

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 1. A. healthcare B. brother C. nothing D. breakthrough

Question 2. A. intelligence B. improve C. difference D. lifestyle

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

Question 3. A. arrive B. suggest C. mistake D. broaden

Question 4. A. interact B. sacrifice C. entertain D. recollect

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

Question 5. The room _____ for home nursing should be light, well-ventilated and remote from the household living quarters.

A. choose B. is chosen C. chosen D. choosing

Question 6. I lost the match because I was playing very badly. It was even _____ than the last game.

A. more badly B. badly C. worst D. worse

Question 7. She will have finished the preparations for the meeting _____.

A. by the time her boss arrives B. after her boss had arrived
C. as soon as her boss had arrived D. when her boss arrived

Question 8. I was surprised _____ the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.

A. of B. about C. on D. at

Question 9. The headmaster is the most popular figure at our school, _____?

A. was he B. wasn't he C. doesn't he D. isn't he

Question 10. According to the rule of this game, no player except the goalie, can touch _____ ball with both hands.

A. the B. a C. an D. x

Question 11. The government's major _____ has not only included legal, economic, and political gains but also changed the ways in which people live, dress, dream of their future and make a living.

A. status B. achievement C. power D. civilization

Question 12. ASEAN is _____ to promote economic development and cultural diversity among its member states.

A. cut down B. set up C. found out D. taken over

Question 13. Soon after take-off, the hijackers went into the captain's cabin and told him _____ them to another destination.

A. flying B. to fly C. fly D. flew

Question 14. Giving your credit card to a stranger is like sending a _____ guarding the henhouse.

A. fox B. cat C. duck D. fish

Question 15. These foreign tourists _____ on the beach when a big wave swept everything.

A. sunbathe B. were sunbathing C. sunbathed D. had sunbathed

Question 16. I _____ great admiration for the young teachers who devote their life to teaching children in remote and mountainous areas.

A. pay B. have C. take D. make

Question 17. The company hopes that their new product _____ by many customers.

- A. buys B. will buy C. was buying D. will be bought

Question 18. She teaches the students to have respect for the different races and appreciate the _____ of their cultures.

- A. diverse B. diversely C. diversified D. diversity

Question 19. Organizing the plastic waste collection network well can reduce the _____ of waste discharged into canals and rivers.

- A. volume B. series C. chapter D. range

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 20. Nam is talking to Lan, his classmate about their plan for study.

- Nam: Do you think that we should focus on learning a second language?

- Lan: _____. Those who are bilingual have more career opportunities.

- A. Of course not. You bet B. Yes, it's a silly idea
C. Well, that's very surprising D. Absolutely

Question 21. Mike meets Mary in their class after Mary has had her hair cut.

- Mike: "What an attractive hair style you have got, Mary!"

- Mary: "_____"

- A. I don't like your sayings. B. Thank you for your compliment.
C. You are telling a lie. D. Thank you very much. I am afraid.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 22. Because of her conservative views, the professor never accepts anything not related to traditional values and the status.

- A. conservational B. progressive C. modern D. economic

Question 23. Because the final exam is coming nearer Manh knows it is time to move up a gear and start studying late into the evening.

- A. go upstairs to bed B. revise lessons
C. change his mind D. reduce the rate of study

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 24. The fact that space exploration has increased dramatically in the past thirty years indicates that we are very eager to learn all we can about our solar system.

- A. seriously B. gradually C. significantly D. doubtfully

Question 25. If desired, garnish your plate with parsley, bell pepper rings or other vegetables

- A. decorate B. replace C. associate D. provide

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

Question 26. Readers are not allowed to take books out of the library without first filling in a form.

- A. Readers mustn't take books out of the library without first filling in a form.
B. Readers should take books out of the library without first filling in a form.
C. Readers can take books out of the library without first filling in a form.
D. Readers needn't take books out of the library without first filling in a form.

Question 27. Tim last attended a live concert three months ago.

- A. Tim didn't attend a live concert three months ago.
- B. Tim hasn't attended a live concert for three months.
- C. Tim has three months to attend a live concert.
- D. Tim has attended a live concert for three months.

Question 28. "What did you do last weekend, Tim?" Alice asked

- A. Alice asked Tim what had he done the previous weekend
- B. Alice asked Tim what he had done the previous weekend.
- C. Alice asked Tim what did he do last weekend.
- D. Alice asked Tim what he had done last weekend.

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

Question 29. Her grief for her dead husband was somewhat alleviated after she had heard my comfortable words.

- A. grief
- B. dead
- C. alleviated
- D. comfortable

Question 30. In the past, people don't tend to pay much attention to leisure time activities, which is very different from now.

- A. don't tend
- B. attention
- C. which is
- D. different

Question 31. All the candidates for the scholarship will be equally treated regardless of her age, sex, or nationality.

- A. for
- B. treated
- C. her
- D. or

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

Question 32. Lucy really wants to attend the Halloween event. She doesn't have a Halloween costume.

- A. Provided that Lucy has a Halloween costume, she can't attend the Halloween event.
- B. If Lucy had a Halloween costume, she could attend the Halloween event.
- C. Lucy wishes she had a Halloween costume so that she couldn't attend the Halloween event.
- D. If Lucy had a Halloween costume, she could have attended the Halloween event.

Question 33. Minh turned up at the meeting. I noticed that I'd seen her before.

- A. Only after Minh turned up at the meeting did I notice that I'd seen her before.
- B. No sooner had I noticed that I'd seen Minh before than she turned up at the meeting.
- C. Hardly did I notice that I'd seen Minh before when she turned up at the meeting.
- D. Only when I noticed that I'd seen Minh before did she turn up at the meeting.

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

Many people drink diet sodas as part of their diet. They believe these drinks are healthier than fizzy drinks. (34) _____, according to a new study, "diet" versions of sugary drinks can be as bad for our heart as fizzy drinks that are loaded with sugar. The researchers (35) _____ conducted the study said people should avoid diet sodas and other artificially sweetened beverages if they want to look after their health. Dr Guy Mintz, a heart specialist, said: "The belief that artificial sweeteners are a safe substitute for sugar is fake news. Artificial sweeteners have also been associated with weight gain, insulin (36) _____, and diabetes."

Researchers looked at health data from over 100,000 people in France. Participants in the study recorded their diet, activity level, and health status every six months. The researchers said: "Higher intakes of ... artificially sweetened beverages were associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease, suggesting that artificially sweetened beverages might not be a healthy (37) _____ for sugary drinks. Also, water, water, and more water should be the beverage of choice. Given childhood obesity, (38) _____ sweetened or artificially sweetened beverage should be a staple in children's diets."

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- Question 34.** A. Nevertheless B. Therefore C. Moreover D. Consequently
- Question 35.** A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
- Question 36.** A. gain B. loss C. resistance D. increase
- Question 37.** A. option B. substitute C. answer D. change
- Question 38.** A. no B. much C. less D. more

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

The hours we spend scrolling through our smartphones appear to be changing the shape of our skulls. This may be the reason why some people — especially the younger crowd — are developing a weird, bony spike just above their necks. This spike, known as an external occipital protuberance, appears at the lower end of the skull, and is sometimes so large, you can feel it by pressing your fingers on the base of your skull.

A study published in the Journal of Anatomy found that the spike was becoming more frequent — especially among 18 to 30-year-olds. David Shahar, the Australian health scientists who conducted the research, believes the development was **triggered** by prolonged use of smartphones or tablets. As people tilt their head forward to look at the screen, they put pressure on where the neck muscles meet the skull, so the body then develops more bone layers to be able to withstand **it**, said Shahar.

In the study, Shahar and a colleague looked at the radiographs of 218 young patients, aged 18 to 30, to determine how many had these spikes. In all, 41% of the group had an enlarged spike and 10% had an especially large spike measuring at least 0.7 inches (20 mm), the doctors found. In general, enlarged spikes were more common in males than in females. The largest spike belonged to a man, sticking out at 1.4 inches (35.7 mm).

Shahar believes that the spikes will continue to grow in size as people keep hunching over their handheld devices, but adds that they should not be very harmful and rarely cause serious medical issues. “But if you are experiencing discomfort, maybe you should try improving your posture,” he said.

Question 39. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. A spike in the brain that can be extremely harmful.
- B. Serious medical issues caused by using smartphones.
- C. A change in our skull shape due to smartphone use.
- D. How to avoid discomfort when using smartphones.

Question 40. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about the results of David Shahar’s study?

- A. The spike is more common in women than men.
- B. The spike can grow to a size of more than 30mm.
- C. The spike is the result of using smartphones and tablets.
- D. The spike is becoming increasingly common.

Question 41. The word “**triggered**” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. developed B. fired C. encouraged D. caused

Question 42. According to Shahar, the spikes _____.

- A. will shrink in the future B. are very dangerous
- C. are generally harmless D. usually lead to illness

Question 43. The word “**it**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. skull B. pressure C. screen D. head

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

Although experts agree that traditional meetings are essential for making certain decisions and developing strategy, many employees view them as one of the most unnecessary parts of the workday. The result is not only hundreds of billions of wasted dollars, but the worsening of what psychologists call “meeting recovery syndrome”: time spent cooling off and regaining focus after a useless meeting.

It isn’t anything **novel** that workers feel fatigued after a meeting, but only in recent decades have scientists deemed the condition worthy of further investigation. Meeting recovery syndrome (MRS) is most easily understood

as a slow replenishment of our limited mental resources. When an employee sits through an ineffective meeting their brain power is essentially being drained away, says Joseph A. Allen, a professor at the University of Utah. If **they** last too long, fail to engage employees or turn into lectures with little to no personal interactions, meetings will significantly diminish employees' psychological stamina. Taking time to recover is a must, but doing so comes at the expense of productivity.

As humans, when we transition from one task to another – such as from sitting in a meeting to doing normal work – it takes an effortful cognitive switch. We must make a big mental effort to stop the previous task and then expend significant mental energy to move on to the other. Some can **bounce back** from horrible meetings rather quickly, while others carry their fatigue until the end of the workday. It's even worse when a worker has several meetings that are separated by only 30 minutes.

While no counter-MRS measures have been tested, Allen says one trick that might work is for employees to identify things or locations that quickly change their mood from negative to positive. As simple as it sounds, finding a personal happy place, going there and then coming straight back to work might be the key to reducing recovery time. Another solution is to ask ourselves if our meetings are even necessary in the first place. If all that's on the agenda is a quick catch-up, or some non-urgent information sharing, it may be better for managers to send an e-mail to his or her subordinates instead. Most important, however, is for organisations to awaken to the concept of meetings being flexible, says Allen. We have to get rid of the acceptance of meetings as sites of pain, when they should be places of gain," Allen says.

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Question 44. The word "**novel**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. thunderous B. groundbreaking C. hammering D. magnificent

Question 45. Which of the following is NOT TRUE, according to paragraph 2?

- A. An ineffective meeting reduces brain power.
B. Employees need time to recover after a bad meeting.
C. MRS has only been further investigated by researchers recently.
D. Employees are more productive when recovering from MRS.

Question 46. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. More interactive meetings are less mentally exhausting.
B. Experts consider meetings a complete waste of money.
C. Switching between tasks is very physically demanding.
D. Companies should only communicate using e-mails.

Question 47. The phrase "**bounce back**" in paragraph 4 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. encourage B. upgrade C. recover D. develop

Question 48. In which case should managers only send e-mails to their employees?

- A. When a meeting is too costly to organize.
B. When no urgent information needs to be communicated.
C. When their employees are too exhausted to join meetings.
D. When a meeting is necessary but too time-consuming.

Question 49. The word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. employees B. lectures C. interactions D. meetings

Question 50. Which of the following best serves as a title for the passage?

- A. Employees' Negative Attitude Towards Meetings
B. A Workplace Disease And How We Can Stop It
C. The Reason Why Meetings Make Us Feel Tired
D. How To Make Meetings More Interactive

THE END