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ĐỀ SỐ 1

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 6.

"The Inspiring Life Story of Oprah Winfrey"

A Journey We Admire

- Oprah Winfrey's life is a remarkable story of overcoming adversity and achieving greatness. From growing up in poverty to becoming a global media mogul, Oprah has always inspired millions with her determination, (1)_____, and generosity. Her journey is a powerful reminder that no matter the circumstances, anyone can rise above their challenges and make a lasting impact on the world.
- Oprah is a successful entrepreneur who revolutionized the media industry. Her (2)_____ continues to inspire people of all ages. Oprah, (3)_____ poverty, became a symbol of hope and perseverance.
- She often gives her wisdom (4)_____ millions of viewers around the world. (5)_____ all odds, Oprah became the first African-American woman to host her own talk show. Helping others find their voice is one of Oprah's greatest passions, and (6)_____ people to reach their full potential has always been her mission.
- Oprah Winfrey's life story is a testament to the power of perseverance, compassion, and self-belief. Her journey from hardship to success continues to inspire people around the world, showing us that with determination and a desire to help others, we can achieve greatness. Oprah's story is not just a tale of personal success, but also a reminder that each of us has the power to make a positive difference in the world.

Question 1: A. resilient B. resilience C. resile D. resiliently

Question 2: A. story remarkable life B. remarkable life story
C. life story remarkable D. story life remarkable

Question 3: A. overcoming B. was overcame C. came D. which overcame

Question 4: A. at B. about C. to D. for

Question 5: A. Among B. Against C. Beneath D. Over

Question 6: A. inspire B. inspiring C. to inspire D. to inspiring

Read of the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 7 to 12.

The Multicultural World

- In today's world, (7)_____ cultures are more present and influential than ever before. As globalization connects us more deeply, we interact with others from diverse backgrounds every day. This global interaction allows us to (8)_____ various cultural norms, traditions, and values that shape our lives.

- The concept of multiculturalism refers to the (9)_____ of multiple cultures in a single society. Diversity in culture leads to an enriched society where people learn to appreciate and understand different ways of life. Multicultural societies also bring about new perspectives, fostering innovation and creativity.
- Through the use of (10)_____ learning about cultural differences, we also need to be open-minded and respectful of them. It is essential that we embrace other cultures, not just tolerate them. Learning about the (11)_____ of human expression through art, language, and religion is a vital part of this process.
- Finally, there is a (12)_____ of community in multicultural societies, where people of all backgrounds live together in harmony. This sense of community strengthens bonds between individuals and promotes shared understanding.

Question 7:A. the others

B. others

C. other

D. another

Question 8:A. look back on

B. go through with

C. pick up on

D. come down with

Question 9:A. fragmentation

B. assimilation

C. coexistence

D. existence

Question 10:A. in addition to

B. in place of

C. as well as

D. in pursuit of

Question 11:A. varieties

B. manifestations

C. interpretations

D. dimensions

Question 12:A. heightened sense

B. mounting sense

C. swelling sense

D. growing sense

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 13 to 17.

Question 13:

- a. Sarah: Hey John, how's everything going with your new job?
- b. John: Hey Sarah! It's going well, but honestly, it's been pretty overwhelming. There's just so much to learn in such a short amount of time. How about you? How's life?
- c. Sarah: Oh, you know, life's always full of ups and downs. I've been trying to find a balance between work and personal life. It's tough sometimes, but I'm managing.

A. c-a-b

B. a-c-b

C. b-a-c

D. a-b-c

Question 14:

- a. Tom: I totally get that. High school is already stressful enough without throwing relationships into the mix. But I think it's important to know what you want. If you like him, you shouldn't ignore it, but also make sure it doesn't take over everything else.
- b. Tom: Hmm, not at all! Everyone has crushes, especially in high school. It's part of growing up, I guess. Do you have a crush on someone?
- c. Lily: Hey Tom, do you think it's weird to have a crush on someone in high school?
- d. Lily: Well... I think I might like someone, but I'm not sure if it's just a phase or if it's something more serious. It's just... we're both busy with schoolwork, and I don't want it to interfere with my studies.
- e. Lily: Yeah, you're right. I don't want to be too distracted, but when we talk, it just feels different, you know? It's like everything else fades away for a moment.

A. c-d-b-e-a

B. d-e-c-a-b

C. a-b-c-d-e

D. c-b-d-a-e

Question 15:

Dear Anna,

- a. I think talking to a teacher might be a good first step. They can address it safely and privately, without making Sarah feel worse.
- b. Thanks for reaching out to me. I've noticed the same thing with Sarah, and I'm really upset by it. Bullying is such a serious issue, and I agree that we can't just stay silent.
- c. Also, I was thinking—maybe we could approach Sarah in a kind way, just to show her that she has friends who care. Sometimes just knowing someone's on your side can make a big difference.
- d. We could also try raising awareness at school, maybe by organizing a campaign or a discussion about bullying. That might help others realize how hurtful it can be.
- e. Let me know what you think about that.

Take care,

LK

A. a-b-c-d-e

B. b-a-d-c-e

C. d-c-a-b-e

D. e-c-b-d-a

Question 16:

- a. To prevent abuse of power, schools must establish clear rules and ensure that all staff members are held accountable for their actions. Students should feel safe and supported in speaking out against unfair treatment. A fair and respectful environment is crucial for students' growth and success.
- b. When teachers show favoritism by giving certain students better treatment or grades, it creates an unhealthy and unequal environment. This can make other students feel neglected or demoralized.
- c. Abuse of power in schools occurs when those in positions of authority, such as teachers or school administrators, misuse their power to control, intimidate, or unfairly treat students. This can take many forms, including favoritism, unfair punishment, or even bullying.
- d. Another form of abuse is when authority figures use their position to bully students, whether emotionally or physically. This type of behavior can have long-lasting negative effects on students, harming their self-esteem and mental health.
- e. In conclusion, the abuse of power in schools is a serious issue that must be addressed. Schools must create a safe, fair space where all students are treated equally and with respect.

A. c-b-d-a-e

B. a-d-c-b-e

C. d-c-b-a-e

D. b-a-d-c-e

Question 17:

- a. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok can create an illusion of connection but often lead to feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and low self-esteem.
- b. To address this issue, it's important for both individuals and society to recognize the negative effects of excessive screen time. Setting time limits on device usage and encouraging face-to-face interactions can help people maintain a healthier balance between their online and offline lives.

- c. Excessive use of social media can cause students to lose focus on their education, leading to poor academic performance. Moreover, the constant comparison to others online can result in mental health issues such as depression and stress.
- d. In today's world, internet and social media addiction have become serious problems, especially among teenagers. With easy access to the internet through smartphones, many people spend hours online, often neglecting their studies, social interactions, and physical health.
- e. In conclusion, while the internet and social media have many advantages, it's essential to use them responsibly to avoid addiction and its harmful effects.

A. d-b-c-a-e

B. d-e-a-c-b

C. d-a-c-b-e

D. d-c-e-b-a

Read the following passage about The Future of Green Living and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 22.

(18) _____; it has become a practical necessity. As climate change accelerates and natural resources deplete, we must all do our part in protecting the planet. One of the most effective ways to live sustainably is to adopt a zero-waste lifestyle, which involves reducing, reusing, and recycling materials to minimize waste production. (19) _____ by setting up public recycling bins and offering incentives for waste reduction.

To help reduce energy consumption, many households now opt for solar panels, which are becoming more affordable and efficient. These panels, having been installed on rooftops, allow homes to generate their own electricity and significantly reduce reliance on non-renewable energy sources. In addition, governments are supporting the transition to green energy (20) _____.

Furthermore, sustainable transportation is a crucial aspect of green living. Many cities are investing in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, such as charging stations, to encourage people to switch from gasoline-powered cars. Public transportation systems are also becoming greener, with electric buses and trains now commonplace in several cities. (21) _____.

Ultimately, having embraced green living practices, we can create a world where people live in harmony with nature, (22) _____ that is as beautiful and thriving as the one we know today.

Question 18:

- A. The concept of green living is no longer just an idealistic goal
- B. The concept of green living, that is no longer just an idealistic goal
- C. The concept of green living is no longer just an idealistic goal, having been considered unrealistic for many years
- D. The concept of green living, which no longer is just an idealistic goal

Question 19:

- A. Some cities started encouraging residents to embrace this lifestyle
- B. Some cities have started to encourage residents embrace this lifestyle
- C. Some cities have already started encouraging residents to embrace this lifestyle
- D. Some cities already started encouraging residents to embrace this lifestyle

Question 20:

- A. by offering subsidies and creating policies which promotes the use of wind and solar power
- B. by offered subsidies and created policies that promote the use of wind and solar power
- C. by offering subsidies and to create policies that promote the use of wind and solar power
- D. by offering subsidies and creating policies that promote the use of wind and solar power

Question 21:

- A. The shift towards electric transportation not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also reduced air pollution in urban areas
- B. The shift towards electric transportation not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also decreases air pollution in urban areas
- C. The shift towards electric transportation not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also decrease air pollution in urban areas
- D. The shift towards electric transportation not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions, it also decreases air pollution in urban areas

Question 22:

- A. ensured that future generations can enjoy a planet
- B. ensuring that future generations could enjoy a planet
- C. ensuring that future generations can enjoy a planet
- D. having ensured that future generations can enjoy a planet

Read the following passage about Urbanization in the U.S. and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

Urbanization in the United States has been a dominant force for more than a century. From the early 1900s to the present, vast numbers of people have **flocked** from rural areas to urban centers in search of better opportunities in employment, education, and healthcare. Today, approximately 82% of the U.S. population resides in cities, a stark contrast to the rural dominance of the past.

The primary driver of this trend is the promise of higher-paying jobs and career advancement. Urban areas are **hubs** of innovation, home to thriving industries such as technology, finance, and healthcare. In these environments, access to quality education and healthcare services also plays a crucial role in attracting individuals and families seeking a better quality of life.

However, urbanization brings significant challenges. As cities grow, they face problems like overcrowding, environmental degradation, and escalating living costs. In cities such as New York and San Francisco, skyrocketing housing prices have made **it** nearly impossible for low-income families to secure affordable accommodation. Moreover, the strain on infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, is a constant issue that urban planners must address.

Despite these issues, the rise of "smart cities" offers a potential solution. Cities like Boston and Chicago are integrating technology to improve urban life—smart traffic management systems, renewable energy sources, and the development of green spaces aim to create a more sustainable urban environment. These cities are exploring ways to balance urban growth with environmental consciousness.

As urbanization progresses, the U.S. faces both opportunities and obstacles. **Cities offer a fertile ground for innovation and career growth, but maintaining a high quality of life requires careful planning and resource management to ensure that urban centers remain sustainable and livable for generations to come.**

Question 23: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage about urbanization in the U.S.?

- A. The role of technology in creating jobs
- B. Overcrowding in urban areas
- C. The shift to smart cities
- D. The cost of housing in rural areas

Question 24: The word “flocked” in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to_____.

- A. Wandered
- B. Converged
- C. Stagnated
- D. Convened

Question 25: The word “it” in paragraph 3 refers to_____.

- A. Urbanization
- B. Housing prices
- C. Overcrowding
- D. The strain on infrastructure

Question 26: The word “hubs” in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by_____.

- A. Expanse
- B. Facets
- C. Peripheries
- D. Epicenters

Question 27: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 5?

- A. Cities provide opportunities for growth and advancement, but careful planning is necessary to keep them livable in the future.
- B. Urban centers are the driving force behind innovation and employment, yet they face serious challenges that could limit their growth.
- C. While cities are hubs of innovation, they require more infrastructure to accommodate their growing populations.
- D. Cities contribute significantly to career development, but they also need careful management to avoid deterioration.

Question 28: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Urbanization has led to a decrease in the percentage of the U.S. population living in cities.
- B. Overcrowding and environmental degradation are not significant challenges in urban areas.
- C. "Smart cities" like Boston and Chicago are using technology to address environmental challenges.
- D. The promise of higher-paying jobs is the only factor driving urbanization in the U.S.

Question 29: In which paragraph does the writer mention what is one reason people move to cities?

- A. Paragraph 4
- B. Paragraph 3
- C. Paragraph 2
- D. Paragraph 1

Question 30: In which paragraph does the writer mention what is one major challenge that comes with urbanization?

- A. Paragraph 5
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 4
- D. Paragraph 3

Read the following passage about the Embracing Diversity for a Stronger Society and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 40.

In the contemporary globalized landscape, multiculturalism has emerged as a defining characteristic of numerous nations across the globe. A multicultural society is one in which individuals from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds coexist, engage, and contribute to a collective national identity. This dynamic confluence of different traditions, languages, and beliefs is evident in the cosmopolitan cities of the world, from New York to Paris, from Sydney to Toronto. While this cultural **amalgamation** presents myriad benefits, it also brings about a series of challenges that require careful navigation.

One of the foremost advantages of living in a multicultural environment is the potential for cultural exchange. Immigrants and expatriates infuse the community with fresh ideas, customs, and worldviews, enriching the collective identity[**I**]. For instance, food, art, music, and festivals from various parts of the world become interwoven into the cultural fabric of cities, creating a dynamic, ever-evolving cultural scene[**II**]. [**III**], where a fusion of artistic, intellectual, and creative endeavors occurs. These cities are not only culturally vibrant but also attract global talent and tourism, fostering economic growth and social cohesion.[**IV**]

However, the advantages of multiculturalism are accompanied by several complexities. A significant concern is the risk of social fragmentation. The stark differences in language, customs, and values can lead to misunderstandings, marginalization, and even outright prejudice. In some instances, cultural disparities may result in unequal opportunities, where particular groups struggle to gain equal access to jobs, education, or healthcare. Immigrant communities, for example, may face systemic barriers due to language differences or cultural biases, which impede **their** full participation in the workforce or society. **Thus, while multiculturalism can strengthen society, it also necessitates deliberate efforts to promote inclusivity and equity.**

The solution lies in fostering intercultural dialogue and empathy. Education plays a pivotal role in breaking down cultural barriers. By teaching students to appreciate cultural diversity, societies can cultivate **mutual respect** and reduce stereotypes. In addition to formal education, informal community programs, public initiatives, and policies that celebrate diversity can further enhance understanding among different cultural groups. Governments must also design policies that address social inequalities and ensure that all citizens, regardless of their cultural background, have access to equal opportunities and resources.

Ultimately, despite the challenges that arise from multiculturalism, its potential benefits far outweigh the difficulties. In an increasingly interconnected world, diversity should be viewed not as a source of division but as a wellspring of creativity, innovation, and mutual respect. By fostering a culture of inclusivity, societies can forge stronger, more harmonious communities that celebrate their differences while working towards common goals.

Question 31: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. Multiculturalism leads to a complete lack of prejudice and inequality.
- B. Education is important in breaking down cultural barriers.
- C. Immigrant communities face barriers due to cultural biases and language differences.
- D. Multicultural cities are hotspots of innovation and creativity.

Question 32: The word “amalgamation” in paragraph 1 is OPPOSITE in meaning to _____.

- A. Cohesion B. Synthesis C. Confluence D. Disintegration

Question 33: Where in paragraph 2 does the following sentence best fit?

Multicultural urban centers often emerge as hotspots of innovation

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] D. [IV]

Question 34: Which of the following best summarises paragraph 2?

- A. Multicultural environments provide a rich cultural exchange, fostering creativity, innovation, and economic growth.
B. Multicultural societies often face challenges in adapting to the changes brought by new cultural influences.
C. The fusion of food, art, music, and festivals in multicultural cities can lead to cultural fragmentation.
D. Immigrants bring economic advantages to cities by boosting tourism and global trade.

Question 35: The word “their” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. Language differences
B. Immigrant communities
C. Barriers
D. Cultural biases

Question 36: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Multiculturalism can harm society unless there are clear efforts to protect cultural equality and fairness.
B. While multiculturalism can make society stronger, it sometimes complicates efforts to promote social justice.
C. Although multiculturalism improves society, it often creates divisions that need to be addressed.
D. Multiculturalism may enhance society, but it requires intentional actions to ensure fairness and inclusion.

Question 37: The phrase “mutual respect” in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. Look up to B. Put up with C. Get along with D. Stand up for

Question 38: Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Cultural exchange in multicultural environments can foster economic growth and social cohesion.
B. Multiculturalism leads to the complete elimination of cultural disparities in society.
C. Immigrants face no barriers when integrating into multicultural societies.
D. The challenges of multiculturalism outweigh its benefits in the modern world.

Question 39: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Multiculturalism inevitably leads to the complete integration of all cultural groups into one homogeneous society.
B. Education and intercultural dialogue are key to reducing misunderstandings and promoting inclusivity.
C. Social fragmentation and prejudice are the only challenges that come with multiculturalism.
D. Multicultural cities are primarily a source of economic benefits, with little focus on social cohesion.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A.** Multiculturalism leads to social fragmentation but is essential for economic development and global tourism.
- B.** Multicultural societies bring both benefits and challenges, requiring efforts to promote inclusivity, equity, and intercultural dialogue.
- C.** While multiculturalism fosters creativity and innovation, it creates significant barriers for immigrant communities in accessing jobs and healthcare.
- D.** The diversity in multicultural cities is a source of division and misunderstanding, making it difficult to achieve social cohesion.