

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

Question 1: A. agree                      B. import                      C. prepare                      D. demand

Question 2: A. urbanize                      B. develop                      C. variety                      D. proposal

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 3: A. play                      B. train                      C. nation                      D. urban

Question 4: A. looked                      B. booked                      C. naked                      D. cooked

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

Question 5: Just think, in \_\_\_\_\_ three months, you will be 18. Why are you always behaving like a child?

A. other                      B. others                      C. the other                      D. another

Question 6: Her father bought her \_\_\_\_\_ when he went on holiday in Singapore last week.

A. a beautiful wooden yellow scarf                      B. a scarf wooden beautiful yellow  
C. a yellow beautiful scarf wooden                      D. a beautiful yellow wooden scarf

Question 7: I \_\_\_\_\_ them yesterday to check when they \_\_\_\_\_, but I couldn't contact them.

A. was ringing/arrived                      B. rang/were arriving                      C. rang/arrived                      D. rang/had arrived

Question 8: "It's \_\_\_\_\_ to know that you all are safe and sound", said he.

A. comfort                      B. comfortable                      C. comforting                      D. comfortably

Question 9: Taking his behaviors into consideration, I guess you and he have been friends for a long time, so he is familiar \_\_\_\_\_ you.

A. to                      B. with                      C. for                      D. towards

Question 10: If you \_\_\_\_\_ him in his office, please tell him to call me back.

A. see                      B. saw                      C. had seen                      D. have seen

Question 11: The man \_\_\_\_\_ is my best friend's father.

A. who I lent the money from                      B. whom I lent to the money  
C. I lent the money                      D. whose money I lent

Question 12: You don't think that she is suitable for this position, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. is she                      B. isn't she                      C. do you                      D. don't you

Question 13: \_\_\_\_\_ she was late for the interview, she didn't get the job.

A. Although                      B. Despite                      C. Because                      D. Because of

Question 14: I asked for his help but he refused \_\_\_\_\_ me a hand.

A. to giving                      B. to give                      C. giving                      D. give

Question 15: The investments made now in infrastructure, housing and public services \_\_\_\_\_ promise for the economic development of this city.

A. make                      B. keep                      C. break                      D. hold

Question 16: I can't believe \_\_\_\_\_. Are you telling me a lie?

A. what I am hearing

B. that I am hearing

C. what I am hearing from

D. that I am hearing from

**Question 17:** We regret to inform you that the trip was cancelled through \_\_\_\_\_ of interest.

A. shortage

B. scarcity

C. deficiency

D. lack

**Question 18:** The weather forecast has reported that the snowstorm is \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the coast the next morning.

A. expected

B. predicted

C. anticipated

D. foretold

**Question 19:** They spent a lot of money on doing a \_\_\_\_\_ to find out what our customers think of their local bus service.

A. research

B. experiment

C. campaign

D. survey

**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 20:** I'm sorry but the manager and accountant have been on business since last Monday and he

A

B

C

won't return until tomorrow.

D

**Question 21:** He finds it annoyed at the way she is trying to take over the whole meeting.

A

B

C

D

**Question 22:** This school has become heavily reliable on government support, so it can't have autonomy

A

B

C

in determining its curriculum.

D

**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 23:** Before the 1950s, urbanization mainly occurred in more economically developed countries (MEDCs).

A. happened

B. take place

C. concentrated

D. expanded

**Question 24:** Too many urban residents grapple with extreme poverty, exclusion, vulnerability and marginalization.

A. struggle for

B. struggle against

C. dealt with

D. struggle to

**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:** I really like him, but I'm confused. He seems to blow hot and cold - one minute he likes me, and the next, he's ignoring me!

A. changeable

B. ambivalent

C. loyal

D. constant

**Question 26:** Your dress is really beautiful, Cindy! You look very awesome in it.

A. terrible

B. terrific

C. enjoyable

D. pleasant

**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.**

A group of researchers and experts in America and Australia listed 12 countries affecting (27) \_\_\_\_\_ to the ocean by the year 2018 and Southeast Asia area has up to 5 representatives:

Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. China ranks the first with (28) \_\_\_\_\_

8.8 million plastic wastes, and Vietnam ranks the fourth with 1.8 million. It is really alarming that the developing countries are main causes of environmental pollution in 10 recent years. A terrible fact probably occurring by 2050 is that the ocean (29) \_\_\_\_\_ much more wastes than sea creatures if the plastic wastes situation is still continuing, according to the United Nations report. (30) \_\_\_\_\_, the unexpected fact is that it takes only 5 seconds to produce a plastic bag, 1 second to throw, but up to 500 or even 1000 years to decompose.

A reason for water pollution in Vietnam is that many companies and enterprises cannot manage rubbish and then pour wastes into rivers and streams, (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the government cannot control at all.

**Question 27:** A. deeply                      B. considerably                      C. significantly                      D. largely

**Question 28:** A. mostly                      B. almost                      C. most                      D. most of

**Question 29:** A. consists                      B. comprises                      C. includes                      D. contains

**Question 30:** A. Moreover                      B. Therefore                      C. However                      D. Whereas

**Question 31:** A. where                      B. that                      C. which                      D. what

*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 32 to 38*

Once your child is born, they start learning motor skills, language skills, cognitive skills, and emotional skills.

Regarding motor skills, it is largely the family's responsibility for teaching these skills. Even if your child is in daycare, the work that parents put in at home to teach these skills is much more effective than in the few hours your child is under someone else's care. Your child will learn how to sit up, walk, run, climb, hold a spoon and so on. These seem quite natural to us as adults, but they are skills that have to be fine-tuned at a very young age, and they also **reinforce** your child's independence which is essential for their development.

Language skills are another essential component of the role of family in child development. If you do not speak to your child and teach them your language, they will never learn. One infamous example of this occurring is with Genie, a child who was locked in a dark room with extremely little human contact until she was rescued at age 13. She was never able to develop language fluency because it was never taught to her. So, teaching your children language skills from a young age is also essential to child development.

Another skill that is very important for child development is emotion. Emotional skills are important throughout your child's entire life as they teach them when to have sympathy and compassion for others as well as teach them how to deal with the **highs and lows** that come with life. If your child does not have proper emotional skills, they will not be able to deal with bad outcomes. If they lack emotional skills, it could lead to destructive choices when they are older.

To help develop your child's emotional skills, teaching them to smile and wave when they are babies is a good place to start. When they get a bit older, teaching them to share is very important. In a family, because there are multiple people, the family can be very helpful in developing a child's skills with the multiple perspectives. To bring this more to foundational building blocks, while your child is very young, something very helpful for family members to do is to teach children basic emotions. When a child is feeling a certain way, naming emotions and describing them are important ways for your child to understand how **they** are feeling. Once this foundation is set, children can learn how to respond to their feelings and move forward.

**Question 32:** Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. Skills and the Relation with Child Development
- B. The Most Essential Skills in Child Development
- C. Teaching Skills: When is the Best Time?
- D. Family's Roles in Child's Skill Development

**Question 33:** The word “reinforce” in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. strengthen
- B. harbor
- C. subside
- D. damage

**Question 34:** The story of Genie mentioned in paragraph 3 proves that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. communication with others may help children develop their language skills.
- B. public did not know anything about the evil that happened to the poor girl.
- C. a teenager is unable to learn language skills as naturally as a child.
- D. children may not grow up without having human contact daily.

**Question 35:** The phrase “highs and lows” in paragraph 4 most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. joys and sorrows
- B. happiness and sadness
- C. love and hatred
- D. successes and failures

**Question 36:** According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT** true?

- A. Parents have the greater influence on their child's motor skills than others do.
- B. Children have to make great efforts to learn the skills considered spontaneous to adults.
- C. Emotion is the most indispensable skill for a child to become mature.
- D. Children should be taught how to express their emotions when they are babies.

**Question 37:** The word “they” in the last paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. emotions
- B. your children
- C. ways
- D. family members

**Question 38:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Children may become deprived if their parents cannot be a good model.
- B. Children probably develop their skills completely in an extended family.
- C. The situation of Genie is not popular in the modern society.
- D. A child will be more independent if he knows how to respect others' emotions.

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.*

**Question 39:** - Mike: “How lovely the present is!”

- Jane: “\_\_\_\_\_”

- A. It's lucky you love it.
- B. I think so.
- C. Yes, it's lovely.
- D. No. I don't like it.

**Question 40:** - Sue: “Historic events are always hard to remember. Do you think so?”

- Harry: “\_\_\_\_\_”

- A. I think it's good.
- B. I am not intelligent.
- C. I don't think it will happen.
- D. I can't agree with you more.

*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 41:** *Mary left home to start an independent life. She realized how much her family meant to her.*

- A. Only when Mary realized how much her family meant to her did she leave home to start an independent life.

**B.** To realize how much her family meant to her, Mary decided to leave home to start an independent life.

**C.** Not until Mary had left home to start an independent life did she realize how much her family meant to her.

**D.** Only after Mary had left home to start an independent life did she realize how much her family meant to her.

**Question 42:** *Many airlines are offering discount tickets for flights. More people are flying for weekend trips to scenic cities.*

**A.** If many airlines are offering discount tickets for flights, more people will be flying for weekend trips to scenic cities.

**B.** Although many airlines are offering discount tickets for flights, more people are flying for weekend trips to scenic cities.

**C.** As many airlines are offering discount tickets for flights, more people are flying for weekend trips to scenic cities.

**D.** Many airlines are offering discount tickets for flights, or more people are flying for weekend trips to scenic cities.

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the sentence given in each of the following questions.**

**Question 43:** It's impossible for you to meet the boss right now because he is out.

**A.** You can't have met the boss right now because he is out.

**B.** You can't be met the boss right now because he is out.

**C.** The boss can't be met right now because he is out.

**D.** Meeting the boss right now is possible unless he is out.

**Question 44:** My boss asked me: "Why are you late? Did you miss the bus?"

**A.** My boss asked me why I was late and if I missed the bus.

**B.** My boss asked me why I was late and if I missed the bus.

**C.** My boss asked me why you were late and if you missed the bus.

**D.** My boss asked me why I was late and whether I had missed the bus.

**Question 45:** Mary is more intelligent than her brother.

**A.** Mary isn't as intelligent as her brother.

**B.** Mary's brother is more intelligent than she is.

**C.** Mary's brother isn't as intelligent as she is.

**D.** Mary is less intelligent than her brother.

**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 46 to 50.**

The sound of music has changed as society has changed over the years, thus the change in the sound of music is really a reflection of our cultural evolution. In the beginning humans made music that closely mimicked the sounds they heard around them in nature in terms of tones and repetitions.

In Indigenous cultures, music played a role in ceremonies and traditions. Traditional instruments were played, and lyrics were often strongly linked to nature. The sounds of music reflected this close association that indigenous cultures had with the land and its wildlife. Over time, modern society has lost this connection. This is reflected in the changing sound of the music and in the changing lyrics of songs

that are sung. With time, more musical instruments were developed and played together, **which** resulted in more sophisticated and complex sounds being produced. The beats, rhythms, tempo and lyrics of songs all changed along with the change in cultures.

Although some indigenous cultures such as many of the African tribes, Native American tribes, South American ethnic people, and Australian aborigines still **retain** the playing of their indigenous music, there have been influences from the western world incorporated into some of the music. Features of the sound of music have changed over the decades. The sound has definitely gotten louder. The pace and rhythm in many cases have become faster, possibly reflecting the fast pace of the modern world that we live in today. However, the feature of music bounciness (how spiky and energetic the music feels) has become less today when compared with the music of the 1980s. Techno and reggae music are typical examples of what is known as bouncy music.

The sound of music has become more complex over history mainly due to the increased migration of people and their exposure to new elements. Today much of music has sounds with elements from more than one region. The increasing tendency for music artists to collaborate today is another reason we see more complexity and diversity in how music sounds.

*(Adapted from <https://sonicspace.org/>)*

**Question 46:** Which of the following could serve as the best title for the passage?

- A. Why People Changed the Sound of Music?
- B. Music: Now and Then
- C. The Role of Music in Indigenous Cultures
- D. Nature and Music

**Question 47:** The word "**which**" in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. musical instruments
- B. developing and playing many musical instruments together
- C. the changing sound of the music
- D. the changing lyrics of songs

**Question 48:** The word "**retain**" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. preserve
- B. reduce
- C. exchange
- D. combine

**Question 49:** According to the passage, the following features of music have increased over years, **EXCEPT** \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the sound volume
- B. the pace and rhythm
- C. the connection to nature
- D. the sound's complexity and diversity

**Question 50:** Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A. Western music has more influence on indigenous music than others.
- B. The fast pace of life has caused the loss of connection to nature.
- C. Almost every feature of music sounds changed when the cultures altered.
- D. Modern music sounds contain different regional elements due to the collaboration of music artists.

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