

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

- Question 1: A. relax B. eliminate C. recognize D. exciteds
Question 2: A. attracted B. relaxed C. depended D. decided

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

- Question 3: A. decide B. delay C. concert D. perform
Question 4: A. location B. stadium C. charity D. atmosphere

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

- Question 5: The concert was sold out, _____ I managed to get tickets in the last minute.
A. so B. but C. or D. because
Question 6: The stage _____ was carefully planned to create a lively atmosphere for the audience.
A. decoration B. decorative C. decorate D. decoratively
Question 7: The judges are in charge of deciding the contestants who will _____ to the next round.
A. depend on B. dress up C. go on D. vote for
Question 8: The audience _____ plays a significant role in determining the winner of the talent competition.
A. performance B. cover C. argument D. vote
Question 9: Don't hesitate _____ the music club if you have a love for singing or playing instruments.
A. to join B. to joining C. join D. joining
Question 10: I love to wear fashionable outfits for music festivals to add to the _____ atmosphere.
A. excited B. excite C. exciting D. excitement
Question 11: You can choose _____ any instrument you like for your music lessons.
A. to play B. play C. playing D. to playing
Question 12: The band received an award for their latest album, _____ reached the top of the music charts.
A. where B. which C. who D. that
Question 13: I noticed the bass player _____ the rhythm steady throughout the entire performance.
A. kept B. to keep C. keep D. to keeping
Question 14: I went to the concert _____ I'm a big fan of the lead singer.
A. because B. so C. and D. but
Question 15: The music event is _____ search of talented singers from all over the country.
A. on B. for C. at D. in
Question 16: She aims _____ a music producer and work with famous artists.
A. to becoming B. becoming C. become D. to become
Question 17: Many people _____ with the songs they listen to because the lyrics often reflect their own emotions.
A. combine B. identify C. deal D. depend
Question 18: I can't play any musical instruments, _____ I can sing pretty well.
A. so B. or C. but D. because
Question 19: Please let me _____ if you need my help to set up the sound system for the party.
A. know B. to know C. knowing D. to knowing

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

- Question 20: Two friends suggest going to a music concert.
Trang: "_____ going to a live concert this weekend? I heard there's a great band playing in town."
Thao: "That sounds like a good idea. I'd love to experience the excitement of a live performance."
A. How about B. Why about C. Shall we D. Let's

Tuan: "Shall we go to the jazz live concert with Mai and Hanh?"

A. I can agree more. B. Yes, I'd love to.
C. I don't feel like it. D. Don't mention it.

Question 22: The TV series feature **ordinary** people in search of their musical talent.

Question 23: The music festival will **take place** at the park gate, providing a beautiful and open setting for the performances.

Question 24: After a stressful day, I love to listen to some country music which allows me to feel **relaxed** and peaceful.

Question 25: It was a difficult decision, but the judges had to **eliminate** the contestant with the worst performance from the competition.

Question 26: He made great efforts because he failed to impress the judges and got eliminated from the show.

Question 27: The audience was in favour at her performance in the talent competition, and she won the first place.

Question 28: Please let me know your preferred music genre but we can create a playlist that suits your taste and helps you feel relaxed.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is one of (29) _____ greatest and most influential composers in the history of Western music. He composed over 600 works for all the musical genres of his day including operas, concertos, symphonies, chamber music and sonatas. Mozart was born in Salzburg on 27 January 1756 and was the son of Leopold Mozart (30) _____ was a successful composer, violinist and assistant concert master at the Salzburg court. He was a child and composed his first piece of music when he was only five years old. Leopold recognised his son's extraordinary talents and took him on several performing tours throughout Europe. At 17, Mozart worked as a (31) _____ at the Salzburg court (32) _____ he grew restless and travelled in search of a better position. While visiting Vienna in 1781, he was dismissed from his Salzburg position and chose (33) _____ in Vienna where he composed many of his best-known symphonies, concertos and operas during his final years. He died on 5 December 1791, while working on his famous Requiem, at the age of 35.

Question 29: A. the B. a C. any D. one

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| Question 30: A. which | B. when | C. who | D. whose |
| Question 31: A. musically | B. musician | C. music | D. musical |
| Question 32: A. or | B. because | C. so | D. but |
| Question 33: A. to staying | B. to stay | C. staying | D. stay |

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

Nha Nhac, meaning “elegant music”, refers to a wide range of musical and dance styles performed at the Vietnamese royal court from the fifteenth to the mid-twentieth century. *Nha Nhac* was generally performed at the opening and closing of ceremonies **associated** with anniversaries, religious holidays, funerals and so on. Among the numerous musical genres that developed in Viet Nam, only *Nha Nhac* is popular on a nationwide scale and has strong links with the traditions of other East Asian countries. During *Nha Nhac* performances, there were numerous singers, dancers and musicians dressed in gorgeous costumes. Large-scale orchestras included a drum section and many other types of instruments like wind and string instruments. All performers had to maintain a high level of concentration because they were expected to follow each step of the ritual carefully.

Nha Nhac developed during the Le Dynasty (1427-1788) and reached the peak under the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945). As a symbol of the dynasty’s power and longevity, *Nha Nhac* became an essential part of the court’s many ceremonies. However, the role of *Nha Nhac* was not limited to musical accompaniment for court rituals: **it** also provided a means of communicating with and showing respect to the gods and kings as well as providing knowledge about nature and the universe.

The fall of the monarchy and the decades of war in 20th century seriously threatened the survival of *Nha Nhac* and made this musical tradition lose its original function. However, the few surviving former court musicians continue to work to keep the tradition alive. Certain forms of *Nha Nhac* have been maintained in popular rituals and religious ceremonies and become a source of inspiration for contemporary Vietnamese music.

Adapted from <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/nha-nhac-vietnamese-court-music-00074>

Question 34: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Development of *Nha Nhac*
- B. The Important Roles of *Nha Nhac*
- C. The Threat to *Nha Nhac*
- D. The Development of Vietnamese Court Music

Question 35: The word “**associated**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. differed
- B. cooperated
- C. connected
- D. maintained

Question 36: The word “**it**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the court
- B. the dynasty
- C. *Nha Nhac*
- D. the power

Question 37: According to paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT the role of *Nha Nhac*?

- A. It provided knowledge about nature and the universe.
- B. It served as a means of communication with gods and kings.
- C. It was used as musical accompaniment for entertainment at court events.
- D. It represented the dynasty’s power and longevity.

Question 38: Which of the following is TRUE about *Nha Nhac* according to the passage?

- A. *Nha Nhac* was introduced to rituals and religious ceremonies in the 20th century.
- B. *Nha Nhac* played a crucial part in court ceremonies and had spiritual functions.
- C. *Nha Nhac* has no connection to the traditions of other East Asian countries.
- D. *Nha Nhac* lost its original function due to a lack of interest from the public.

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

It is commonly believed that music feeds the soul because it **soothes** your soul and relaxes your mind. Music has always been the best source for expressing your feelings and emotions and telling stories. Among all the popular genres of music, pop music has become the most popular one since it was first introduced. The word 'Pop' itself is derived from '*popular*'. It was named so because it became so popular right after its introduction.

Pop, as a separate genre, consists of simple patterns and rhythms. It is proved that the human brain likes patterns, and the patterns that are easy to remember are more likeable than the difficult ones. Patterns make the music more attractive and engaging, and easy and simple patterns are easy to pick, which is why our brain likes **them** more. Additionally, patterns add to the rhythm of the song and its music. Rhythms make us sing along and dance with the lyrics and beats of the music. Also, pop music usually repeats its patterns, rhythms, and lyrics as well because most of the songs have the same themes and topics. All this makes pop a popular genre among all.

It has been found that pop music is usually louder than the songs of other genres. It is believed that the volume of these songs is kept louder than others on purpose. Pop songs sound louder than others even if played on the same volume. Louder songs get the **attention** of people more easily and quickly as sounds become catchier to the listeners. The louder and catchier a song is; the more attention it gets from the audience. As more and more people listen to a song, its popularity increases. To conclude, the louder you sound, the more you're heard.

Adapted from <https://musicforproductions.com/what-are-the-reasons-pop-music-is-so-popular/>

Question 39: Which of the following can be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Impact of Pop Music on the Brain
- B. The Origins of Pop Music
- C. The Reasons for the Popularity of Pop Music
- D. The Benefits of Loud Music

Question 40: The word "**soothes**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. calms
- B. hurts
- C. excites
- D. harms

Question 41: According to paragraph 2, how do rhythms contribute to the listening experience of pop music?

- A. Rhythms make the music more difficult to follow.
- B. Rhythms encourage listeners to sing along and dance.
- C. Rhythms reduce the appeal of pop music.
- D. Rhythms are unrelated to the genre's popularity.

Question 42: The word "**them**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. genres
- B. patterns
- C. rhythms
- D. lyrics

Question 43: The word "**attention**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. neglect
- B. ignorance
- C. notice
- D. thinking

Question 44: Why are pop songs often kept louder than songs of other genres?

- A. Because they make sounds catchier.
- B. Because they distract people's attention.
- C. Because they make the songs easier to remember.
- D. Because they experiment with different sound levels.

Question 45: Which of the following can be inferred about pop music?

- A. Pop music is the oldest genre of music.
- B. Pop music has a complex structure.
- C. Pop music is the only genre that affects emotions and feelings.
- D. Pop music has gained popularity partly due to its simplicity.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 46: He refused to sing in front of the large crowd because he was nervous.

- A. He didn't agree to sing in front of the large crowd but he was nervous.

- B. He agreed to sing in front of the large crowd although he was nervous.
- C. He was nervous, so he refused to sing in front of the large crowd.
- D. He was nervous because he agreed to sing in front of the large crowd.

Question 47: You must promise to practise the piano every day or I won't teach you to play it.

- A. If you promise to practise the piano every day, I won't teach you to play it.
- B. If you promised to practise the piano every day, I taught you to play it.
- C. If you promise to practise the piano every day, I will teach you to play it.
- D. If you promised to practise the piano every day, I teach you to play it.

Question 48: 'Let's watch a live concert tonight', Mai suggested.

- A. Mai suggested watching a live concert that night.
- B. Mai suggested them to watch a live concert that night.
- C. Mai suggested let's watch a live concert that night.
- D. Mai suggested they watched a live concert that night.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 49: I enjoy jazz music. It has a calming effect on me after a busy day.

- A. Jazz music has a calming effect on me after a busy day, or I enjoy it.
- B. Although jazz music has a calming effect on me after a busy day, I enjoy it.
- C. I enjoy jazz music because it has a calming effect on me after a busy day.
- D. I enjoy jazz music, so it has a calming effect on me after a busy day.

Question 50: I wanted to go to the music concert. I had a family event to attend on the same day.

- A. I wanted to go to the music concert, so I had a family event to attend on the same day.
- B. I wanted to go to the music concert because I had a family event to attend on the same day.
- C. I wanted to go to the music concert, or I had a family event to attend on the same day.
- D. I want to go to the music concert, but I had a family event to attend on the same day.