

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.

- Question 1. A. wisdom B. minor C. lively D. wildness  
Question 2. A. hatred B. naked C. knocked D. sacred

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 3. A. ignite B. igloo C. dogsled D. asset  
Question 4. A. domestic B. dormitory C. dogmatic D. deliberate

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 5. "When is your math exam?" "Well, this time tomorrow I \_\_\_\_ for it".

- A. will be sitting B. will sit C. will have been sitting D. sit

Question 6. The President mentioned pension reform and went on \_\_\_\_ that he would reduce unemployment figures.

- A. adding B. add C. to be adding D. to add

Question 7. \_\_\_\_ you to be offered that job, would you have to move to another city?

- A. Provided that B. Should C. Were D. Had

Question 8. I agree \_\_\_\_ one point with Chris: it will be hard for us to walk 80km.

- A. in B. of C. on D. for

Question 9. Up \_\_\_\_ when it saw its master.

- A. jumped the dog B. did the dog jump C. the dog jump D. does the dog jump

Question 10. \_\_\_\_ will be carried in the next space payload has not yet been announced to the public.

- A. It B. What C. When D. That

Question 11. \_\_\_\_ extremely bad weather in the mountains, we're no longer considering our skiing trip.

- A. Due to B. Because C. Since D. Due to the fact that

Question 12. Having been selected to represent the Association of American Engineers at the International Convention, \_\_\_\_.

- A. the members applauded him B. a speech had to be given by him

C. the members congratulated him                      D. he gave a short acceptance speech

**Question 13.** The authorities have shown no signs of \_\_\_\_ to the kidnappers' demands.

A. standing up                      B. bringing about                      C. getting down                      D. giving in

**Question 14.** My main \_\_\_\_ to the new motorway is that it will spoil the countryside.

A. objection                      B. object                      C. objective                      D. objecting

**Question 15.** Sue would suffer obesity if she couldn't control her \_\_\_\_ overeating.

A. compulsive                      B. disastrous                      C. exhaustive                      D. unbearable

**Question 16.** After a six-year relation, Martha and Billy have decided to \_\_\_\_.

A. break the bank                      B. tie the knot                      C. turn the page                      D. make ends meet

**Question 17.** Most of the \_\_\_\_ in this workshop do not work very seriously or productively.

A. tooth and nail                      B. rank and file                      C. eager beavers                      D. old hand

**Question 18.** A penalty shot is \_\_\_\_ when a major foul is committed inside the 5-meter line.

A. prevented                      B. awarded                      C. committed                      D. ranged

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

**Question 19.** The train to Ho chi Minh city left at precisely 7 o'clock as usually, but the train to Ha Noi capital left at half past six o'clock, which was exactly 20 minutes late.

A. exactly                      B. as usually                      C. which                      D. precisely

**Question 20.** Sam found it hard to concentrate on his work because the noise.

A. it                      B. concentrate                      C. work                      D. because

**Question 21.** Peacocks are among the most exotic birds in nature; its long tail feathers fan out to reveal a profusion of vivid colors.

A. fan out                      B. its                      C. most exotic                      D. among

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

**Question 22.** It is not until a Vietnamese girl getting 18 years old that she is allowed to get married legally.

- A. A Vietnamese girl is not allowed to get married legally only when she gets 18 years old.
- B. A Vietnamese girl is allowed to get married legally only when she gets 18 years old.
- C. The legal allowance for a Vietnamese girl to get married will be issued in 18 years.
- D. They never allow a Vietnamese girl to get married legally when she is 18 years old.

**Question 23.** "I would be grateful if you could send me further information about the job.", Lee said to me.

- A. Lee thanked me for sending him further information about the job.
- B. Lee felt great because further information about the job had been sent to him.



- C. Lee politely asked me to send him further information about the job.
- D. Lee flattered me because I sent him further information about the job.

**Question 24. The workers only complain because of their unfair treatment.**

- A. Were the workers fairly treated, they wouldn't complain.
- B. The workers complain because their employees are unfair.
- C. If the workers are treated fairly, they will not complain.
- D. Are the workers treated fairly, they will not complain.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that a best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions**

**Question 25. He was overconfident. Therefore, he ruined our plan completely.**

- A. It was because his overconfidence that ruined our plan completely.
- B. He was overconfident, which ruined our plan completely.
- C. That he was overconfidence ruined our plan completely.
- D. It was his overconfidence ruined our plan completely.

**Question 26. He felt very tired. However, he was determined to continue to climb up the mountain.**

- A. Tired as he might feel, he was determined to continue to climb up the mountain.
- B. As the result of his tiredness, he was determined to continue to climb up the mountain.
- C. Feeling very tired, he was determined to continue to climb up the mountain
- D. He felt so tired that he was determined to continue to climb up the mountain.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following questions.**

**Question 27. - "Excuse me. where's the parking lot?" - "\_\_\_\_"**

- A. You missed the turn. It's back that way.
- B. Do you get lost? I do too.
- C. You are going the wrong way. It's not here.
- D. Why do you ask me? I don't know.

**Question 28. Hoa is asking Hai, who is sitting at a corner of the room, seeming too shy.**

- Hoa: "Why aren't you taking part in our activities?" "\_\_\_\_" - Hai: "Yes, I can. Certainly!"

- A. Shall I take your hat off?
- B. Can you help me with this decoration?
- C. Can I help you?
- D. Could you please show me how to get the nearest post office?

**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.**

**Question 29. I think we should tell Peter that the location of the picnic has been changed. Let's put him in the picture.**

- A. show him                      B. take his photo                      C. explain to him                      D. inform him

**Question 30.** Mike pretended to be sick, but I saw through his deception at once.

- A. was used to                      B. got angry with                      C. got bored with                      D. was aware of

**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.**

**Question 31.** You're 25 years old, but you still haven't cut the apron strings.

- A. become independent                      B. bought a new house  
C. relied on others                      D. started doing well

**Question 32.** Though built almost five hundred years ago, the church remained practically intact.

- A. in perfection                      B. in completion                      C. in chaos                      D. in ruins

**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.**

### MODERN SCIENCE

It seems entirely natural to US that there are teams of scientists in universities and (33) \_\_\_\_ institutions around the world, attempting to discover the way the world works. (34) \_\_\_\_, it hasn't always been that way. Although the scientific method is now four or five hundred years old, the ancient Greeks, for example, believed that they could (35) \_\_\_\_ the cause of natural events just by the power of thought.

During the 17th century, more and more people began to realize that they could test their scientific ideas by designing a relevant experiment and seeing what happened. A lot of (36) \_\_\_\_ was made in this way by individual scientists. These men and women often worked alone, carrying out research into many different areas of science, and they often received very little (37) \_\_\_\_ for their hard work. At the start of the 20th century, though, it became clear that science was becoming more complicated and more expensive. The individual scientists disappeared, to be replaced by highly qualified teams of experts. Modern science was born.

**Question 33.** A. every                      B. whole                      C. other                      D. another

**Question 34.** A. However                      B. Accordingly                      C. Thus                      D. Besides

**Question 35.** A. solve out                      B. work out                      C. come out                      D. give out

**Question 36.** A. evolution                      B. progress                      C. movement                      D. development

**Question 37.** A. reward                      B. present                      C. gift                      D. prize

**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.**

Accidents do not occur at random. People eighty-five years of age and older are twenty-two times likely to die accidentally than are children five to nine years old. The risk for native Americans is four times that for Asian-Americans and twice that for white Americans or African-Americans. Males suffer accidents at



more than twice the rate of females, in part because they are more prone to risky behavior. Alaskans are more than three times as likely as Rhode Islanders to die in an accident. Texans are twenty- one times more likely than New Jerseyites to die in a natural disaster. Among the one hundred most populous counties, Kern County, California (Bakersfield), has an accident fatality rate three times greater than Summit County, Ohio (Akron).

Accidents happens more often to poor people. Those living in poverty receive **inferior** medical care, are more apt to reside in houses with faulty heating and electrical systems, drive older cars with fewer safety features, and are less likely to use safety belts. People in rural areas have more accidents than city or suburban dwellers because farming is much riskier than working in a factory or office and because emergency medical services are less readily available. These two factors - low income and rural residence - may explain why the south has a higher accident rate than the north.

*(Source: Proficiency Reading)*

**Question 38. which of the following is true according to the passage?**

- A. Children aged five to nine face the greatest accident risk.
- B. All people face an equal risk of having an accident.
- C. One in every 22 people aged 85 and over will die in an accident.
- D. The risk of having an accident is greater among certain groups of people.

**Question 39. The word “inferior” in the passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.**

- A. modern
- B. low-quality
- C. well-equipped
- D. unsafe

**Question 40. According to the passage, which of the following groups of people in America face the highest risk of having an accident?**

- A. Native Americans
- B. Asian-Americans
- C. White Americans
- D. African-Americans

**Question 41. What does the word “that” in the passage refer to \_\_\_\_?**

- A. males
- B. native Americans
- C. the risk
- D. African-Americans

**Question 42. which of the following is NOT mentioned as a reason for a higher accident rate among the poor?**

- A. Little knowledge about safety.
- B. Inadequate medical services.
- C. Poor housing and working conditions.
- D. Use of cars which incorporate fewer safety features.

**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.**

The concept of being environmentally conscious, or “green”, has become more **prevalent** in twenty first-century U.S culture. It has begun to affect the manufacturing of everything from non- toxic household cleaning products to motor vehicles powered by alternative sources of energy. However, one way of being “green” that is perhaps not as apparent to the viewer but of equal importance in being environmentally

conscious, is the construction of buildings that are considered “sustainable”. Sustainable buildings are those that do not impose on the environment or rely on the over-utilization of energy or natural resources. There are four main principles of sustainability, which includes consideration of the health and stability of all living things and their environmental diversity, as well as the economic opportunities of humanity.

Sustainable architecture consists of environmentally conscious design techniques. In the past, the demolition of an old building meant that all or most of the debris of the building would end up in a landfill or a waste disposal site. Today, architects can plan and design a building that uses recycled materials, such as wood, concrete, stone, or metal. These materials are **salvaged** from the demolition of an older building and can be appropriately incorporated into a new construction. Architects and construction supervisors may also choose to recycle more organic parts of demolished buildings, such as wooden doors, windows and other glass, ceramics, paper, and textiles.

A problem that has often arisen has been with how a site crew-whether it is demolition or construction crew determines and sorts what is “waste” and what is recyclable. Architects and environmental scientists have to decide whether or not a material is appropriate for use in new construction and how it will impact the environment. They must evaluate the materials from the demolition and determine what those materials contain, and if **they** meet the standards set by the U.S. government’s Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA). If the debris from the demolition contains hazardous materials that are harmful to the environment or to the consumer, such as asbestos, then the material is not salvageable. Use of the asbestos for insulation and as a form of fire retardation in buildings and fabrics was common in the nineteenth century. Asbestos was once used in shingles on the sides of buildings, as well as in the insulation in the interior walls of homes or other construction. In new “green” construction, insulation that once asbestos- based can be replaced with recycled denim or constructed with cellulose-a fibrous material found in paper products. The same-assessment applies to wood or wallboard painted with toxic lead-based paints. In addition, gas-flow regulators and meters on both water and gas heating systems constructed prior to 1961 must be carefully evaluated to determine that they do not contain dangerous substances such as mercury. Mercury can be harmful to humans and the environment if it is spilled during the removal of these devices.

**Question 43. The word “prevalent” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.**

- A. rare                      B. unusual                      C. widespread                      D. valuable

**Question 44. In paragraph 1, the author implies that \_\_\_\_.**

- A. some companies manufacture vehicles that are not powered by gasoline  
B. the concept of being green has not influenced manufacture  
C. uses of alternative energy are apparent to the consumer  
D. all buildings impose on the environment

**Question 45. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is true?**

- A. All construction follows the concept of sustainable architecture.  
B. Sustainable buildings do not overuse electricity, oil, or gas.



C. Today's cleaning products and appliances harm the environment.

D. Construction of "green" buildings is an old idea.

**Question 46. In paragraph 2, the word "salvaged" is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.**

A. lost

B. destroyed

C. buried

D. saved

**Question 47. According to paragraph 2, environmentally conscious design incorporates \_\_\_\_.**

A. safe, organic, recycled materials

B. new wood, stone, or concrete

C. debris from a demolished building

D. materials from a landfill

**Question 48. In paragraph 3, the author mentions both demolition and construction crews in order to \_\_\_\_.**

A. give an example of how choosing materials is not easily determined on a site

B. illustrate the types of crews that sort waste and recyclables

C. demonstrate that choosing recyclable materials is challenging for both crews

D. contrast the work of the two types of crews on a site

**Question 49. The word "they" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_.**

A. the EPA

B. the site crew

C. architects and environmental scientists

D. the materials from the demolition

**Question 50. In paragraph 3, the author mentions all of the following hazardous materials found in a debris from a demolition site EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.**

A. cellulose

B. mercury

C. asbestos

D. lead

**- THE END -**