world more interconnected, but they also pose challenges.
- C. Cultural exchange is only beneficial if it does not affect local traditions.
- D. Western culture is the primary cause of cultural clashes and misunderstandings globally.

Question 35. Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Technology and migration are the main drivers of cultural clashes, undermining the benefits of cultural diversity.
- B. Migration and technology boost cultural exchange but can erode traditions and increase tensions.
- C. Cultural exchange, driven by migration and technology, not only offers benefits but also presents challenges to maintaining cultural identities.
- D. Global cultural exchange offers opportunities to promote understanding, but it requires careful management to avoid social conflicts.

Cultural festivals, celebrated in various parts of the world, reflect the traditions and values of communities. Diwali, for instance, (36) _____. The festival lasts for five days, during which people light oil lamps, decorate their homes, and exchange gifts. In 2021, the United Nations recognized the importance of such festivals in promoting cultural diversity and harmony. Another example is the Rio Carnival in Brazil, (37) _____. This vibrant event attracts millions of visitors each year and showcases Brazil's rich heritage of music and dance. (38) _____.

One remarkable aspect of cultural festivals is how they bring people together, regardless of background. Traditional attire, food, and performances are integral to these celebrations. (39) _____. In some regions, unique rituals and practices form a central part of the festivities, such as the intricate designs of Rangoli during Diwali or the samba parades during Carnival.

Modern technology has further amplified the reach of cultural festivals. With the help of social media and live-streaming platforms, (40) _____. This has made it possible for people from different corners of the world to experience and appreciate the beauty of diverse cultures.

Question 36.

- A. having been celebrated annually for centuries in India and beyond
- B. is celebrated by Hindus worldwide to honor the triumph of good over evil
- C. marked the victory of light over darkness in Hindu mythology
- D. that symbolizes hope and prosperity in Hindu culture

Question 37.

- A. holding every February to mark the start of Lent in Christian tradition
- B. which celebrate the blend of indigenous, African, and Portuguese influences in its culture
- C. which combines colorful costumes, lively music, and traditional dances into a grand celebration
- D. that highlights the spirit of unity and joy among Brazilians

Question 38.

- A. Festivals like these do not emphasize the interconnectedness of culture and identity
- B. People from around the world admire the beauty and energy of these festivals
- C. These events play a crucial role in preserving traditions and fostering a sense of belonging
- D. The importance of such celebrations is limited to the borders of the nation

Question 39.

- A. Participants often dress in traditional clothing that reflects their cultural heritage
- B. Local customs and global influences combine to create unique experiences
- C. Celebrations like these fail to promote an appreciation for history and tradition
- D. These cultural symbols cannot fully reflect the creativity of each community

Question 40.

- A. the significance of cultural events is no longer spreading as quickly as before
- B. viewers across the globe can experience the joy and vibrancy of these events
- C. cultural exchange has become a common feature of international festivals
- D. people can no longer connect with or fully experience festivals in real-time