

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. watched      B. crashed      C. occupied      D. coughed

**Question 2:** A. laughs      B. moves      C. educates      D. likes

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. guitar      B. singer      C. chorus      D. sequence

**Question 4:** A. society      B. encouragement      C. relationship      D. independent

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:** After the group argument, Jack apologized \_\_\_\_\_ than I expected, so we worked well again.

A. the most honest      B. more honest      C. more honestly      D. the most honestly

**Question 6:** He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ video games during exam month to improve his focus and sleep better.

A. take away      B. pick up      C. put out      D. give up

**Question 7:** Tom is keen on doing research on \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to understand how nutrition affects teenage growth.

A. biologically      B. biologist      C. biological      D. biology

**Question 8:** John and Mary are talking about social networks.

John: "Using social networks may have negative effects on students."

Mary: "\_\_\_\_\_. It distracts them from their studies."

A. I'm not sure about that.      B. I don't quite agree.      C. You're wrong.      D. That's quite true.

**Question 9:** The park is always full of \_\_\_\_\_ children playing on the swings and slides.

A. Ø      B. a      C. an      D. the

**Question 10:** My sister \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies with her friends at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow.

A. goes      B. will go      C. is going to go      D. will be going

**Question 11:** If humans \_\_\_\_\_ on another planet, they would need to protect water carefully.

A. live      B. will live      C. lived      D. have lived

**Question 12:** I am used to \_\_\_\_\_ my own lunch, so I don't buy snacks every day.

A. prepare      B. prepared      C. preparing      D. to prepare

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.

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MINI-DAY

Who: Grade 9 students

What: Try a robot-car demo, a quick coding game, and a VR "space walk".

When: Tuesday, 27 January, 2:45–4:15 p.m.

Where: Building B

This event is free, but places are limited to 40 students. To join, fill in the Google Form in your class group and hand in the permission slip (13) \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 p.m. on Monday. Please (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the Scratch app

on your phone or tablet before coming, and make sure your battery is charged. A helper will be there to check your device and answer questions. Meet in the computer (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (Room B3) at 2:40 p.m. so we can start on time. Bring (16) \_\_\_\_\_ earphones if you want to try the VR video. Small gifts will be given to the fastest team in the coding game.

**Question 13:** A. at                      B. by                      C. on                      D. in

**Question 14:** A. download              B. remove              C. update              D. open

**Question 15:** A. desk                      B. office                      C. lab                      D. library

**Question 16:** A. a piece of              B. a kind of              C. a slice of              D. a pair of

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.

(17) \_\_\_\_\_ Many people try healthy living by cutting everything they enjoy, then they quit after one week. Real health is usually built through routines that match your time, budget, and energy. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ A flexible plan can be stricter than a strict plan, because you can keep it.

**Question 17:** Choose the sentence that can **BEGIN** the text most appropriately.

A. Healthy living succeeds when habits are realistic, repeated, and adjusted with honest feedback.

B. Healthy living means following one perfect diet plan, even when your body feels worse.

C. Healthy living is popular online, so people should copy influencers to stay motivated daily.

D. Healthy living is expensive in cities, so only rich people can exercise and eat well.

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

a. Missing one day can happen, so restarting calmly keeps progress moving forward.

b. Rather than changing everything, choose one habit that stays possible for weeks.

c. One easy habit is sleep: better sleep often supports better food choices on the next day at school.

A. b – c – a

B. c – b – a

C. b – a – c

D. a – b – c

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.

Many families today live in the same house, but they do not spend much time together. Parents often work late, and children have homework or online games. At dinner, everyone looks at a screen, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ real talk becomes rare. Even in the living room, they sit in different corners. Some parents even answer work emails while children chat with friends. This can create small misunderstandings that grow over time. Teenagers (20) \_\_\_\_\_ learn to explain their feelings, and parents need to listen without judging. It is also important to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ eye contact to show respect. However, some families think they are too busy, so they postpone these moments until the weekend. When problems appear, they may feel overwhelming and start to blame each other. One helpful idea (22) \_\_\_\_\_ clear rules: both children and adults keep phones and tablets away from the table. Families can also choose one “talk topic” each day, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ let everyone share one story. If conflicts continue, (24) \_\_\_\_\_ nor the children should feel ashamed to ask a counselor for support. With small, sustainable habits, family life can become warmer again.

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

**Question 20:** A. must                      B. should                      C. can                      D. might

**Question 21:** A. do                      B. take                      C. make                      D. give

**Question 22:** A. is to set                      B. to set is                      C. be to set                      D. to be set

**Question 23:** A. who helps to              B. which help to              C. which helps to              D. which helps for

**Question 24:** A. either of the parents              B. neither the parents of

C. neither of the parents

D. neither of a parent

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:** "Would you like to go to the show with me?" Anna said to Bella.

- A. Anna reminded Bella to go to the show with her.
- B. Anna persuaded Bella to go to the show with her.
- C. Anna encouraged Bella to go to the show with her.
- D. Anna invited Bella to go to the show with her.

**Question 26:** Nothing is more important than health and family.

- A. Health and family are the most important things.
- B. Health is more important than family.
- C. Family is more important than health.
- D. Health and family are more and more important.

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:** traffic congestion / major problem / many commuters / still / ignore / its impact.

- A. Even though traffic congestion is a major problem, but many commuters still ignore its impact.
- B. Even though traffic congestion is a major problem, many commuters ignore its impact still.
- C. Even though traffic congestion is a major problem, many commuters still ignore its impact.
- D. Even though traffic congestion is major problem, many commuters still ignore its impact.

**Question 28:** There / organization / social activities for teenagers / my town.

- A. I wish there were a organization for social activities for teenagers in my town.
- B. I wish there is an organization for social activities for teenagers in my town.
- C. I wish there are organizations for social activities for teenagers in my town.
- D. I wish there were an organization for social activities for teenagers in my town.

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. Ball games are allowed everywhere in the picnic area.
- B. You must not bring balls into the picnic area.
- C. You should play ball games somewhere else.
- D. Children can only play ball games here.



**Question 30:** What does Tiffany's mum want her to do?

- A. go home
- B. make noodles
- C. buy some yoghurt
- D. get some milk



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.

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions young people make. Some follow their dreams and choose jobs they are passionate about, like art, music, or writing. Others pick safer careers with stable salaries, such as medicine, engineering, or accounting. Both choices have advantages and disadvantages.

Following your passion can bring great satisfaction. When you love your work, you feel motivated every day. Creative jobs allow you to express yourself and do something meaningful. However, these careers can be risky. Artists and musicians often struggle financially, especially at the beginning. Success is not guaranteed, and the income can be **precarious**. Many passionate workers need second jobs to pay their bills.

On the other hand, traditional careers offer security and good benefits. Doctors, teachers, and engineers usually earn steady incomes and have clear career paths. Parents often encourage their children to choose these jobs because they provide financial stability. But working in a field you don't enjoy can lead to burnout. Some people feel trapped in their careers and regret not pursuing their true interests.

The best approach might be finding a balance. You can start with a stable job while developing your passion as a hobby. Some people **amalgamate** their interests with practical skills—for example, becoming a graphic designer combines creativity with business needs. The key is to make an informed choice that considers both your heart and your financial future.

[Adapted from Harvard Business Review Career Guide]

**Question 31:** The word "**precarious**" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. stable                      B. risky                      C. uncertain                      D. dangerous

**Question 32:** According to the passage, which statement is **FALSE**?

- A. Passion-based careers can feel meaningful for many workers.  
B. Traditional careers often provide stable salaries and benefits.  
C. Some passionate workers take a second job to pay bills.  
D. Success in creative careers is usually guaranteed over time.

**Question 33:** According to paragraph 2, what is a common reality for individuals pursuing creative professions?

- A. They usually achieve guaranteed success after a few years of working.  
B. They find it impossible to express their true selves through their tasks.  
C. They rarely experience high levels of motivation in their daily routines.  
D. They might require additional sources of income to cover living costs.

**Question 34:** What can be inferred from the author's suggestion in the final paragraph?

- A. Following one's heart is always more important than earning a high salary.  
B. Stable jobs and personal passions are two things that cannot exist together.  
C. Merging artistic talent with commercial demand is a viable career strategy.  
D. Developing a hobby is the only way to find happiness in a traditional job.

**Question 35:** The word "**amalgamate**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. separate                      B. combine                      C. ignore                      D. reject

**Question 36:** Which of the following best summarises the main idea of the passage?

- A. The necessity of choosing a high-paying job to ensure long-term happiness.  
B. The conflict between parents and children over modern career expectations.  
C. The importance of weighing financial security against personal satisfaction.

**D.** The decline of traditional professions in the face of modern creative trends.

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.

Space travel is (37) \_\_\_\_\_, not only science. For example, people talk about life on other planets, but also about climate change, technology, and even social media. Some companies want to build better rockets and send humans to Mars, while scientists focus more on finding tiny life, like microbes. At the same time, (38) \_\_\_\_\_, so the topic spreads fast and becomes a global discussion.

However, there are also big questions and debates. First, space missions cost a lot of money—should we spend more on space when Earth still has problems like pollution and poverty? Another trend is (39) \_\_\_\_\_, but AI can make mistakes, and people may misunderstand the results. Finally, if we do find life, what should we do next? Some think we should visit quickly, while (40) \_\_\_\_\_. For me, the future of space is exciting, but it should be responsible and fair.

**A.** using AI to search for “signals” and to study planets far away

**B.** many young people follow space news on TikTok or YouTube

**C.** becoming a hot trend again, and it connects to many other topics

**D.** others say we must protect that planet and avoid bringing Earth bacteria there

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