

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions from 1 to 2.

**Question 1:** A. wanted                      B. stopped                      C. decided                      D. hated

**Question 2:** A. shoe                      B. hoe                      C. doe                      D. toe

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 from 3 to 4.

**Question 3:** A. further                      B. venue                      C. verbal                      D. invite

**Question 4:** A. vocational                      B. renewable                      C. community                      D. constitution

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 5 to 12.

**Question 5:** This eco-lodge near the waterfall is \_\_\_\_\_ place I've ever stayed, with only birds and wind at night.

A. the more peaceful                      B. as peaceful                      C. more peaceful                      D. the most peaceful

**Question 6:** When I feel stressed before exams, I try to \_\_\_\_\_ it by making a simple study plan.

A. run out of                      B. turn into                      C. deal with                      D. move in

**Question 7:** On our Hoi An trip, we tried a \_\_\_\_\_ of local dishes at the night market.

A. variety                      B. various                      C. vary                      D. variously

**Question 8:** Lisa is confused about a grammar rule and asks her teacher for help.

Lisa: Excuse me, Ms. Johnson. \_\_\_\_\_?

Ms. Johnson: Of course! Let me explain it to you.

- A. I don't understand this part. Help me explain it!
- B. Hurry up and explain this part to me right now!
- C. This part is quite difficult. Give me the answer now.
- D. I'm stuck on this grammar rule. Can you explain it?

**Question 9:** \_\_\_\_\_ Philippines is known for its beautiful beaches and warm, friendly people.

A. a                      B. an                      C. the                      D. Ø

**Question 10:** While my mother \_\_\_\_\_ housework, I \_\_\_\_\_ badminton.

A. does/playing                      B. is doing/play                      C. does/played                      D. was doing/was playing

**Question 11:** If we took public transport in the city, \_\_\_\_\_ less air pollution.

A. there would be                      B. there should be                      C. there will be                      D. there may be

**Question 12:** The safety rules \_\_\_\_\_ on the noticeboard, so students can read them before trips.

A. write                      B. wrote                      C. are writing                      D. are written

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

★ OUR WORLD FAIR 2026 ★

Want to learn about the planet and have fun? The Geography Club is hosting an after-school fair for Grade 9. Entry is free.

**WHEN:** 3:20–4:30 p.m., Monday 26 Jan

**WHERE:** School yard (near the flagpole)

### Highlights

- Explore 5 stations: oceans, forests, energy, food, and wildlife
- Try a quick quiz and win eco-stickers
- Create something at the “Trash-to-Art” corner

This year’s focus is **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ and simple actions we can start today. Please bring as **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_ bottles or cans as you can — clean plastic ones, please — to the art corner. At 4:10, students will **(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ part in a short “World Pledge” and take a group photo. Posters will be displayed **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_ the corridor outside the library all week.

**Question 13:** A. recycling      B. pollution      C. conservation      D. climate

**Question 14:** A. some of      B. plenty of      C. many      D. a few

**Question 15:** A. take      B. do      C. pay      D. keep

**Question 16:** A. between      B. under      C. along      D. against

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 17 to 18.

Many travelers believe a perfect trip needs a famous place and a tight schedule. **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_ A slower plan gives time for local food, short chats, and small surprises. **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_ In the end, the best journeys are often the ones that leave room to breathe.

**Question 17:** Choose the sentence that can fill in the blank most appropriately.

- A. Although, crowded attractions can tire you quickly and reduce real enjoyment.
- B. Some tourists buy many gifts, because they want to impress friends at home.
- C. Many hotels offer free breakfast, so guests can save money each morning.
- D. Yet visiting packed attractions can wear you out and take away the joy.

**Question 18:** Put the sentences (a–c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

- a. If you get lost once, you may discover a quiet street or a hidden café.
- b. When you plan fewer stops, you can notice sounds, colors, and daily routines.
- c. Taking short breaks also helps you stay polite and patient with other people.

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

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 19 to 24.

Today, many Vietnamese teenagers learn about culture on their phones. On TikTok or Instagram, they watch short videos about Tết, áo dài, and street food, but they also see Diwali lamps, Spanish tapas, or Halloween costumes. This mix is part of globalization, **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ it can be exciting. Many students record their family traditions, and **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ teens abroad, who leave friendly comments and share their own customs. Some pages teach simple crafts **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ at home by grandparents, so young people can try them after school. However, fast trends can turn deep customs into a joke. In a ‘traditional outfit’ challenge, participants **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ use clothes that are not authentic, and viewers copy them without knowing the meaning. To protect cultural heritage, teens need to slow down. Without checking the story behind a symbol, **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ avoid mistakes online. They should think twice before using a sacred symbol just for likes. Finally, instead of only watching from a screen, they can **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_ part in community events, such as a local Mid-Autumn Festival, to feel the real atmosphere. In the end, culture stays alive.

**Question 19:** A. so      B. but      C. and      D. for

**Question 20:** A. so do many      B. so many do      C. so does many      D. so do much

- Question 21:** A. are taught      B. which taught      C. that are taught      D. which is teaching  
**Question 22:** A. should      B. may      C. must      D. need to  
**Question 23:** A. rarely do they      B. they rarely do      C. they does rarely      D. rarely do them  
**Question 24:** A. take      B. join      C. do      D. go

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions from 25 to 26.

**Question 25:** "You did not tell the truth, Lucy!" said Nick.

- A. Nick warned Lucy not to tell the truth.  
 B. Nick criticized Lucy for not telling the truth.  
 C. Nick accused Lucy of telling the truth.  
 D. Nick decided that Lucy was to blame for telling the truth.

**Question 26:** It's such a pity my mother can't attend my birthday party.

- A. If only my mother could attend my birthday party.  
 B. If only my mother had attended my birthday party.  
 C. I am very sorry that my mother didn't attend my birthday party.  
 D. I wonder why my mother can't attend my birthday party.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best made from the given cues in each of the following questions from 27 to 28.

**Question 27:** This / be / first time / I / ever / travel / by plane / so / I / feel / a bit nervous.

- A. This is the first time I have ever traveled by plane, so I feel a bit nervous.  
 B. This is first time I ever travel by plane, so I feel a bit nervous.  
 C. This is the first time I have ever travel by plane, so I felt a bit nervous.  
 D. This was the first time I have ever traveled by plane, so I feel a bit nervous.

**Question 28:** Yesterday / I / be / surprised / my sister / cook / dinner / before / I / come / home.

- A. Yesterday I am surprised that my sister had cooked dinner before I came home.  
 B. Yesterday I was surprised that my sister has cooked dinner before I came home.  
 C. Yesterday I was surprised for my sister to cook dinner before I came home.  
 D. Yesterday I was surprised that my sister had cooked dinner before I came home.

Read the following notice or message and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 29 to 30.

**Question 29:** What does the notice mean?

- A. You mustn't step on the grass.  
 B. You can walk on the grass.  
 C. You can keep staying on the grass.  
 D. You should not get off the grass.



**Question 30:** What does the note mean?

- A. The mail hold will start today.  
 B. The mail carrier will stop delivering mail again.  
 C. Mail delivery will return to normal now that the hold is over.  
 D. You must schedule a new mail hold to get letters.



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 following questions from 31 to 36.

Green Sundays is a popular environmental program in Vietnam that started in Hanoi in 2014. Every Sunday morning, thousands of people gather in public parks and streets to participate in activities that help protect the environment. The program has now spread to many cities across the country, encouraging people to live a greener lifestyle.

During Green Sundays, participants engage in various activities. They plant trees, clean up trash from parks and lakes, and learn about recycling and saving energy. Many families bring their children to teach them about environmental protection from a young age. Local authorities also close some streets to cars, allowing people to walk, cycle, or do exercise in fresh air without traffic noise and pollution.

The program aims to **foster** a sense of responsibility toward nature among citizens. By working together every week, people build stronger community relationships while making their neighborhoods cleaner and more beautiful. Volunteers say they feel happier and healthier after spending time outdoors helping the environment. Schools and companies often organize groups to join, making environmental care a shared value.

However, some challenges remain. Bad weather can **hinder** outdoor activities, and not everyone has time to participate regularly. Despite these difficulties, Green Sundays continues to grow. City officials believe that if more people join this movement, Vietnam's cities will become greener, cleaner, and better places to live for future generations.

[Adapted from Vietnam News Agency reports on environmental initiatives]

**Question 31:** Why do local authorities close some streets to cars during Green Sundays?

- A. To reduce the number of traffic accidents in the city
- B. To encourage people to use public transportation more often
- C. To provide a cleaner space for people to exercise and enjoy
- D. To save fuel and decrease government transportation costs

**Question 32:** What can be inferred about Green Sundays from the passage?

- A. Community participation can support cleaner neighborhoods and stronger social ties.
- B. The movement depends mostly on schools rather than families to continue
- C. The program is successful only when the weather stays sunny each week
- D. Volunteers join mainly because they receive rewards from city officials

**Question 33:** The word "**foster**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. reduce
- B. develop
- C. forget
- D. question

**Question 34:** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Green Sundays is mainly a fitness program held in parks every weekend.
- B. Green Sundays brings people together to improve the environment and community life.
- C. Green Sundays focuses on teaching children science lessons about nature at school.
- D. Green Sundays is a city plan to stop cars completely in all streets nationwide.

**Question 35:** Which of the following statements is **TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. Green Sundays began in Ho Chi Minh City and then spread to Hanoi in 2014.
- B. Participants only clean streets because parks and lakes are already protected.
- C. Many families bring their children to learn environmental protection early.
- D. The program stops because most people cannot join every Sunday morning.

**Question 36:** The word "**hinder**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. help
- B. prevent
- C. improve
- D. organize

Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.

Vietnam has 54 ethnic groups, and in recent years the topic of “ethnic identity” has become hot on social media. Many young people enjoy wearing traditional clothes while traveling, making vlogs at local markets, or learning a few phrases in a local language. This can (37) \_\_\_\_\_. However, there is also debate: is it real respect, or just a “nice check-in”? When traditional clothing is used like a prop, viewers may forget the real stories and values behind it.

Another trend is community-based tourism in the northern mountains or the Central Highlands. If it is managed well, it can (38) \_\_\_\_\_ so people do not have to leave their hometowns. But if tourism grows too fast, villages can become “tourist zones”: prices rise, trash increases, and local people may have to “perform” their culture on the visitors’ schedule. (39) \_\_\_\_\_.

In my opinion, the most important thing is listening to the voices of the communities themselves. We can support authentic handmade products, learn local history from reliable sources, and avoid words that create stereotypes. Preserving culture does not mean freezing it forever; culture can change over time. (40) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. create jobs, keep handicraft skills alive, and bring extra income
- B. Because of that, many people suggest clear rules: respect living spaces, ask before taking photos, and share benefits fairly with the community
- C. But that change should be chosen by the community, not driven by market pressure or online trends
- D. create pride and help culture reach a wider audience

Question 37: \_\_\_\_\_. Question 38: \_\_\_\_\_. Question 39: \_\_\_\_\_. Question 40: \_\_\_\_\_.