

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. breathe B. healthy C. weather D. although

Question 2. A. climb B. sit C. hide D. fine

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. believe B. happen C. decide D. attract

Question 4. A. acceptance B. arrival C. inclusion D. musical

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

Question 5. With lack of fresh water and poor sanitation, people _____ in this small area face a threat of developing infectious diseases.

A. living B. lived C. whom live D. to live

Question 6. The meal was a bit _____ than we expected, but it was very nice.

A. most expensive B. expensive C. more expensive D. as expensive

Question 7. She will send me the design of my new house _____.

A. after she had finished it B. while she was finishing it
C. as soon as she has finished it D. before she finished it

Question 8. Tina considers herself lucky when her parents are quite sympathetic _____ her and offer her valuable advice.

A. about B. to C. in D. with

Question 9. The band isn't visiting Denmark next May, _____?

A. does it B. will it C. is it D. has it

Question 10. I get quite depressed when thinking about _____ damage we are causing to the environment.

A. a B. the C. an D. Ø (no article)

Question 11. The report assigned the _____ for the accident to inadequate safety regulations.

A. praise B. credit C. blame D. rap

Question 12. As Joe's roommate, I find him a fairly nice fellow, even if at times it is not easy to _____ his noisy behavior.

A. put up with B. look up to C. get on with D. catch up with

Question 13. The enterprise's management agreed _____ in renewable energy sources to reduce the company's carbon footprint.

A. investing B. invest C. to invest D. to investing

Question 14. She dropped a _____ on their first date by telling him that she didn't like pets. Unfortunately, he's always been a real sucker for pets.

A. stone B. tile C. brick D. block

Question 15. We _____ along the coast after dinner when a strange man approached us.

- A. walked B. were walking C. had walked D. have walked

Question 16. The government decided to _____ the restrictions on air travel as the pandemic was basically kept under control in the country.

- A. move B. drive C. raise D. lift

Question 17. After the test papers are returned to the students in class tomorrow, the students _____ their next assignment.

- A. will be given B. are given C. are giving D. give

Question 18. They had a _____ candlelit dinner last night and she accepted his proposal of marriage.

- A. romance B. romantic C. romantically D. romanticize

Question 19. The police are collecting _____ in order to piece together the details of the day she died.

- A. tips B. clues C. hints D. signs

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 his classmate named Minh.*

- **Nam:** "I don't understand what the teacher has just said."

- **Minh:** "_____"

- A. Me either B. Neither do I. C. Me too. D. So do I.

Question 21. Tom and Jerry are talking about extreme sports.

- **Tom:** "People should be encouraged to take part in dangerous sports"

- **Jerry:** "_____. They are prone to both minor and severe injuries."

- A. I completely disagree with you. B. For sure.
C. Come on, that's surely the case. D. I couldn't agree with you more.

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. If you work in a department with an **overbearing** leader, it is likely that your suggestions will be rejected.

- A. energetic B. dominant C. humble D. innovative

Question 23. Julie's slimming attempts have been going **by fits and starts**. She needs to do it consistently.

- A. slowly B. poorly C. steadily D. flexibly

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. Don't be afraid to talk the problem over with him because he is a very **approachable** man.

- A. rude B. polite C. confident D. friendly

Question 25. The company wouldn't have seen such a quick turnover of staff had its manager not treated the employees with utter **contempt**.

- A. sympathy B. approval C. disrespect D. refusal

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. It's not good for us to stay up late to surf the internet every day.

- A. We needn't stay up late to surf the internet every day.

- B. We must stay up late to surf the internet every day.
- C. We may stay up late to surf the internet every day.
- D. We shouldn't stay up late to surf the internet every day.

Question 27. I haven't heard from Jenny and her family for several months.

- A. I didn't hear about Jenny and her family several months ago.
- B. Jenny and her family heard about me several months ago.
- C. I last heard from Jenny and her family several months ago.
- D. Jenny and her family didn't hear from me several months ago.

Question 28. "How much milk do you need to make the cake?" asked my sister.

- A. My sister asked me how much milk did I need to make the cake.
- B. My sister asked me how much milk do I need to make the cake.
- C. My sister asked me how much milk I need to make the cake.
- D. My sister asked me how much milk I needed to make the cake.

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

Question 29. He was totally disqualified for his job as a senior manager. He didn't have the right knowledge and experience for this post.

- A. totally
- B. disqualified
- C. senior
- D. experience

Question 30. Van Clibur studies piano from 1951 to 1954 and won multiple awards between 1958 and 1960.

- A. studies
- B. from
- C. won
- D. between

Question 31. The appearance of a new variant found in India concerned many people due to their contagion.

- A. appearance
- B. found
- C. concerned
- D. their

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. He doesn't have practical life skills. He can't solve most problems by himself.

- A. If he had had practical life skills, he could have solved most problems by himself.
- B. He wishes he had practical life skills, he couldn't solve most problems by himself.
- C. If he had practical life skills, he could solve most problems by himself.
- D. Provided that he has practical life skills, he can't solve most problems by himself.

Question 33. The prime minister was criticised for his sluggish reaction to a new wave of coronavirus infections. He decided to give up his responsibility then.

- A. Not until the prime minister decided to give up his responsibility was he criticised for his sluggish reaction to a new wave of coronavirus infections.
- B. So much was the prime minister criticised for his sluggish reaction to a new wave of coronavirus infections that he decided not to give up his responsibility then.
- C. No sooner was the prime minister criticised for his sluggish reaction to a new wave of coronavirus infections than he decided to give up his responsibility.
- D. Only after the prime minister was criticised for his sluggish reaction to a new wave of coronavirus infections did he decide to give up his responsibility.

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.

Dramatically, the 2022 FIFA Men's World Cup in Qatar has concluded with Argentina beating France 4-2 in a penalty shootout (34) _____ they had drawn 3-3. Record numbers of fans were expected to watch the nail-biting final match at the Lusail Stadium just outside of the Qatari capital Doha.

The tournament featured a highly competitive group stage, (35) _____ global representation in the knockout rounds, dramatic upsets and outstanding individual performances — highlighted by Argentina's great Lionel Messi and emerging superstar Kylian Mbappé of France.

From the moment FIFA announced Qatar as the 2022 World Cup host in 2010, non-sporting controversy has (36) _____ the event. In addition to bribery charges against FIFA officials, (37) _____ questions were raised about the suitability of a small nation with limited football history or infrastructure hosting the World Cup.

Complicating the choice of Qatar further was the desert nation's hot summers which made scheduling the event in its normal June-July timeframe impractical - necessitating the move to November-December, (38) _____ European football associations viewed as disrupting their regular schedules.

(Adapted from <https://www.cnbc.com/>)

- Question 34.** A. once B. although C. unless D. after
Question 35. A. reported B. increased C. deposited D. connected
Question 36. A. plagued B. divided C. crashed D. quoted
Question 37. A. much B. little C. several D. any
Question 38. A. why B. which C. who D. that

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

When lifestyle changes aren't enough, the next step may be to take medicine. Your health care provider can tell you about special drugs for overactive bladder (OAB).

There are several drug types that can relax the bladder muscle. These drugs, like anti-muscarinics and beta-3 agonists, can help stop your bladder from squeezing when it's not full. Some are taken as pills, by mouth. Others are gels or a sticky transdermal **patch** to give you the drug through your skin.

Anti-muscarinics and beta-3 adrenoceptor agonists can relax the bladder muscle and increase the amount of urine your bladder can hold and empty. Combination drugs, like using both anti-muscarinics and - beta-3 adrenoceptor agonists together may help control OAB when one option alone isn't working.

Your health care providers will want to know if the medicine works for you. **They** will check to see if you get relief or if the drug causes problems, known as side effects. Some people get dry mouth and dry eyes, constipation, or blurred vision. If one drug you try doesn't work, your health care provider may ask you to take different amounts, give you a different one to try, or have you try two types together. Lifestyle changes and medicine at the same time help many people.

(Adapted from <https://www.urologyhealth.org/>)

Question 39. Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. Bladder Stops from Squeezing B. What Option to Control OAB
C. Prescription Drugs for OAB D. Lifestyle Changes and OAB

Question 40. According to the passage, overactive bladder _____.

- A. can be treated by using only one drug type B. may get better with combination drugs
C. could be eliminated without any side effects D. has nothing related to lifestyle changes

Question 41. The word **patch** in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.

- A. a small piece of material B. an attempt to do something

C. your feelings

D. a piece of equipment

Question 42. The word **They** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. medicine works

B. problems

C. side effects

D. health care providers

Question 43. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Drugs cannot stop the bladder from squeezing.

B. Some drugs are gels or a sticky transdermal patch.

C. Some drugs can relax the bladder muscle.

D. Two types of drugs may be taken together if one doesn't work.

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

Like many emergency responders, Nicholas Groom is used to stress at work. On one hand, the stress can be helpful. "I find that when attending a serious incident, **it** helps me to maintain focus on the situation," Nicholas Groom said. On the other hand, the work can be highly pressurised. "Too much stress can impair your ability to make decisions," he adds. And Groom is not alone in his complicated relationship with stress.

Many people believe that there should be a balanced amount of stress. In other words, not too much stress so you're not overwhelmed but not too little stress so you don't feel unmotivated. After all, some anxiety is motivating; think of the adrenaline before a deadline or the excitement before a competition. Sports fans sometimes even talk about a "gene" in some athletes who seem to play best in the decisive final moments of a match. Furthermore, many psychologists claim that performance in many situations increases with stress up to a point. Of course, any stress can cause harm when it's prolonged. To take just one example, a long-term high heart rate is linked to cardiovascular diseases. And additional stressors, such as financial pressures or psychiatric issues, clearly affect how beneficially someone can respond to stress.

So is there a way to harness stress to your advantage while being mindful of its **detrimental** long-term effects? One key factor is to avoid, whenever possible, the point when stress leads to mental and physical collapse. Crystal Wernicke, 30, has always used stress as a motivator. But juggling between parenting, a full-time job, a voluntary role and financial troubles at the same time became too much and eventually led to a two-month period of illness. Another factor is the presence of control. For those who feel powerless over their situation, stress is unlikely to be beneficial. But with some autonomy over stressful tasks, we are better able to convert that pressure into higher performance.

When it comes to stress and how it affects your performance, it's helpful to recognise the variations in personality, type of stress and task that affect the level of pressure you are under, as well as understanding tools you can use to control and harness that stress. Ultimately, it's not helpful to take a one-sided view, either demonising or glorifying stress. As James C Quick, a management professor at the University of Texas, **sums up**: "Stress can be the kiss of death as well as the spice of life."

(Adapted from bbc.com)

Question 44. Which of the following best serves as a title for the passage?

A. Maintaining A Balanced Level Of Stress Can Be Helpful

B. Getting Rid Of Stress Completely Is The Key To Success

C. The Different Types Of Stress-Related Diseases

D. How Prolonged Stress Affects Your Mental Health

Question 45. The word "**detrimental**" in paragraph 3 can be best replaced by _____.

A. difficult

B. unfortunate

C. damaging

D. inconvenient

Question 46. Which of the following is NOT TRUE, according to paragraph 2?

A. Excitement before a competition can motivate people.

- B. A stressor can have negative impacts if it exists for too long.
- C. Financial pressures can encourage us to work harder in life.
- D. It is widely believed that a moderate level of stress is the best.

Question 47. The phrase “**sums up**” in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. assumes
- B. concludes
- C. predicts
- D. proposes

Question 48. The word “**it**” in the first paragraph refers to _____.

- A. stress
- B. incident
- C. focus
- D. situation

Question 49. Why was Crystal Vernicke sick for two months?

- A. She didn't have the money to take care of her health.
- B. She was stressed out about too many responsibilities.
- C. She worked too hard for a very long period of time.
- D. She spent time and effort on parenting instead of healthcare.

Question 50. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. People consider emergency responders like Groom to be unusual.
- B. Athletes always perform at their best towards the end of a match.
- C. There is a limit beyond which stress is harmful for one's mental health.
- D. The more stressful the situation, the more powerless people feel when facing it.

THE END