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- Question 23.** A. journey      B. course      C. adventure      D. lesson  
**Question 24.** A. confident      B. creative      C. passionate      D. relaxed  
**Question 25.** A. via      B. in      C. to      D. at

Read the following passage 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 26 to 30.

Gardening is a fulfilling and therapeutic hobby that offers both mental and physical benefits. Many (26) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy spending time outdoors, caring for plants, and watching their gardens flourish over time. Tending to plants not only brings a sense of calm but also adds beauty to any environment. With proper care, plants (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and transform spaces, providing fresh air and a touch of nature.

Gardening requires patience and commitment, as most plants need time to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ and thrive. However, the reward is worth the effort. By learning about various plant species, people can (29) \_\_\_\_\_ their gardening skills, experiment with different arrangements, and create diverse, vibrant gardens. Although gardening demands attention and knowledge, it often (30) \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of accomplishment, knowing that one's hard work has contributed to the beauty of the surroundings.

(Adapted from: *Gardening for health: a regular dose of gardening*)

- Question 26.** A. gardeners      B. designers      C. athletes      D. musicians  
**Question 27.** A. grow      B. decline      C. resist      D. finish  
**Question 28.** A. bloom      B. jump      C. walk      D. shrink  
**Question 29.** A. avoid      B. expand      C. lose      D. forget  
**Question 30.** A. reduces      B. follows      C. loses      D. brings

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 questions from 31 to 35.

Air pollution has become a significant concern in many urban areas worldwide. Cities with high levels of industrial activities and heavy traffic often experience severe air

quality issues. Harmful substances like carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and fine particles fill the air, affecting both the environment and human health.

One of the most vulnerable groups is children, who breathe more rapidly than adults and are more sensitive to pollutants. Studies show that exposure to polluted air can lead to respiratory problems, allergies, and even reduced lung function in young people. Additionally, elderly individuals with pre-existing health conditions, such as asthma or heart disease, are at a higher risk when air pollution levels are **elevated**.

Governments and organisations are increasingly recognising the need to address this issue. Efforts include promoting public transportation, implementing stricter emission standards, and encouraging the use of cleaner energy sources. While these measures can help reduce pollution, it remains a challenge to balance economic growth with environmental protection.

*(Adapted from: Environmental and Health Impacts of Air Pollution: A Review)*

**Question 31.** What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. The causes of asthma and heart disease
- B. The benefits of cleaner energy sources
- C. The impact of air pollution on human health
- D. The advantages of public transportation

**Question 32.** Why are children more vulnerable to air pollution?

- A. They have stronger immune systems.
- B. They breathe more rapidly than adults.
- C. They spend more time indoors.
- D. They are less exposed to traffic.

**Question 33.** What health problems are linked to air pollution according to the passage?

- A. Increased blood pressure
- B. Respiratory issues and allergies
- C. Improved lung function
- D. Faster immune response

**Question 34.** The word **elevated** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. decreased
- B. harmful
- C. high
- D. unimportant

**Question 35.** Which of the following is a solution mentioned to reduce air pollution?

- A. Increasing industrial activity
- B. Using more private vehicles

- C. Implementing stricter emission standards
- D. Reducing healthcare services

**Question 36.** What can be inferred about the role of governments in addressing air pollution?

- A. Governments prioritise economic growth over environmental protection.
- B. Governments are actively trying to reduce pollution through various measures.
- C. Governments have done little to combat air pollution in urban areas.
- D. Governments rely solely on public transportation to reduce pollution.

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph / letter in each of the following questions.*

**Question 37.**

- a. For example, joining a sports club can help students stay fit and healthy.
  - b. Participating in extracurricular activities offers several benefits to students.
  - c. In addition, joining clubs can improve students' social skills as they meet new people.
  - d. Finally, these activities can be a great way to relieve stress and have fun.
  - e. Overall, extracurricular activities play an important role in a student's development.
- A. b - a - c - d - e                      B. b - d - a - c - e  
 C. e - b - a - d - c                      D. a - c - d - e - b

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.*

**Question 38.** The police are seeking an old man for their alleged involvement in international terrorism.

- A. The police                      B. their                      C. involvement                      D. terrorism

**Question 39.** She is a writer as well as a distinguishable modern historian.

- A. a                      B. well                      C. distinguishable                      D. historian

**Question 40.** His first book is published in association with British Heritage in 1990.

- A. first                      B. is                      C. in                      D. with