

Thời gian làm bài: ... phút, không kể thời gian phát đề.

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 1. Nam and Mai are having a party at Nam's house.

- Nam: "Would you like to have some more dessert, Mai?"

- Mai: "_____. I'm full."

- A. That would be great
C. Yes, please

- B. Yes, I like your party
D. No, thanks

Question 2. Alex and Beatrix are talking about married women.

- Alex: From my point of view, married women should not go to work.

- Beatrix: _____. I think if they stay at home, they gradually lose touch with social life.

- A. I can't agree with you more
C. I agree with you

- B. That's right
D. I completely disagree

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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3. A. disappear

B. overcome

C. determine

D. recommend

Question 4. A. purchase

B. borrow

C. prefer

D. notice

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

Question 5. The weather condition was too dangerous for players. We cancelled the football match yesterday.

- A. If the weather condition had been too dangerous for players, we would have cancelled the football match yesterday.
B. If the weather condition hadn't been too dangerous for players, we wouldn't cancel the football match yesterday.
C. If the weather condition hadn't been too dangerous for players, we wouldn't have cancelled the football match yesterday.
D. If the weather condition hadn't been too dangerous for players, we would have cancelled the football match yesterday.

Question 6. He had just turned off the oven. He noticed he had left the door open.

- A. Only after he noticed he had left the door open did he turn off the oven.
B. Had he not turned off the oven, he would have noticed he had left the door open.
C. Not until he noticed he had left the door open did he turn off the oven.
D. Hardly had he turned off the oven when he noticed he had left the door open.

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

Question 7. Maria said, "I went hiking in the mountains last weekend."

- A. Maria said that he went gone hiking in the mountains the previous weekend.
B. Maria said that he had gone hiking in the mountains the weekend before.
C. Maria said that he had gone hiking in the mountains the last weekend.
D. Maria said that he went hiking in the mountains the weekend before.

Question 8. It's three years since we last visited that charming little town.

- A. We have visited that charming little town for three years.
B. We last visited that charming little town since three years.
C. We didn't visit that charming little town for three years.
D. We haven't visited that charming little town for three years.

Question 9. It isn't necessary for us to discuss this matter in great detail.

- A. We needn't discuss this matter in great detail.
B. We should discuss this matter in great detail.
C. We mustn't discuss this matter in great detail.
D. We might discuss this matter in great detail.

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 (from 10 to 14).

With a coastline of over 3,260 kilometres, Viet Nam is (10) _____ to many different kinds of flora and fauna. From the Fansipan Peak all the way down to the Mekong Delta, the country has a rich diversity of wildlife. However, due to population growth and rapid urban development, many of Viet Nam's plant and animal species are endangered. Natural habitats are threatened by deforestation and the overuse of natural resources. Several unique species have almost disappeared in recent years (11) _____ the illegal wildlife trade. The trade in animal parts continues to be a serious problem despite the

heavy punishment. There is still high demand for elephant ivory, rhino horn, turtle eggs, and (12) _____ wild animal parts. This has forced a number of mammals and other (13) _____ onto the Red List of Threatened Species. In 2010, Viet Nam's last Javan rhino was shot and killed for its horn.

Nevertheless, there are still many other native species (14) _____ are found in the country's dense forests. Scientists continue to discover unique and rare animals such as the saola and the pangolin. However, if the country wants to conserve its biodiversity and fascinating features, it still has a long way to go.

(Adapted from Workbook Global Success)

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| Question 10. | A. place | B. area | C. location | D. home |
| Question 11. | A. although | B. despite | C. due to | D. because |
| Question 12. | A. much | B. every | C. other | D. another |
| Question 13. | A. flora | B. creatures | C. birds | D. thin |
| Question 14. | A. whom | B. which | C. where | D. who |

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

Question 15. Writer Michelle McNamara was dedicated to finding out who the Golden State Killer was but

unfortunately, she died before his identity was definitely known.

Question 16. The students packed their backpacks in preparation for its long field trip to the museum.

Question 17. She walked through the crowded market and chat with the vendors about the products.

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 18. The principal aim of the project is to reduce pollution in the city by introducing more green spaces.

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| A. chief | B. main | C. unimportant | D. major |
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- Question 19. Students on their gap year are usually travelling on a shoestring so often stay in cheap guesthouses or youth hostels.
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| A. using their own shoes | B. travelling during a long distance |
| C. using very little money | D. spending much money |

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.

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| Question 20. | A. <u>h</u> and | B. <u>m</u> ake | C. <u>s</u> ave | D. <u>f</u> ace |
| Question 21. | A. <u>h</u> urtful | B. <u>h</u> onest | C. <u>h</u> orror | D. <u>h</u> ungry |

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 22. The restaurant was relatively busy for a Tuesday night, so we had to wait a bit longer for our food.
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| A. respectively | B. approximately | C. comparatively | D. considerably |
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- Question 23. Global warming can have serious consequences such as rising sea levels, polar ice melting and extreme weather events.
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| A. results | B. issues | C. causes | D. advantages |
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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- Question 24. I believe that if you _____ yourself goals in life, you're more likely to succeed, both financially and career-wise.
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| A. set | B. do | C. make | D. gain |
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- Question 25. He regrets not _____ more time with his parents before leaving his hometown.
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| A. spend | B. to spend | C. to spending | D. spending |
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- Question 26. Social media provide entertainment and ways to connect _____ people.
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| A. in | B. with | C. by | D. to |
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- Question 27. Julia is _____ young lady I've ever met.
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| A. the more hard-working | B. most hard-working |
| C. more hard-working | D. the most hard-working |
- Question 28. The house _____ by the fire before the fire brigade arrived.
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| A. had destroyed | B. were destroyed |
| C. had been destroyed | D. destroyed |
- Question 29. You're going to the party tonight, _____?
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| A. aren't you | B. don't you | C. didn't you | D. weren't you |
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- Question 30. All _____ are required to send in an up-to-date CV together with a recent photo.
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| A. applicants | B. applicable | C. applications | D. apply |
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- Question 31.** Most people feel a slight ____ of nostalgia as they think back on their schooldays.
 A. series B. surge C. pang D. chain
- Question 32.** We stood on the bridge _____ the two halves of the city.
 A. connecting B. is connecting C. connected D. to connect
- Question 33.** _____ police are investigating the disappearance of a young woman.
 A. The B. An C. Ø D. A
- Question 34.** They will have finished the construction _____.
 A. after the inspector left B. until the inspector had arrived
 C. while the inspector was arriving D. before the inspector arrives
- Question 35.** He _____ in his room when his phone rang loudly.
 A. is studying B. studied C. studies D. was studying
- Question 36.** After failing the exam, he decided to ____ his study habits to improve his grades.
 A. take up B. switch up C. give away D. look over
- Question 37.** Many people lost their jobs during the recession, so we're all in the same ____ trying to find new employment opportunities.
 A. bed B. room C. place D. boat
- Question 38.** My colleague _____ a parking space on a monthly basic because his house doesn't have a garage.
 A. employs B. rents C. hires D. leases

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.

Caffeine, as any other drug, can **potentially** have a disastrous effect on your developing brain and body. The parts of the brain that are in charge of higher functions including the prefrontal cortex and the temporal lobe and, at a young age, these areas are still being developed and refined.

The reason that caffeine makes you feel alert and less sleepy is because **it** blocks the action of adenosine, the brain chemical which controls your sleep patterns, and increases adrenaline production, speeds your metabolism. So, get out of the habit of slamming down too many of those high caffeine energy drinks every day; otherwise, you can wave goodbye to good quality sleep and have your brain potentially affected! You can also stop kidding yourself that you're reaching for the caffeine just for the taste because it is tasteless at the levels found in beverages. What you taste is the massive amount of sugar that added to the drink. The caffeine is there to add the kick and to stimulate the production of dopamine in the nucleus accumbens. This is the pleasure and rewarding part of the brain which forms addictions. The upshot is that your brain associates the pleasure of sugar with the stimulation of the caffeine, making you want more.

(Source: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

- Question 39.** What is the main idea of the passage?
 A. Consuming caffeine in high amounts can have negative effects on the brain and body.
 B. Caffeine has no effect on your sleep patterns.
 C. Sugar in energy drinks is healthier than caffeine.
 D. Caffeine is beneficial for a developing brain and body.
- Question 40.** The word "**potentially**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
 A. definitely B. certainly C. unlikely D. possibly
- Question 41.** The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
 A. action B. caffeine C. reason D. brain
- Question 42.** According to the passage, why should you avoid drinking too many high-caffeine energy drinks?
 A. They can damage your heart and lungs.
 B. They may cause addiction and disrupt your sleep.
 C. They don't contain enough caffeine to give you energy.
 D. They taste bad and are unpleasant to drink.
- Question 43.** Which statement is **TRUE** according to the passage?
 A. Caffeine has a pleasant taste on its own.
 B. Caffeine helps you sleep better at night.
 C. Drinking high-caffeine energy drinks in excess can lead to addiction.
 D. The sugar in energy drinks has no effect on your brain.

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.

There is a strange **paradox** to the success of the Asian education model. On the one hand, class sizes are huge by Western standards with between 30 and 40 students per class, in countries like Japan and Korea. On the other hand, school children in developed Asian economies rank among the highest in the world for academic achievement in the areas of science and mathematics, especially on standardised tests. Meanwhile, British secondary school students fail to shine in conditions most educational researchers would say are far more likely to help them succeed.

Classroom management seems to be easier in places like Korea, and perhaps lessons are more effective as a direct consequence. After all, we are only too aware of the decline in discipline standards in our own school: **belligerent** and disrespectful students appear to be the norm these days. Teachers in Britain seem powerless to control what happens anymore. Surely this situation cannot create a very effective learning environment, so perhaps the number of students is far less relevant than is the manner in which they conduct themselves.

But there are other factors to consider, too. There is the home environment. The traditional family unit still remains relatively intact in Korea. Few children come from broken homes, so there is a sense of security, safety and trust both at home and at school. In Britain meanwhile, one in every two marriages fails and divorce rates are sky high. Perhaps children struggle to cope with unstable family conditions and their only way to express their frustration is by misbehaving at school.

But while the Japanese, Korean and Asian models generally do seem to produce excellent results, the statistics don't tell the whole truth. You see, behind those great maths and science scores, there is a quite remarkable work ethic. Asian students tend to put their education before literally everything else. They do very few extracurricular activities and devote far more time to their studies than their British peers.

There has been a lot of attention and praise given to these Asian models and **their** "impressive" statistics of late. And without question, some of this praise is justified, but it seems to be a case of two extremes in operation here. At one end, there is the discipline and unbelievably hard work ethic of the Asian students – success in education before all else. At the other end, British students at times appear careless and extremely undisciplined by comparison, but at least they do have the free time to enjoy their youth and explore their interests. Is either system better outright? Or is it perhaps about time we stopped comparing and started trying to combine the best bits of both, so that we can finally offer our students a balanced, worthwhile education?

(Source: Proficiency Test For Gifted Students 2024)

Question 44. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Asian education models are flawed despite their success in standardized tests.
- B. Asian students lack discipline and structure.
- C. Asian education models outperform British systems but at a cost.
- D. British students should focus more on extracurricular activities.

Question 45. The word "**paradox**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. a common occurrence
- B. a complex problem
- C. an obvious fact
- D. an ironic contradiction

Question 46. The word "**belligerent**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. quiet
- B. aggressive
- C. lazy
- D. disobedient

Question 47. How do Asian students' study habits differ from those of British students?

- A. British students have less free time than Asian students.
- B. Asian students focus solely on academics and have little free time.
- C. Asian students prioritize extracurricular activities over studying.
- D. British students study much harder than Asian students.

Question 48. The word "**their**" in paragraph 5 refers to _____.

- A. questions
- B. Asian models
- C. statistics
- D. attentions

Question 49. Which of the following can be inferred from the reading passage?

- A. British students lack any form of discipline in their education system.
- B. The traditional family unit plays a significant role in the academic success of Korean students.
- C. Asian students prioritize extracurricular activities as much as their studies.
- D. Smaller class sizes lead to higher academic achievement in Western countries.

Question 50. Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. British secondary school students often struggle with unstable family conditions.
- B. Asian students prioritize extracurricular activities over academics.
- C. Classroom management appears to be easier in Asian countries like Korea.
- D. Asian education models tend to produce excellent results in standardized tests.