

**I. PRONUNCIATION**

**Question 1.** Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

- A. result      B. studies      C. useful      D. culture

**Question 2.** Which word has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others?

- A. think      B. bother      C. thought      D. fith

**Question 3.** Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

- A. postpone      B. effort      C. product      D. package

**Question 4.** Which word has a different stress pattern from that of the others?

- A. experience      B. secondary      C. environment      D. certificate

**II. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits the space in each question.**

**Question 5.** Following a zero-waste lifestyle, she not only reuses plastic bottles and bags, but also buys products \_\_\_\_\_ packaging.

- A. up      B. of      C. about      D. without

**Question 6.** During your lifetime, you sometimes have to face a moral \_\_\_\_\_ where every option is like a bad one.

- A. value      B. identity      C. dilemma      D. consequence

**Question 7.** Due to some organizational challenges, we'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until next week.

- A. decide      B. postpone      C. hesitate      D. participate

**Question 8.** Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined part in the following sentence: "My uncle has been **on the dole** since the factory was closed."

- A. moneyless      B. homeless      C. jobless      D. useless

**Question 9.** A large number of children living in remote and mountainous areas have \_\_\_\_\_ school because of their family burdens.

- A. put off      B. got on with      C. dropped out of      D. stuck with

**Question 10.** John and Pan are talking about their project.

John: "We'll have enough time to finish our project ahead of schedule." Pan: "Yeah, I've been working on it diligently! \_\_\_\_\_, our efforts pay off!"

- A. Hopefully      B. Thoughtfully      C. Carefully      D. Usefully

**Question 11.** Tin and Sam are exchanging their personal information. Tin: "When did you start to become a minimalist?"

Sam: "I \_\_\_\_\_ a minimalist since I \_\_\_\_\_ from the University of Fine Arts."

- A. became – had graduated                      B. was becoming – graduated  
C. become – have graduated                      D. have become - graduated

**Question 12.** Joining pro-environmental movements, I'm getting used to \_\_\_\_\_ by public transportation.

- A. travel    B. to travel    C. travelling    D. travelled

**Question 13.** Pete strongly wanted his sister to face the consequences of her actions. He decided to keep quiet, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. though    B. although    C. despite    D. contrast

**Question 14.** Jim wants to invite his new friend, Chloe, to his birthday party.

Jim: "Would you like to come to my birthday party next weekend? I'm sure you will make a lot of friends there."

Chloe: "Thanks for your invitation. \_\_\_\_\_, and I'll call you later."

- A. Let me give it some thought    B. It's nice of you to say so  
C. Have you thought of the party    D. Never mind

**III. Look at each sign or notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) that matches its meaning.**



**Question 15.** What does the sign mean?

- A. Take your bag here.  
B. Use only one plastic bag for each receipt.  
C. No plastic bag is allowed here.  
D. Use banana leaves instead of plastic ones.

Dear students,  
This is to inform all of you that our school is going to organize Yoga classes during the week. Those who are willing to attend these yoga classes, please submit your name to your respective teacher. The first class will begin on November 1.

**Question 16.** What does the notice say?

- A. Yoga classes are going to open at the weekend.
- B. Those interested in yoga must submit their name to the yoga teacher.
- C. Yoga classes begin at the beginning of November.
- D. Both teachers and students can join yoga classes.

**IV. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each blank space in the following passage.**

Last year was a special occasion when I (17) \_\_\_\_\_ my mind to experience the nomadic lifestyle in Mongolia. Living among nomadic families, I had a deep (18) \_\_\_\_\_ with nature and the simplicity of life that was both humbling and liberating. During my journey, each day began with the (19) \_\_\_\_\_ sounds of animals and the people preparing for a day, as well as brought new adventures from herding livestock across endless grasslands to sharing stories around the warmth of the ger camp. My daily activities depended (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the rhythm of nature, tending to animals before dawn, taking a midday break and gathering firewood for warmth in the afternoon. Interesting (21) \_\_\_\_\_ it was, living as a nomad presented some challenges such as harsh weather conditions, remote locations and the constant need to adapt. In the end, my experience of the nomadic lifestyle in Mongolia was not only a journey of exploration, but a profound lesson in living (22) \_\_\_\_\_ with nature.

**Question 17.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. tried out    B. got into    C. kept on    D. made up

**Question 18.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. affinity    B. insight    C. option    D. expertise

**Question 19.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. cultural    B. melodic    C. outdoor    D. envious

**Question 20.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. on    B. for    C. in    D. with

**Question 21.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. even    B. in spite    C. though    D. however

**Question 22.** Choose the correct answer.

- A. honestly    B. hesitantly    C. harmonically    D. harmlessly

**V. Read the following and do as directed.**

Most people think that going zero-waste is an impractical idea due to the omnipresence and convenience of plastic. But Moe has proved that a zero-waste lifestyle is easier than we think.

Moe Karl, a university graduate in environmental studies, has committed himself to a zero-waste lifestyle for about three years. Instead of taking plastic bags to the market, he carries boxes and net bags for everything from vegetables and meat to rice and pepper. Only in very dire circumstances does he buy packaged stuff at the supermarket. Even for things like pepper, peanut and rice, he brings along his own containers so that he can put them away on the shelf as soon as he arrives home.

When it comes to what has not been eaten at the end of the meal, he does not throw them away. He turns them into fertilizers for his vegetable garden. Every scrap there is, from leaves to eggshells, he puts in a container, sprinkles in some fungi and lets them do their work. It could get a bit smelly, but it does not matter when it is in open space. That is his own secret recipe for a vegetable garden that not only feeds his entire family, but some of his neighbor's as well. Homegrown veggies certainly taste better than store-bought ones. By and large, his lifestyle helps reduce the amount of food waste and keep trash away from his living space.

**a. Decide whether the following sentences are True or False:**

**Question 23.** Moe finished a degree in environmental studies.

- A. True            B. False**

**Question 24.** Under no circumstances does Moe buy packaged things from the supermarket.

- A. True        B. False**

**Question 25.** Moe never keeps leftovers for his vegetable garden.

- A. True        B. False**

**Question 26.** Moe's lifestyle fails to reduce the amount of trash within his neighborhood.

- A. True        B. False**

**b. Choose the correct answer to each question:**

**Question 27.** What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Disadvantages of using plastic bags.        B. How to address environmental problems.**  
**C. Solutions to global food waste.        D. Living without waste.**

**Question 28.** What can be inferred about Moe's zero-waste lifestyle?

- A. It benefits both Moe and his neighbors.**  
**B. It guarantees adequate supplies of the local food.**  
**C. It is only applicable to solid food.**  
**D. It gives out an unpleasant smell around his house.**

**VI. Supply the correct form of the word given in each sentence.**

**Question 29.** The soup is **tasteless**. You must add some salt. (**TASTE**)

**Question 30.** After graduation from Harvard, she was in the **enviable** position of having multiple job offers with competitive salaries and opportunities for growth. (**ENVY**)

**Question 31.** As a person of great vision, Sarah was **entrusted** with the responsibility of leading the company's new marketing campaign. **(TRUST)**

**Question 32.** Jasmine admitted to having acted **dishonestly** when she was caught cheating during the exams.

**(HONEST)**

**Question 33.** Vicky decided to enrol in an online personal **development** course. **(DEVELOP)**

**Question 34.** Being impulsive by nature, Martin often tends to make hasty **decisions** without considering the consequences, which frequently leads to regret later on. **(DECIDE)**

**VII. Look at the entry of the word “promise” in a dictionary. Use what you can get from the entry to complete the sentences with ONE word.**

**promise** noun

 A2

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Idioms

★  A2 [countable] a statement that tells somebody that you will definitely do or not do something

- to make/keep/fulfil/break a promise
- You haven't gone back on your promise, have you?
- He simply broke every single promise he ever made me.
- The minister was under attack for a series of broken promises.
- promise to do something She kept her promise to visit her aunt regularly.
- He fulfilled a campaign promise to end the war.
- promise to somebody He had now to deliver on his promises to the Canadian electorate.
- promise from/by somebody These are empty promises from a party not in a position to honour them.
- It is unlikely that these laws will be changed, despite promises by the Prime Minister.
- promise of something The government failed to keep its promise of lower taxes.

**Question 35.** Marc knew that his sister would hate him if he **broke** his promise.

**Question 36.** I felt encouraged by the promise **of** my parents' support.

**VIII. Rewrite each of the following sentences in another way so that it means almost the same as the sentence printed before it.**

**Question 37.** I have never met such a kind person as Dean. **(KINDEST)**

☐ Dean is **the kindest person (that) | I have (ever) met.**

**Question 38.** The last time my brother went out with his friends was a very long time ago.

☐ It has been a very **long time | since my brother (last) went with his friends.**

**Question 39.** Although she was injured, she still took part in the whole project. **(INVOLVED)**

☐ Despite her **injury, | she still got involved** with the whole project.

**Question 40.** I tried to phone her, but there was no reply.

☐ **Although I tried to phone her, there was no reply.**

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