

Question 17: Despite wearing a warm coat, Sarah _____ a cold after being outside in the chilly rain for too long.

A. held B. caught C. set D. took

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 18: A. angel B. table C. April D. drama

Question 19: A. chef B. chalk C. change D. child

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.

Question 20: A. admire B. collect C. carry D. repair

Question 21: A. amusing B. important C. dependent D. popular

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 22: The compulsory gambler found himself incapable of resisting the allure of the casino, despite A B C being well aware of the risks and consequences of his addiction. D

Question 23: Because the highway system is built 40 years ago, most of it now needs to be repaired. A B C D

Question 24: The new law imposes stricter regulations on atmospheric pollution in order to reduce them A B C D more effectively.

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: Her job is such a bed of roses compared to mine: short hours, a decent salary and interesting work, so I am determined to study English to apply for a better job.

A. heaven B. comfort C. challenge D. favour

Question 26: The length of an X-ray wave is incredibly small: less than one ten-millionth of a millimeter.

A. extremely B. highly C. famously D. slightly

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

Question 27: It is very important for a teacher to be kind, caring and approachable because teaching job involves a lot of interaction with students.

A. ugly B. friendly C. pretty D. angry

Question 28: In the UK, there are some websites that provide freshmen with practical tips to get used to college life quickly and to take the next steps in their tertiary education.

A. advice B. bonus C. money D. time

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 29 to 33.

QR codes, short for Quick Response codes, have changed virtual interaction in recent years. These codes consist of black and white squares in a grid that stores data for a machine to read. Initially invented by Masahiro Hara and his team at Denso Wave in 1994 to track automotive parts during manufacturing, QR codes have since found many applications across various industries.

The versatility of QR codes lies in their ability to store a significant amount of data, including URLs, text, and contact information. With the widespread adoption of smartphones equipped with cameras, scanning QR codes has become an easy step. Users simply need to point their device's camera at them to access the encoded information. One of the most common applications of QR codes is in marketing. Businesses use QR codes on product packaging, advertisements, and promotional materials to provide customers with easy access to additional information or special offers. Moreover, QR codes are increasingly being used in mobile payment systems, allowing users to make transactions by scanning a code displayed on a salesperson's device.

Despite their convenience, QR codes have also raised concerns about privacy and security in the digital environments. These codes may be faked to phish some consumers into handing over their banking or personal information. Therefore, it's essential for users to be careful when scanning QR codes from unknown sources.

(Adapted from Richmond FCE Practice Tests)

Question 29: The passage is mainly about _____.

- A. the widespread use of QR codes and the concerns for the safety of the users
- B. the history and invention of QR codes by Masahiro Hara and his team
- C. the technical aspects of QR code design and arrangement across industries
- D. the potential risks associated with scanning QR codes from unknown sources

Question 30: The word **them** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. smartphones
- B. QR codes
- C. cameras
- D. users

Question 31: According to the passage, what was the original purpose of QR codes?

- A. social networking
- B. digital marketing
- C. tracking automotive parts
- D. online gaming

Question 32: The word **phish** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. ship
- B. treat
- C. help
- D. trick

Question 33: According to paragraph 3, the following are concerns regarding QR codes EXCEPT _____.

- A. security and privacy
- B. environmental impact
- C. personal information
- D. banking account

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.

Question 34: All passengers are required to fasten their seatbelts during takeoff and landing for their safety.

- A. All passengers might fasten their seatbelts during takeoff and landing for their safety.
- B. All passengers can fasten their seatbelts during takeoff and landing for their safety.
- C. All passengers must fasten their seatbelts during takeoff and landing for their safety.
- D. All passengers would fasten their seatbelts during takeoff and landing for their safety.

Question 35: The last time Steve performed on stage was two years ago.

- A. Steve hasn't performed on stage for two years.
- B. Steve started performing on stage two years ago.
- C. Steve has performed on stage for two years.
- D. Steve didn't perform on stage for two years.

Question 36: "The project won't be completed until next year," said Quan.

- A. Quan said that the project wouldn't be completed until next year.
- B. Quan said that the project wouldn't have been completed until next year.
- C. Quan said that the project won't be completed until the following year.
- D. Quan said that the project wouldn't be completed until the following year.

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 37: Mary didn't take the job offer in the city. She wasn't able to pursue her dream career.

- A. If Mary didn't take the job offer in the city, she wouldn't be able to pursue her dream career.
- B. If Mary takes the job offer in the city, she will be able to pursue her dream career.
- C. If Mary had taken the job offer in the city, she would have been able to pursue her dream career.
- D. If Mary took the job offer in the city, she would be able to pursue her dream career.

Question 38: The treasure hidden beneath the ocean was immense. People from far and wide set sail hunting for it.

- A. Hardly had the treasure been hidden beneath the immense ocean when people from everywhere set sail hunting for it.
- B. Immense as the ocean was, people from far and wide set sail hunting for the concealed treasure.
- C. Such was the value of the treasure concealed beneath the ocean that people from everywhere set sail in pursuit of it.
- D. Not until people from far and wide set sail in pursuit of the treasure hidden beneath the ocean did they realize how immense it was.

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 39 to 43.

In our rapidly developing society, characterized by continuous technological advancements, new professions are constantly emerging to (39) _____ the increasing demands of changing technology, industries, and social trends. These emerging careers not only offer (40) _____ exciting opportunities for individuals but also shape the future of our communities. The role of a cybersecurity analyst serves as a key example, playing a crucial part in protecting (41) _____ assets and sensitive information from cyberattacks. With the expansion and diversification of cyber threats, cybersecurity analysts (42) _____ are primarily responsible for monitoring and responding to security incidents must own strong analytical skills, attention to

detail. As such, they also possess a deep understanding of modern technologies and techniques used by cybercriminals. (43) _____, they also need to stay updated on potential dangers and security vulnerabilities to effectively reduce risks and safeguard organizations against cyber threats.

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Question 39: A. meet	B. check	C. catch	D. play
Question 40: A. every	B. little	C. many	D. much
Question 41: A. physical	B. digital	C. tangible	D. visible
Question 42: A. which	B. who	C. where	D. when
Question 43: A. Otherwise	B. Although	C. Besides	D. Unless

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.

For years, we have been turning pop singers, models and actors into celebrities. But celebrity chefs? Until recently, the idea would have been hard to conceive. Now our screens are full of trendy, fast-talking super-chefs cooking up delicious recipes. Top of the celebrity list is Jamie Oliver. With his friendly and informal style, he has introduced us to a whole new type of cookery programme. His cookbooks, meanwhile, have sold by the million, making him a multi-millionaire.

Jamie's passion for cooking started young. His dad ran a pub and he helped out in the kitchen. 'It just seemed such a cool place - everyone working together to make this lovely stuff and having a laugh with everybody,' he explains. The boys at his school tried to persuade him that cooking was 'a girlie thing' but he disagreed. He could buy the coolest trainers in town with the money he earned in the kitchen! He left school at sixteen, not much good at writing and spelling, but knowing the only thing he wanted was to be a chef.

Jamie was working at a London restaurant when he got his big opportunity. A TV producer, there to make a documentary, noticed the cheeky cook. He thought Jamie's casual manner and jokes would go down well with audiences and he ended up giving him his own series, *The Naked Chef*. The programmes were extremely successful and Jamie suddenly became celebrated. Viewers watched him speeding about London on a scooter with rock 'n' roll music blaring, and hosting parties for all his friends.

Jamie's latest challenge has attracted great attention in the UK. In *Jamie's School Dinners*, he became a school dinner chef so he could let kids see the junk ingredients that went into their favourite meals. They also learned exactly why a diet of fast food makes you fat and unhealthy. Jamie persuaded them to try nutritious foods like fruit, yoghurt and vegetables for lunch, instead of their usual fast-food diet of burgers, chips, sweets and fizzy drinks. To their amazement, they discovered that fresh food tasted better than processed food. The series got everyone thinking, and the government has now promised to bring back practical cookery lessons for students to teach them the importance of a balanced diet, food safety and hygiene.

(Adapted from *Activate*)

Question 44: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

A. A Rat Race in the Celebrity World B. From Cheeky Boy to Famous Chef
C. From the Silver Screen to the Kitchen D. A Cook Born with a Silver Spoon in His Mouth

Question 45: The word conceive in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. translate B. arrange C. imagine D. question

Question 46: According to paragraph 2, as a schoolboy, Jamie _____.

A. did not share his male friends' attitude towards cooking
B. was not in favour of working in the kitchen
C. was put in charge of running a pub owned by his father
D. had an outstanding academic performance

Question 47: The word celebrated in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. eager B. surprised C. famous D. doubtful

Question 48: The word them in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. ingredients B. the UK C. meals D. kids

Question 49: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Not only does Jamie partake in TV programmes but he also writes books on cookery.
B. The kids in *Jamie's School Dinners* preferred the taste of processed food to that of fresh food.
C. Jamie's potentials were noticed by a TV producer while he was working in London.
D. Jamie could buy smart shoes with the money he earned from working in the pub.

Question 50: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Jamie's parents encouraged him to quit school at the age of sixteen to work in the pub.
B. The majority of modern super-chefs exhibit a friendly and informal style in cooking.
C. The UK government has stopped giving practical cookery lessons for students.
D. The series *Jamie's School Dinners* was generally ignored by the UK public.

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