

\* *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.*

1. A. school                      B. charm                      C. child                      D. choose  
2. A. sane                      B. plan                      C. came                      D. blame

\* *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.*

3. A. relieve                      B. promise                      C. describe                      D. distract  
4. A. expensive                      B. important                      C. popular                      D. financial

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5. The documents \_\_\_\_\_ to the government agency when the secretary finishes copying them.  
A. will have submitted                      B. will be submitted  
C. have submitted                      D. will submit
6. Much to our \_\_\_\_\_, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.  
A. disappointment                      B. anger                      C. protest                      D. annoyance
7. Our outstanding players made \_\_\_\_\_ work of Thailand to earn their first AFF U23 Youth Championship title.  
A. wide                      B. long                      C. large                      D. short
8. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the students to do the assignment efficiently.  
A. instructions                      B. instructive                      C. instructed                      D. instructor
9. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ her son's temperature to see if he had a fever.  
A. took                      B. did                      C. made                      D. ran
10. The company will fail \_\_\_\_\_ if it doesn't adapt to market changes.  
A. to succeeding                      B. to succeed                      C. succeeding                      D. succeed
11. The magician is \_\_\_\_\_ than the assistant.  
A. talented                      B. the most talented  
C. more talented                      D. as talented



12. I believe they are about to \_\_\_\_\_ a law that bans people from public places if they're smoking.

- A. cut out                      B. set in                      C. bring in                      D. turn on

13. When I entered the room, my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet.

- A. has surfed                      B. was surfing                      C. is surfing                      D. surfed

14. The company \_\_\_\_\_ by a larger corporation, is now a subsidiary.

- A. acquired                      B. was acquired                      C. acquiring                      D. acquires

15. Our task is too difficult to accomplish, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. was it                      B. wasn't it                      C. is it                      D. isn't it

16. My son is excited \_\_\_\_\_ going to the zoo with his classmates.

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

17. Investigators usually assess the crime \_\_\_\_\_, collect evidence, prepare reports and testify in court.

- A. vision                      B. sight                      C. view                      D. scene

18. I will contact you \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. as soon as I get the information about the course  
B. as soon as I was getting the information about the course  
C. as soon as I had got the information about the course  
D. as soon as I got the information about the course

19. \_\_\_\_\_ European Union has implemented new policies to address climate change.

- A. The                      B. ø (no article)                      C. An                      D. A

\* **Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.**

20. Jennie is inviting Jason to join her volunteer group this summer.

- Jennie: "Would you like to join our volunteer group this summer, Jason?"

- Jason: "\_\_\_\_\_"

- A. Yes, I'd love to.                      B. Sorry I am busy now.  
C. Well done.                      D. Me neither.

21. Ted and Kate are talking about the school curriculum.

- Ted: "Swimming should be made part of the school curriculum."

- Kate: "\_\_\_\_\_. It is an essential life skill."

- A. I couldn't agree with you more                      B. You can make it  
C. Oh, that's a problem                      D. Not at all



\* *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.*

22. It was really difficult for him to **determine** whether to take part in the race or not.

- A. believe                      B. decide                      C. examine                      D. think

23. The state government is determined to **tackle** the problem of poverty in the inner cities.

- A. solve                      B. pose                      C. encounter                      D. cause

\* *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.*

24. Some of the passengers looked green around the gills after the trip! Their faces turned pale.

- A. felt a sharp pain in their feet                      B. became very exhausted  
C. were in need of sleep                      D. had a lot of energy

25. Skills can be enhanced by the **appropriate** use of technology in certain circumstances.

- A. irregular                      B. regular                      C. extensive                      D. unsuitable

\* *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.*

26. "What time did the bus arrive, Tom?" asked John.

- A. John asked Tom what time the bus arrived.  
B. John asked Tom what time was the bus arriving.  
C. John asked Tom what time the bus had arrived.  
D. John asked Tom what time had the bus arrived.

27. I last went to the cinema six months ago.

- A. I didn't go to the cinema for six months.  
B. I haven't gone to the cinema for six months.  
C. I have gone to the cinema for six months.  
D. I went to the cinema for six months.

28. It is not necessary for you to wear formal clothes to the party this evening.

- A. You shouldn't wear formal clothes to the party this evening.  
B. You would wear formal clothes to the party this evening.  
C. You must wear formal clothes to the party this evening.  
D. You needn't wear formal clothes to the party this evening.



\* *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.*

29. My former friend, together with his wife, pays a visit to my family last Sunday.  
A. Sunday                      B. former                      C. pays                      D. with
30. The comic books include numerate colour photographs, but many of them are not sharp or their colours are washed out.  
A. comic                      B. sharp                      C. numerate                      D. washed out
31. The native teachers used the advanced English vocabulary in his presentation, so students don't understand the lesson.  
A. lesson                      B. so                      C. his                      D. advanced

\* *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.*

32. Wearing face masks is compulsory at public places. It is a must-do for everyone.  
A. By no means is it obligatory for everyone to wear face masks at public places.  
B. On no occasion is it obligatory for everyone to wear face masks at public places.  
C. Under no circumstances is it allowed to stop wearing face masks at public places, as it is obligatory for everyone.  
D. On no account was it allowed to stop wearing face masks at public places, as it is obligatory for everyone.
33. They don't have enough money. They can't buy a new car.  
A. If they had had enough money, they could have bought a new car.  
B. If they had enough money, they could buy a new car.  
C. Provided they have a lot of money, they can't buy a new car.  
D. If they had enough money, they couldn't buy a new car.

\* *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.*

### **Berrak: A Pianist**

A typical day now involves a couple of hours practice in the morning before going into college and attending classes. I spend a lot of time in the library, listening to music, trying to learn and become familiar with new pieces of music. One downside to choosing to study and (34)\_\_\_\_\_ a career in music is that you end up spending hours and hours by yourself. However, I also try to spend time at college meeting other people and networking. The more musicians I know, the more likely I am to be asked to play for others. The more I play, the better known I become and in the music business it's all about recognition and getting your name out there. (35)\_\_\_\_\_, it's important to get involved in as many performances as possible and take part in competitions



so that as many people as possible see you perform and know who you are. It's a very (36)\_\_\_\_\_ industry. Ultimately, if I am asked to play and get given a job it means that someone else loses work and sometimes it feels like a constant battle. You can't help being drawn into an artificial world (37)\_\_\_\_\_ you are constantly comparing yourself to others and are always worried about what (38)\_\_\_\_\_ think of your performances. In the real world outside of college your audience is much wider.

(Adapted from "FCE Practice Test" by Karen Dyer and Dave Harwood)

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| 34. A. pursue   | B. catch      | C. look         | D. retreat     |
| 35. A. Moreover | B. But        | C. Therefore    | D. Otherwise   |
| 36. A. relaxing | B. aggressive | C. entertaining | D. competitive |
| 37. A. where    | B. which      | C. that         | D. whom        |
| 38. A. another  | B. much       | C. others       | D. many        |

\* **Read the following 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.**

Lifelong learning is now becoming a must for everyone in the modern world. Many people, however, find **it** overwhelming, as being lifelong learners means they will have to keep studying for their entire life. The following are several strategies to promote lifelong learning.

First, start with a clear purpose. Study something that you will likely have many uses in the future. Design learning goals that should serve you in your career path, as well as in your personal interests. You will need to think of the learning experience as continuous investment rather than a one-off endeavor.

Second, choose something that is really enjoyable for you. You will need to have fun all through the pursuit of knowledge and skills, which will be an endless journey. The "fun" part will always keep you **motivated**, even during the hard times.

Third, lifelong learning is not just about keeping on studying; you will need to think through what you have learned, and find out how to apply it in your work and personal life. Don't read too much and use your brain too little. Think more often; meditate on the ideas that you feel might make your work and/or life better.

Those are the key strategies to make sure your lifelong learning is studying smart rather than studying hard. Remember, the lifelong learning movement is unstoppable.

39. What is the passage mainly about?

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| A. Strategies to promote lifelong learning | B. How to choose something to study     |
| C. How to keep on studying all the time    | D. Education – the preparation for life |

40. The word "**it**" in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. clear purpose | B. entire life | C. modern world | D. lifelong learning |
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41. According to paragraph 2, to become a smart lifelong learner, you should \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. define a specific objective
- B. avoid designing a learning goal
- C. study anything you like
- D. neglect the learning experience

42. The word "**motivated**" in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. discouraged
- B. inspired
- C. scared
- D. amused

43. Which of the following is NOT true about strategies for lifelong learning?

- A. We should motivate ourselves to learn effectively
- B. We should choose something that we have an interest in
- C. We should use our brain in a lot of reading
- D. We should apply our knowledge in work and life

\* *Read the following 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.*

People who daydream are often thought of in negative terms, such as being lazy or not doing what they should be doing. However, scientists who study the brain have learned many interesting things, especially from studying the brains of daydreamers. In fact, far from being a waste of time, some scientists believe that daydreaming is a healthy and useful activity for all of our brains.

In order to study the brain, scientists use special devices that scan the brain and show pictures of which parts of the brain are active at certain times. When a person is daydreaming, the device will show a **distinct** pattern of activity in the brain called the "default" mode of thinking. In the default mode, the top or outside part of the brain is very active. Actually, several regions of the brain are interacting in this mode. Some scientists describe this mode as a time when the brain focuses on itself rather than focusing on the environment around the person. Typically, this occurs when a person is doing simple, tedious work or performing routine actions that don't need much attention, like walking to school or cooking simple foods. People tend to daydream during such activities.

The importance of daydreaming lies in developing both creative and social skills. When the mind is not engaged in dealing with one's immediate situation or problem, then **it** is free to wander. A time of wandering allows the mind to create things. New inventions may be imagined, or possible solutions to a problem can be planned. For example, solutions for problems in relationships with other people may come to mind. In fact, most daydreams involve situations with others. Perhaps these are daydreams based on memories of the past, or daydreams of what might be in the future. In either case, daydreams help us develop the appropriate skills we can use in real interactions with others.

As a neurologist, Dr. Marcus Raichle of Washington University explains: "When you don't use a muscle, that muscle really isn't doing much. But when your brain is supposedly doing nothing and daydreaming, it's really doing a **tremendous** amount". During the so-called "resting state" the brain isn't resting at all!

*(Adapted from Reading Challenge 3, Second edition, by Casey Malarcher & Anderea Janzen)*



44. Which of the following is the best title of the passage?
- A. How to Avoid Daydreaming and Stay Focused
  - B. Negative Effects of Daydreaming on the Brain
  - C. Daydreaming: A Waste of Time or a Useful Activity?
  - D. The Benefits of Daydreaming on Brain Development
45. The word **distinct** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. stable                      B. changing                      C. complex                      D. particular
46. In order to research the brain, the scientists \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. employ unique scanning instruments                      B. observe people while they sleep  
C. scan the "default" mode of thinking                      D. create a distinct pattern of its activity
47. The word **it** in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. daydreaming                      B. the mind                      C. the problem                      D. situation
48. The word **tremendous** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. adequate                      B. enormous                      C. limited                      D. deficient
49. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?
- A. The brain concentrates more on the external environment than itself in the default mode.
  - B. Several regions of the brain are working together in default mode.
  - C. Daydreamers may come up with a solution to a complicated problem.
  - D. A person with straightforward, monotonous labor is prone to daydreaming.
50. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Daydreaming is a good measure to reduce the stresses of everyday life.
  - B. People who often daydream are often seen as being unproductive or lazy.
  - C. The brain is active when a person is performing complex tasks.
  - D. The brain is constantly active even when we are not consciously using it.

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