

Question 13: When did _____ talk to him?

- A. you lastly B. you last C. you lately D. you late

Question 14: _____ appears considerably larger at the horizon than it does overhead is merely an optical illusion.

- A. The Moon B. That the Moon C. When the Moon D. The Moon which

Question 15: Everyone expects Johnson to _____ Smith in today's final.

- A. beat B. win C. score D. champion

Question 16: Let's face _____ we are destroying the environment and we need to do something now.

- A. truth B. facts C. things D. information

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges from 17 to 18.

Question 17: "Would you pick the kids up from school this afternoon?" - "No, I am afraid I _____"

- A. wouldn't B. can't C. shan't D. don't

Question 18: "Good morning, could I speak to Mr. David, please?"; "_____"

- A. He's in a meeting. Can I take a message?
B. Probably by Monday next week.
C. I'll have to ask the person you want to ring first.
D. Certainly. Would two o'clock be OK.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions from 19 to 20.

Question 19: The Yugo was considered one of the safest and most dependable cars on the road in Slovakia, until people started importing cars from abroad.

- A. swift B. enjoyable C. reliable D. exciting

Question 20: He was able to incorporate a multimedia slideshow into the lesson plan despite the school's lack of equipment because his friend lent him a multimedia projector.

- A. propose B. determine C. bestow D. include

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions from 21 to 22.

Question 21: Travel insurance is sometimes mistaken for **temporary** health insurance, but the two are actually different.

- A. transitory B. passing C. mutable D. permanent

Question 22: Although they hold similar political views, their religious beliefs present a **striking contrast**.

- A. interesting resemblance B. complete coincidence
C. significant difference D. minor comparison

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 23 to 27.

After a tour in Cu Chi, we are moving to Mot Thoang Vietnam craft village (23) _____ at Phu Binh Village, Ho Chi Minh City. Arriving at *Mot Thoang Vietnam*, we observe on-the-spot (24) _____ craft persons weave tho cam (ethnic brocade fiber), (25) _____ wooden logs into wonders and weave rattan into home appliances. *Mot Thoang Vietnam* can (26) _____ your need to know what many of Vietnam's traditional craft villages are like. The quarter of craft villages at *Mot Thoang Vietnam* is quiet, but not boring (27) _____ craft persons chat amidst the clacking sound of wooden cudgels hitting a chisel caused by a sculptor or a loom used for weaving cloth.

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| Question 23: | A. located | B. locating | C. locate | D. locates |
| Question 24: | A. what | B. how | C. whether | D. why |
| Question 25: | A. knit | B. cast | C. weave | D. carve |
| Question 26: | A. satisfy | B. buy | C. make | D. stop |
| Question 27: | A. although | B. while | C. whereas | D. as |

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 28 to 32.

Upon the creation of the United States, one of the core concepts on which the hopes for the new democracy were pinned was the ideal that its citizens would be enlightened individuals with clearly articulated rights and the opportunity for individual achievement and education. It was believed that in a free nation where the power belongs to the people, the commitment to education defines the progress of that democracy and is the catalyst for future progress. This core value has not only stood the test of time but has also grown in importance.

In this new Information Era and international economy, education is an increasingly vital commodity, a precursor of potential success and a driving force of chance. It is important to recognize, however, that we approach education today differently than in the past, partly because the kinds of jobs people had didn't require the kind of basic education and specialized training that is often required in the workforce today. In the 1950s, for instance, only 20 percent of American jobs were classified as professional, 20 percent as skilled; and 60 percent as unskilled. Today, our world has changed. The proportion of unskilled jobs has fallen to 20 percent, while jobs now account for at least 60 percent of the workforce. Even more important, almost every job today increasingly requires a combination of academic knowledge and practical skills that require learning throughout a lifetime.

Question 28: Education is defined in this passage as a driving force of chance because

- _____
- A. without education, no changes could have happened in American society so far.
 B. the government of the United States wants to drive social changes in their own ways.

- C. education has helped to bring about and orient most changes in the American workforce.
D. any American citizen who wants to changes his driving license must be very well-educated.

Question 29: The passage shows the percentage of jobs that require higher training in the US _____ between 1950s and now.

- A. has remained the same
B. has changed dramatically
C. has been reversed
D. has changed slightly

Question 30: The phrase “enlightened individuals” in the first sentence most likely means “people who _____.”

- A. always appear brilliant-looking in public
B. have often been well-exposed to light
C. have acquired an adequate level of education
D. bring light to anywhere they go

Question 31: In order to become a good American citizen today, in the author’s point of view, any individual must _____

- A. know well all his/her rights and be ready to grasp his/her opportunity of success in life
B. study carefully the history of American educational and vocational systems even since their creation
C. understand thoroughly the combination of academic knowledge and practical skills
D. move actively forward in the new Information Era and international economy with a prestigious diploma

Question 32: Which of the following titles would be best for the passage?

- A. Education and Jobs in the Past and at Present in the United States.
B. The Significant Role of Education in American Citizens’ Careers
C. Academic Knowledge and Practical Skills in American Professions
D. Recent Changes of Educational and Vocational Systems in America

II. WRITING: (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words (questions from 33 to 36).

Question 33: I’m really excited about the upcoming pottery workshop.

⇒ I’m looking _____.

Question 34: We invited a pop star to the chat show, but he didn’t arrive.

⇒ The pop star _____.

Question 35: He misbehaved in the class so the teacher asked him to go out.

⇒ The teacher asked _____.

Question 36: The artisans carved figures of lions and unicorns on the top of the box.

⇒ Figures _____.

Combine two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any ways (questions from 37 to 40).

Question 37: Hoa was born in Doc So craft village. She knows the process of making pottery.
(BECAUSE)

Question 38: The library was bombed. Many important historical documents were destroyed.
(WHEN)

Question 39: She entered the room. She knew there was something wrong. (AS SOON AS)

Question 40: We decided to take rooms in Longwood House. We knew we could not afford the rent. (EVEN THOUGH)

THE END