

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 1: A. hesite B. reserve C. physics D. basic

Question 2: A. sale B. chalk C. date D. plane

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

Question 3: A. compose B. support C. precise D. challenge

Question 4: A. hesite B. tsunami C. synchronize D. conference

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

Question 5: Though we were _____ after hard-working days, we tried to help our parents redecorate the house to welcome Tet.

A. exhaustion B. exhausted C. exhausting D. exhaustive

Question 6: Your mother is an English teacher, _____?

A. isn't she B. was she C. is she D. does she

Question 7: I found these photos while I _____ out my cupboards.

A. is cleaning B. have cleaned C. was cleaning D. cleaned

Question 8: The flood victims _____ with food and clean water by the volunteers.

A. provided B. were provided C. were providing D. provide

Question 9: I am writing in connection with the volunteer opportunities _____ on 10 November.

A. appeared B. which appearing C. to appear D. appearing

Question 10: I'm surprised _____ the amount of traffic today. I didn't think it would be so busy.

A. about B. at C. with D. for

Question 11: Normally, in order for a political party to form a government, it has to have _____ number of seats in Parliament.

A. the largest B. as large as C. larger than D. so large

Question 12: _____ Moby-Dick is a classic novel written by Herman Melville.

A. the B. Ø (no article) C. a D. an

Question 13: On the whole, I enjoy _____ our local club, but I think there are far too many rules and regulations to feel completely at ease.

A. attending B. attend C. to attend D. being attended

Question 14: Every morning, my father usually drinks several cups of tea, has a _____ breakfast and then leads the buffalo to the field.

A. quick B. quickly C. quickness D. quicker

Question 15: On July 6, 2018, in a separate move aimed at China, the Trump administration _____ a tariff of 25 percent on 818 categories of goods imported from China worth \$50 billion, which led to China accusing the U.S. of instigating a trade war.

A. pay B. reduce C. impose D. rise

Question 16: "My daughter, Mary, tries to _____ to see me at least once a week," Mrs. Jones told the social worker.

A. call up B. go up C. come on D. drop in

Question 17: She even feel ashamed of her skirt she wore at the trendy party much less _____ pride in it.

A. make B. have C. get D. take

Question 18: No way will you beat him. You don't _____ a chance. He's a hundred times better than you are.

A. hold B. run C. possess D. stand

Question 19: His accountant had been cooking the _____ for years so he was finally caught and sent to prison.

A. leaflets B. books C. newspapers D. magazines

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 20: Today, Amur leopard, one of the world's most endangered wild cats, is found only in the Amur River basin of eastern Russia, having already gone extinct from China and the Korean Peninsula.

A. died for B. died from C. died of D. died out

Question 21: The Australian Open is a tennis tournament held annually over the last fortnight of January in Melbourne, Australia.

A. two days B. four days C. two weeks D. two months

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 22: We had a whale of time as everything was quite fantastic.

A. felt disappointed B. had little time to play
C. felt happy D. had a lot time to play

Question 23: The ship went down although strenuous efforts were made to save it.

A. exhausting B. forceful C. energetic D. half-hearted

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 24: "My son is taking his final exam at the moment. I'm so nervous" – "_____"

A. I'm sure he did a good job. B. I could not agree more.
C. You shouldn't have been. D. He'll be fine, don't worry.

Question 25: "Would you mind printing this document for me?" – "_____"

A. Don't bother! B. Will do! C. No kidding! D. Of course!

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.

Why Are Cell Phones Banned At Gas Stations?

We are often told that to turn off our phones at gas stations since they may cause a fire or even an explosion. But scientists say that it is virtually impossible for these devices to (26) _____ such a threat as they emit too little energy. In fact, a mobile phone can only generate a spark if it has a defective battery, (27) _____ likelihood is extremely low. And until now, there have been no (28) _____ incidents of fires or explosions caused by mobile phones at gas stations.

The truth is that the use of mobile phones is probably more dangerous as a source of distraction. When dealing with gasoline, it's crucial to fully focus and not to be distracted by (29) _____ things. Accidentally walking into someone while your eyes were (30) _____ to the screen is not too serious, but driving off with the gas pump still in your car because you were too busy checking your email can be extremely dangerous.

(Adapted from blogthinkbig.com & yahoo.com)

Question 26: A. express

B. present

C. display

D. propose

Question 27: A. where

B. when

C. which

D. whose

Question 28: A. recorded

B. collected

C. enrolled

D. obtained

Question 29: A. other

B. every

C. another

D. any

Question 30: A. pinned

B. tied

C. fixed

D. glued

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 31: The poor old man was unable to explain what was going on to their family.

A. explain what B. their C. poor old D. going on

Question 32: Though the exact death toll is not known, it is considered the deathliest tropical cyclone on record.

A. known B. record C. deathliest D. death toll

Question 33: My friends get lost on the campus of their university a few days ago.

A. university B. days C. campus D. get

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 34: She last met him when she graduated from high school.

A. She has not met him since she graduated from high school.
B. She last met him since she graduated from high school.
C. The last time she met him since she graduated from high school
D. She didn't meet him when she graduated from high school.

Question 35: "How long have you been living in this city, Lily?" asked the new neighbor.

A. The new neighbor asked Lily how long she had been living in that city.
B. The new neighbor asked Lily how long she had been living in this city.
C. The new neighbor asked Lily how long had she been living in that city.
D. The new neighbor asked Lily how long she had lived in that city.

Question 36: It is necessary for you to educate yourself about the destination you are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles.

A. You may object to educating yourself about the destination you are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles.
B. You don't have to educate yourself about the destination you are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles.
C. You should educate yourself about the destination you are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles.
D. You mustn't be required to educate yourself about the destination you are visiting by reading guidebooks and travel articles.

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

The health benefits of coffee may be regularly disputed, but a new study has linked caffeine consumption with improvements in heart health. In fact, consuming four cups of coffee a day could help protect cardiovascular cells from damage and also help **them** to repair themselves.

In a study published in PLOS Biology, researchers from Heinrich-Heine-University and the IUF-Leibniz Research Institute for Environmental Medicine in Düsseldorf, Germany, found that caffeine may improve the health of the cells which line the arteries and veins, thus strengthening their ability to recover from damage. The researchers suggest drinking coffee – or other caffeinated beverages – could be particularly beneficial for the elderly, who are more at risk of heart problems than younger people.

“Our results indicate a new mode of action for caffeine, one that promotes protection and repair of heart muscle,” said study author Professor Judith Haendeler. “These results should lead to better strategies for protecting heart muscle from damage, including consideration of coffee consumption or caffeine as an additional dietary factor in the elderly population.”

Commenting on the research, Professor Tim Chico, Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Honorary Consultant Cardiologist, University of Sheffield, said: “These are very interesting findings but need to be confirmed in **clinical trials** before we can tell whether caffeine is truly helpful after a heart attack in humans [...] I do not think people need to drink more coffee in response to this study, but that people who already drink coffee can be reassured that it might have health benefits, as long as they don’t use it to wash down an enormous muffin, cake, or doughnut.”

(Adapted from readtoolead.com)

Question 37: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. How coffee causes health problems
- B. A recently found health benefit of coffee
- C. Research into coffee consumption
- D. Why old people should drink coffee

Question 38: Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. Heart-protecting strategies using coffee may be developed thanks to the study.
- B. People commonly argue about whether or not coffee is good for health.
- C. According to the study, the elderly can benefit greatly from drinking coffee.
- D. Thanks to the study, coffee has been definitely proven to improve heart health.

Question 39: The phrase “**trials**” in the final paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. challenges
- B. examinations
- C. standards
- D. surveys

Question 40: How can caffeine help cells that line the arteries and veins?

- A. It repairs them when they are damaged.
- B. It protects them from being damaged.
- C. It makes them stronger and recover faster.
- D. It greatly strengthens the arteries and veins.

Question 41: The word “**them**” in the first paragraph refers to _____.

- A. cups
- B. benefits
- C. cells
- D. improvements

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.

A 500-year-old brewery in Bavaria, Germany has become an unlikely leader in the eco-friendly beer making movement. The Hofmühl Brewery, founded in 1492, has reduced its carbon footprint by 40% over the past two decades through solar panels and efficient water filtration, while making use of excess grains.

Family-run since 1876, Hofmühl Brewery's owner Benno Emslander took over in 1993, growing annual production from 15,000 hectoliters to 80,000, while offering 12 varieties of beer. In 2012, Emslander invested €190,000 in a heat and power unit that produces electricity from a mix of natural gas and thermal energy from solar panels. The unit paid for itself in four years and now meets half the brewery's electricity demands. Plans are being **drawn up** for further investments to boost efficiency in the future, including installing photovoltaic panels to produce electricity directly from the sun, and sourcing natural gas from the fermentation of organic waste like leftover grains from the brewing process.

After fermentation, 98% of Hofmühl's beer is packaged in recyclable kegs or bottles, while excess grains and yeast from the brewing process are sold to farms as livestock feed or fertilizer — an increasingly common practice for beer makers. None of these developments, however, should get in the way of the customers' experience, stressed Johannes Jung, Hofmühl's plant manager and brewmaster. “Of course, we don't want to change the taste or flavor because of our production process,” he said. “I don't think that **they** buy our beer because of the eco-friendly production.”

Outside of Germany, some major beer producers have quietly caught on to the eco-friendly model. The world's second-largest beer maker, Heineken, says 34% of its agriculture is now sourced sustainably, and it has installed thousands of solar panels in its breweries in Europe, the United States and Singapore. Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., the largest independently-owned brewery in the United States, operates with a zero-waste policy by reusing nearly all of its byproduct.

In Britain, Bedlam Brewery has recently seen a shift in customer **recognition** for its eco-focused beer. Since launching in 2015 with the help of a German brewmaster, Bedlam relocated to a solar-powered farm outside of Brighton, marketing eight varieties including a vegan option. “They are caring more now than they did in 2015,” said Sally O'Connor, Bedlam's communication manager, citing better public understanding of environmental wastage.

(Adapted from bbc.com)

Question 42: Which of the following best serves as a title for the passage?

- A. The Different Uses Of Leftover Grains From Beer-Making
- B. How Eco-Friendly Beer Is Gaining Popularity Worldwide
- C. Breweries Praised By The Public For Eco-Friendly Practices
- D. An Eco-Friendly Beer Trend Started by A German Brewery

Question 43: How has Heineken caught on to Hofmühl's eco-friendly model?

- A. It is currently operating with a zero-waste policy.
- B. It sources the majority of its agriculture sustainably.
- C. It reuses all of its byproduct from the brewing process.
- D. It built solar-powered farms in Europe, the U.S and Singapore.

Question 44: The word "**drawn up**" in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. implemented
- B. launched
- C. developed
- D. constructed

Question 45: Excess grains from the brewing process can _____.

- A. ferment and produce natural gas.
- B. be sold to farms as crops.
- C. be fed to livestock at breweries.
- D. produce electricity by fermenting.

Question 46: The word "**they**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. beer makers
- B. customers
- C. developments
- D. farms

Question 47: What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The Hofmühl Brewery will produce all of its electricity using photovoltaic panels in the future.
- B. Since Benno Emslander took over, Hofmühl has become the largest brewery in Germany.
- C. Natural gas from organic waste will be sold to other breweries along with excess grains.
- D. Electricity from the heat and power unit is a major energy source at the Hofmühl Brewery.

Question 48: The word "**recognition**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. admiration
- B. affection
- C. appreciation
- D. respect

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 49: She doesn't know a foreign language. She can't get a job easily.

- A. If she knew a foreign language, she could get a job easily.
- B. Provided that she knows a foreign language, she can't get a job easily.
- C. If she had known a foreign language, she could have gotten a job easily.
- D. If she knew a foreign language, she couldn't get a job easily.

Question 50: Candidates are prohibited from discussing with anyone while they are taking the entrance exam. There is no exception.

- A. By no means were candidates allowed to discuss with anyone while they are taking the entrance exam.
- B. At no time are candidates banned from discussing with anyone while they are taking the entrance exam.
- C. On no account are candidates forbidden to discuss with anyone while they are taking the entrance exam.
- D. Under no circumstances are candidates allowed to discuss with anyone while they are taking the entrance exam.

THE END