

I. Choose the word / phrase / sentence (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space or best answers the question given in each sentence. (3.5 pts)

1. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. loner B. bouther C. common D. comment
2. Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?
A. arrived B. decided C. enjoyed D. contained
3. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. hesitate B. advertise C. aggressive D. gravity
4. Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?
A. bargain B. exchange C. distract D. surprise
5. **Peter:** James is so wet and muddy!
Mary: Yeah, he _____ football in the rain since morning.
A. played B. has been playing C. was playing D. is playing
6. **Huy:** The traffic here is pretty heavy in the afternoon.
Linh: I know. My dad always reminds me: “Be careful while you walk _____ the street.”
A. above B. through C. to D. across
7. **Sophia:** I haven’t seen your brother since last summer. Has he enrolled on university?
Asher: Yes! He lives _____ campus now and returns to visit us once a month.
A. in B. for C. off D. on
8. **Mark:** I'm thinking of going to the book fair tomorrow.
Lan: That sounds fun! Can I _____ you?
A. go over B. come with C. get on D. look for
9. **Linda:** What field are you most excited about these days?
Peter: I’m really into AI, _____ is significantly transforming every aspect of our life.
A. who B. that C. which D. whose
10. **Jennie:** Why did the smartphone company give you this latest phone model?
Levy: Because I’m _____ on social media and they hire me to promote it on my page.
A. popular B. confident C. infamous D. competitive

11. **Tony:** I think GPS is one of the most useful inventions in society today.

Lily: Yeah, _____ it weren't for GPS, travelling and navigating would be a lot more difficult.

- A. if B. because C. so D. although

12. **Mom:** Did you find everything you needed? We should come home before rush hour.

Daughter: Yes! All my snacks are in the shopping cart. Let's head to the _____, mom.

- A. checkout B. retailer C. receipt D. bargain

13. **Linda:** I'm afraid my study abroad application will be rejected.

Brandon: _____

- A. I can't help it. B. Don't worry. C. I can imagine. D. Hey, you're right.

14. **Womanoi:** _____

Elaine: I would say that I'm sociable, patient and hard-working.

- A. What would you say your weaknesses are?
B. What type of person are you?
C. Why does this job interest you?
D. What kind of volunteer work are you looking for?

II. Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 15 and 16. (0.5 pt)



15. What does the sign say?

- A. You don't have to run in this area.
B. You don't need to run in this area.
C. Running is not good for you to do.
D. You are not allowed to run in this area.



16. What does the piece say?

- A. You have to choose your seat when you buy tickets.
B. You may sit where you like.
C. The tickets don't show bus numbers.
D. There aren't any numbers on the seats.

III. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage. (1.5 pts)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter regarding the internship opportunity at your company. We have reviewed your application with great interest.

Your academic record and the projects you have undertaken have certainly made a strong (17) _____ on our committee. Your proactive attitude and teamwork skills are particularly (18) _____ for a collaborative environment like ours. (19) _____ we are highly appreciative of your profile, we regret to inform you that we cannot offer you the internship this summer. The current economic situation has forced us to (20) _____ the number of available positions. This was a very difficult (21) _____ to make due to the high number of outstanding candidates like yourself. We encourage you to apply again next year and wish you the best (22) _____ your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

The HR Department

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| 17. A. impression | B. interest | C. point | D. mark |
| 18. A. suitable | B. fitting | C. appropriate | D. proper |
| 19. A. Therefore | B. However | C. Although | D. Because |
| 20. A. reduce | B. lessen | C. drop | D. lower |
| 21. A. choice | B. selection | C. decision | D. option |
| 22. A. for | B. on | C. with | D. in |

IV. Read the following leaflet about decision-making. Decide whether the statements from 23 to 26 are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements in the questions 27 and 28. (1.5 pts)

On Christmas Eve everything is rush and bustle. Offices and public buildings close at one o'clock, but the shops stay open late. Most big cities, especially London, are decorated with colored lights across the streets and enormous Christmas trees. The main line stations, trains and buses are crowded with people traveling from all parts of the country to be at home for Christmas.

In the homes there is a great air of expectation. The children are also decorating the house with colored lights. Christmas cards – with the words “A Merry Christmas to You” or “Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year”, or “With the Compliments of the Season”, etc. – are arranged on shelves, tables and sometimes hung round the walls.

Meanwhile the housewife is probably busy in the kitchen getting things ready for the next day's dinner. The Christmas bird, nowadays usually a turkey, is being prepared, the pudding is inspected and the cake is got out of its tin.

23. On Christmas Eve, offices and shops close at the same time.
24. The main line stations are busy because people are leaving the cities for vacations abroad.
25. Christmas cards are only placed on shelves and tables.
26. The traditional Christmas bird mentioned in the passage is now commonly a turkey.

27. Why are trains and buses crowded on Christmas Eve?

- A. Because people are going to see the decorations in big cities.
- B. Because people are traveling to their workplaces.
- C. Because people are returning home to celebrate Christmas.
- D. Because public transportation has a reduced schedule.

28. It can be inferred from the passage that the atmosphere at home on Christmas Eve is _____.

- A. chaotic and stressful
- B. quiet and relaxed
- C. excited and anticipatory
- D. formal and ceremonial

V. Use the correct form of the word given in each sentence. (1.5 pts)

29. _____, the Ao dai was frequently worn by both men and women. **(TRADITION)**

30. Some designers have _____ the Ao dai by printing lines of poetry on it. **(MODERN)**

31. Thi Vai River was used for years as _____ waste dump. **(INDUSTRY)**

32. They are planning to protect the forest from _____. **(FOREST)**

33. He is one of the most famous _____ in the world. **(ENVIRONMENT)**

34. It was your _____ to leave matches where children could get them. **(CARE)**

VI. Look at the entry of the word “action” in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with no more than three words. (0.5 pt)

action *noun*

  

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what somebody does

1 ★  [uncountable] the process of doing something in order to make something happen or to deal with a situation

- The time has come for action if these beautiful animals are to survive.
- to threaten/demand/call for action
- Firefighters **took action** immediately to stop the blaze spreading.
- Divers were close at hand, ready to **go into action** if the stunt went wrong.
- What is the best **course of action** in the circumstances?
- She began to explain her **plan of action** to the group.
- The men face **disciplinary action**.

35. When the alarm sounds, the firefighters usually immediately _____ to evacuate the building.
36. After careful consideration, the committee decided that the most prudent _____ was to delay the project until more funding was secured.

VII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it. (1.0 pt)

37. "Don't forget to do your assignment, Jack." said Jack's mother.
→ Jack's mother reminded
38. Lan is the best student in my class.
→ Nobody
39. The coffee was extremely hot. I couldn't drink it right away.
→ So
40. Drawing an apple is really easy for her.
→ It is a piece

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