

**Sample test for 2<sup>nd</sup> term EXAM – grade 12 (No 7)**

*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. miles  B. attendss C. driftss D. glowss

**Question 2.** A. laughed  B. containeded C. established  D. talkeded

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

**Question 3.** A. transfer B. accept C. remind D. publish

**Question 4.** A. futurist B. malfunction C. consequence D. activate

*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 5.** TikTok, a (A) very entertained (B) application, has become (C) popular with the young (D) recently.

**Question 6.** Tom and Jerry are (A) one of (B) my son's (C) favourite cartoons (D).

**Question 7.** Doing regular exercise (A) can keep you in (B) shape, improve (C) your health, and reducing (D) stress.

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

**Question 8.** Barry has come \_\_\_\_\_ some good suggestions for raising the money we need.  
A. onto B. up with C. round to D. across with

**Question 9.** Without the traffic jam on the high way this morning, I \_\_\_\_\_ late for the meeting.  
A. would be B. would have been C. hadn't been D. wouldn't have been

**Question 10.** If I had listened to my parents, I \_\_\_\_\_ at this job now.  
A. wouldn't be working B. wouldn't have worked  
C. don't have to work D. am not working

**Question 11.** We wonder \_\_\_\_\_ from his office after that scandal.  
A. why did he not resign B. why he did not resign  
C. why he not resigns D. why didn't he resign

**Question 12.** By the year 2050, many people currently employed \_\_\_\_\_ their jobs.  
A. have lost B. will be losing C. will have lost D. are losing

**Question 13.** Have these flowers \_\_\_\_\_ to her office, please.  
A. taken B. taking C. take D. to take

**Question 14.** She made her boys \_\_\_\_\_ the toys.  
A. collecting B. to collect C. collected D. collect

**Question 15.** Current extinction rates are at least 100 to 1,000 times higher than \_\_\_\_\_ rates found in the fossil record.

A. nature B. natural C. naturally D. naturalness

**Question 16.** Chimpanzees \_\_\_\_\_ kisses, hugs, touches in their community and use complicated system of sounds to communicate.

A. transfer B. transmit C. exchange D. perform

**Question 17.** Robots can act as 24/7 \_\_\_\_\_ to children with disabilities or the elderly.

A. equipment B. devices C. aids D. contribution

**Question 18.** Artificial intelligence is often the technology deployed to \_\_\_\_\_ the type of fraud that may be committed on your bank account.

A. monitor B. listen C. request D. recognize

**Question 19.** Intelligent robots carry out many different tasks such as \_\_\_\_\_ delivery in a factory, pipe inspection, and exploration of dangerous environments.

A. independent B. automatic C. automating D. automated

**Question 20.** Almost half of the \_\_\_\_\_ are perfectly suitable for the vacancy.

A. employees B. competitors C. candidates D. applications

**Question 21.** The plane would have landed easily \_\_\_\_\_ the thick fog.

A. unless B. but for C. because of D. due to

**Question 22.** We should do something to protect water from being polluted \_\_\_\_\_ we will have nothing to drink in the future.

A. if B. whether C. or D. unless

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.

Question 23. - Nick: "Can I try your new camera?"

- Linh: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. I am sorry, I can't. Let's go now.

C. Sure. But please be careful with it.

B. Sure. I'd love to.

D. I am sorry, I'm home late.

Question 24. - "How have you been recently?"

- "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. It's too late now.

C. No, I'll not be busy.

B. By bus, I think.

D. Pretty busy, I think.

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 25. With unemployment at a record level, retraining programs would pay off **in the long run**.

A. lastingly

B. temporarily

C. stably

D. durably

Question 26. Lisa is now **in two minds** whether or not to take a gap year after leaving high school.

A. reluctant

B. ignorant

C. decisive

D. intentional

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 27. Thousands of elephants were **poached** and their tusks sold for profits.

A. conserved

B. preserved

C. captured

D. illegally hunted

Question 28. We oppose this war, as we would do any other war which created an environmental **catastrophe**.

A. pollution

B. disaster

C. convention

D. epidemic

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 29. Perhaps we will be late for the meeting.

A. We must get to the meeting on time.

C. We needn't get to the meeting on time.

B. We should get to the meeting on time.

D. We may not get to the meeting on time.

Question 30. Jane is less sociable than her sister.

A. Jane's sister is not as sociable as she is.

C. Jane is more sociable than her sister.

B. Jane's sister is less sociable than she is.

D. Jane is not as sociable as her sister.

Question 31. "I went out with my friends last night," Tim said.

A. Tim said that I would go out with his friends last night.

B. Tim said that he went out with my friends the previous night.

C. Tim said that he had gone out with his friends the previous night.

D. Tim said that I had gone out with his friends last night.

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

Question 32. She teaches children with special needs. Many of them have severe learning difficulties.

A. She teaches children with special needs and whoever have severe learning difficulties.

B. She teaches children with special needs and severe learning difficulties.

C. She teaches children of severe learning difficulties and with special needs.

D. She teaches children with special needs, many of whom have severe learning difficulties.

Question 33. Sunbathing is still a popular activity. People do it even though they know it can cause cancer,

A. No matter what people know that sunbathing can cause cancer, it is still a popular activity.

B. Because sunbathing is still a popular activity, it can cause cancer.

C. Sunbathing is still a popular activity as long as it can cause cancer.

D. Unless it can cause cancer, sunbathing is still a popular activity.

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 34 to 38.

We won't have robot doctors for a long time, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the human doctors we have now are beginning to learn on specialized artificial intelligence to help save time.

Google DeepMind has just announced a partnership with University College London Hospital (UCLH) which will explore (35) \_\_\_\_\_ artificial intelligence to treat patients with head and neck cancers. The goal is to develop tools to automatically identify cancerous cells for radiology machines.

Currently, radiologists employ a manual process, called image (36) \_\_\_\_\_, to make CT and MRI scans and use them to create a map of the patient's anatomy with clear guidelines of where to direct the (37) \_\_\_\_\_. Avoiding

healthy areas of the head and neck requires that map to be extraordinarily detailed; typically, it takes four hours to create. Google believes it can do the same job or better in one hour.

DeepMind, Google's research arm, works primarily in deep learning, a form of artificial intelligence that learns to identify patterns from looking at large amount of data. In this case, DeepMind researchers will (38) \_\_\_\_\_ access to anonymized radiology scans from up to 700 former UCLH patients, and then feed them into algorithms that would process the scans to learn the visual difference between healthy and cancerous tissue.

- Question 34.** A. what                      B. why                      C. when                      D. but  
**Question 35.** A. using                      B. translating                      C. expressing                      D. performing  
**Question 36.** A. judgment                      B. discovery                      C. segmentation                      D. identification  
**Question 37.** A. intelligence                      B. radiation                      C. level                      D. strength  
**Question 38.** A. grow                      B. ask                      C. repair                      D. obtain

*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 39 to 43.*

Successful students often do the followings while studying. First, they have an overview before reading. Next, they look for important information and pay greater attention to it (which often needs jumping forward or backward to process information). They also relate important points to one another. Also, they activate and use their **prior** knowledge. When they realize that their understanding is not good, they do not wait to change strategies. Last, they can monitor understanding and take action to correct or "fix up" mistakes in comprehension.

**Conversely** students with low academic achievement often demonstrate ineffective study skills. They tend to assume a passive role in learning and rely on others (e.g., teachers, parents) to monitor their studying, for example, low achieving students often do not monitor their understanding of content they may not be aware of the purpose of studying, and they show little evidence of looking back, or employing "fix-up strategies to fix understanding problems. Students who struggle with learning new information seem to be unaware that they must extent effort beyond simply reading the content to understand and remember it. Children with learning disabilities do not plan and judge the quality of their studying. Their studying may be disorganized. Students with learning problems face challenges with personal organization as well. They often have difficulty keeping track of materials and assignments, following directions, and completing work on time. Unlike good studiers who employ a variety of study skills in a flexible yet purposeful manner, low-achieving students use a restricted range of study skills. **They** cannot explain why good study strategies are important for learning, and they tend to use the same, often ineffective study approach for all learning tasks, ignoring task content, structure or difficulty.

- Question 39.** The underlined pronoun "**They**" in the last sentence refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. study strategies                      B. study skills                      C. low-achieving students                      D. good studiers  
**Question 40.** The word "**prior**" in the first paragraph is closest meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. important                      B. earlier                      C. forward                      D. good  
**Question 41.** According to the passage, what can be learnt about passive students?  
A. They depend on other people to organize their learning.  
B. They are slow in their studying.  
C. They monitor their understanding.  
D. They know the purpose of studying.  
**Question 42.** Which of the followings is NOT an evidence of monitoring studying?  
A. Being aware of the purpose of studying                      B. Monitoring their understanding of content  
C. Fixing up mistakes in understanding                      D. Looking at their backs  
**Question 43.** What is the topic of the passage?  
A. Successful and low-academic achieving students  
B. Successful learners and their learning strategies  
C. Study skills for high school students  
D. Effective and ineffective ways of learning

*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 44 to 50.*

Not so long ago almost any student who successfully completed a university degree or diploma course could find a good career quite easily. Companies toured the academic institutions, competing with each other to recruit graduates. However, those days are gone, even in Hong Kong, and nowadays graduates often face strong competition in the search for jobs.

Most careers organizations highlight three stages for graduates to follow in the process of securing a suitable career: recognizing abilities, matching these to available vacancies and presenting **them** well to

**prospective** employers.

Job seekers have to make a careful assessment of their own abilities. One area of assessment should be of their academic qualifications, which would include special skills within their subject area. Graduates should also consider their own personal values and attitudes, or the relative importance to themselves of such matters as money, security, leadership and caring for others. An honest assessment of personal interests and abilities such as creative or scientific skills, or skills acquired from work experience, should also be given careful thought.

The second stage is to study the opportunities available for employment and to think about how the general employment situation is likely to develop in the future. To do this, graduates can study job vacancies and information in newspapers or they can visit a careers office, write to possible employers for information or contact friends or relatives who may already be involved in a particular profession. After studying all the various options, they should be in a position to make informed comparisons between various careers.

Good personal presentation is essential in the search for a good career. Job application forms and letters should, of course, be filled in carefully and correctly, without grammar or spelling errors. Where additional information is asked for, job seekers should describe their abilities and work experience in more depth, with examples if possible. They should try to balance their own abilities with the employers' needs, explain why they are interested in a career with the particular company and try to show that they already know something about the company and its activities.

When graduates are asked to attend for interview, they should prepare properly by finding out all they can about the prospective employer. Dressing suitably and arriving for the interview on time are also obviously important. Interviewees should try to give positive and helpful answers and should not be afraid to ask questions about anything they are unsure about. This is much better than pretending to understand a question and giving an unsuitable answer.

There will always be good career opportunities for people with ability, skills and determination; the secret to securing a good job is to be one of them.

**Question 44.** In paragraph 5, 'in more depth' could best be replaced by \_\_\_\_.

- A. more honestly      B. more carefully      C. using more word      D. in greater detail

**Question 45.** The word "prospective" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. future      B. generous      C. reasonable      D. ambitious

**Question 46.** In the paragraph 2, "them" refers to \_\_\_\_.

- A. abilities.      B. three stages.      C. careers organizations.      D. available vacancies.

**Question 47.** According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT** true?

- A. Businesses used to visit the universities in Hong Kong to recruit graduates.  
B. Until recently it was quite easy for graduates to get good jobs in Hong Kong.  
C. Job seekers should consider as many as possible of the factors involved.  
D. Graduates sometimes have to take part in competitions to secure a good career.

**Question 48.** According to paragraph 4, graduates should \_\_\_\_.

- A. ask friends or relatives to secure them a good job.  
B. find out as much as possible and inform employers of the comparisons they want.  
C. get information about a number of careers before making comparisons.  
D. find a good position and then compare it with other careers.

**Question 49.** In paragraph 6, the writer seems to suggest that \_\_\_\_.

- A. it is better for interviewees to be honest than to pretend to understand.  
B. interviewees should ask a question if they can't think of an answer.  
C. it is not a good idea for interviewees to be completely honest in their answers.  
D. pretending to understand a question is better than giving an unsuitable answer.

**Question 50.** In paragraph 1, 'those days are gone, even in Hong Kong', suggests that \_\_\_\_.

- A. in the past, finding a good career was easier in Hong Kong than elsewhere.  
B. it used to be harder to find a good job in Hong Kong than in other countries.  
C. nowadays, everyone in Hong Kong has an equal chance of finding a good career.  
D. even in Hong Kong companies tour the universities trying to recruit graduates.

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