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REVISION FOR THE FINAL FIRST SEMETER (5)

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Asia's economic, political and cultural importance is growing (1) ____ a never-before seen rate. Take China, for example: In terms of purchasing power, China is now the largest (2) ____ of the world, having recently (3) ____ over the crown from the long time leader United States. Understanding the fundamental structural changes in the global economy and having studied abroad in Asia is a huge asset on your (4) ____ when competing for jobs.

(5) ____ the increasing importance of the continent, many international with experience in companies are expanding to Asia and need (6) ____ with experience in Asian markets and culture. To get a (7) ____ of the action and business ideas flowing from Asia, visit Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) website.

One of the most important variables behind the miracle of the speed of growth and recovery in the Asian economies is the (8) ____ of education. The competition for top schools and universities starts from a very early (9) ____ . The point of education in Asia is to equip people to become productive members of their given societies as (10) ____ as equip the students with the skills and mentality to be (11) ____ to successfully compete against the masses of other applicants. Asian students and schools receive continuously top marks in international rankings. This has been directly (12) ____in the success stories of several Asian countries.

1. A. at	B. by	C. on	D. with
2. A. economic	B. economical	C. economically	D. economy
3. A. came	B. passed	C. kicked	D. taken
4. A. summary	B. profile	C. resume	D. requirement
5. A. Although	B. Because	C. Despite	D. Due to
6. A. employees	B. employers	C. employment	D. unemployment
7. A. glance	B. glimpse	C. look	D. view
8. A. quality	B. qualification	C. quantity	D. quantification
9. A. age	B. period	C. semester	D. year
10. A. far	B. long	C. much	D. well
11. A. able	B. capable	C. disable	D. unable
12. A. Allowed	B. influenced	C. provided	D. reflected

Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The 22nd Southeast Asian Games were held in Viet Nam from the 5th to 13th December, 2003. Although it was the first time Viet Nam hosted such a big sports event, the Games were a great success. The Games really became a festival that impressed sports enthusiasts with its spirit: solidarity, co-operation for peace and development.

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Athletes from 11 participating countries competed in 32 sports, and 444 gold medals were won. Some teams such as table tennis, badminton, karate, volleyball, basketball and wrestling were composed of top competitors in the region. Many Games records were close to international levels. Viet Nam won 158 gold medals to finish at the top of the Southeast Asian Games medal standings. Thailand ranked second with 90 golds, and Indonesia was third with only 55 golds. Singapore and Viet Nam were the two nations which had participants who were presented with the Most Outstanding Athlete titles in the Swimming and Shooting events. The Vietnamese Women's Football team successfully defended the SEA Games **title**. Viet Nam and Thailand played in the Men's Football Final. The Thai Team won the gold medal. In other sports such as karate, athletics, bodybuilding and wushu, the young and energetic Vietnamese athletes performed excellently and won a lot of gold medals.

Viet Nam's first place finish was not surprising. Firstly, to prepare for the 22nd SEA Games, Viet Nam carried out an **intensive** programme for its athletes, which included training in facilities, both home and abroad. Secondly, with the strong support of their countrymen, the Vietnamese athletes competed in high spirits. The country's success has proved that Viet Nam can organise sporting events on an international level. A plan has been proposed for Viet Nam to host the Asia Sports Games at some point in the future.

13. It can be inferred from the passage that ____.

A. Viet Nam can organise sporting events better than other countries

B. Viet Nam had already planned for the next Sea Games in the future

C. Viet Nam prepared its athletes well for the 22nd SEA Games

D. Viet Nam protected its first place in SEA Games competition

14. The word "title" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ____.

A. power B. label C. headline D. trophy

15. According to the passage, what is NOT true about the 22nd Southeast Asian Games?

A. There were 11 countries participating in.

B. Many athletes had broken the world records.

C. Indonesia ranked higher than Singapore.

D. Vietnamese Women's Football team won gold medal.

16. The word "**intensive**" in paragraph 3 has OPPOSITE meaning to ____.

A. delicate B. flexible C. sensitive D. vigorous

17. What is the writer's main purpose in writing this passage?

A. To explain the reasons why 22nd Sea Games was organised in Viet Nam.

B. To express the writer's love and how much he is proud of the country's success.

C. To introduce top competitors in the region and their ranking in the Games.

D. To show Vietnamese's ability in organising international sporting events.

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Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

When Malaysia takes the ASEAN chair next year, it will face a huge challenge. Too few of us know enough about this grouping we call the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. We do not know what it means to be a part of ASEAN and why it is important to us. At the same time, pressure is mounting to reinvent ASEAN to make it more people-centric and less government-centric. The Heat speaks to Global Movement of Moderates CEO Saifuddin Abdullah on why ASEAN should mean more to us than just **acronyms**.

ASEAN people do not feel like they are a part of the community of Southeast Asian nations. This statement, **backed up** by survey findings, is pretty bizarre, and extremely hurtful too, considering that ASEAN is 47 years old today. "Interview 10 persons on the street and you would perhaps get only one of them who knows about ASEAN," says Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah. This CEO of Global Movement of Moderates (GMM) is not running down ASEAN; he's confronting the truth as it impacts the project he has been entrusted with. Here's more, in 2012, the ASEAN Secretariat conducted a survey that showed only 34% of Malaysians had heard of the ASEAN community. This compares with 96% of Laotians. Malaysia chairs ASEAN next year, and GMM is a member of the national steering committee organising the ASEAN People's Forum (APF), a platform designed to bridge the gap between governments and civil society. Never heard of it? You're forgiven.

The APF actually started off life in the 1990s, except it was called the ASEAN People's Assembly (APA). It was held back to back with the ASEAN Summit, which is held twice a year. The APA is the forum where 10 leaders of government engage with 10 leaders of civil society in a half-hour meeting. "It was going well until one year when the chairman decided not to hold the APA, so it was discontinued until 2005 when Malaysia took the chairmanship of ASEAN again and founded the ASEAN People's Forum (APF)," Saifuddin explains. In a perfect world, forums such as the APF or its predecessor APA would have worked perfectly to **bridge the gap** between government and civil society.

However, as Saifuddin points out, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) often do not see eye to eye with their governments. For instance this year, Myanmar is chair of ASEAN and in the APF, three member nations - including Malaysia - decided not to recognise the CSO leaders chosen as representatives so the APF did not take place. "This is where the GMM wants to play a role in ensuring that this situation does not arise again," Saifuddin says.

18. According to the passage, in 1990s, APF was called ____.

A. ASEAN People's Assembly B. ASEAN People's Forum

C. Civil Society Organisations D. Global Movement of Moderates

19. The word "acronyms" in paragraph 1 probably means ____.

A. abbreviations B. antonyms C. enlargements D. synonyms

20. The phrase "**backed up**" in paragraph 2 has similar meaning to ____.

A. concluded B. introduced C. proved D. Supported

21. According to the passage, Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah was CEO of ____.

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A. APA B. APF C. CSOs D. GMM

22. Which of the following statements is NOT true about the APF according to the passage?

A. APF consists of 20 leaders. B. APF is held every two years.

C. APF is reorganised in 2005. D. APF lasts for 30 minutes.

23. The phrase "**bridge the gap**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

A. avoid the conflict B. break down the wall

C. build a strong relation D. narrow the difference

24. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?

A. Discontinuing APF led to conflict between government and civil society.

B. Laotians show more interest in politics than Malaysians.

C. The APA was held twice a year until 2005.

D. CSOs do not always agree with their governments.

25. Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?

A. How important was the ASEAN People's Forum? B. Who is going to be the ASEAN chair next year?

C. What does it mean to be a part of ASEAN? D. Why do GMM play an important role in ASEAN?

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