TOPIC 2: A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Task 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.

The Satere Mawe Tribe calls the Brazilian Amazon home and **(18)**_____. The tribe has been able to preserve many ancient traditions, including the coming-of-age initiation for the young boys of the tribe. At age 13, the boys of the Satere Mawe Tribe become men but must prove their worth through the initiation ceremony. **(19)**_____. One sting from the inch-long ant is said to be 30-times more painful than a bee sting, or about as painful as a gunshot, **(20)**_____. Back in the village, the chief elder intoxicates the ants in an herbal mixture, knocking them out just long enough to weave them into a special pair of gloves, with the stingers pointing inwards. **(21)**_____, the ceremony begins. The boys show courage by **(22)**_____ for 10 minutes each while being led in a traditional dance. The ceremony repeats 19 more times before the young boys can call themselves men. According to the Satere Mawe traditions, the bullet ant initiation **(23)**_____ and how to manage pain without showing weakness.

*(*Adapted from *https://www.alltherooms.com)*

Question 18: **A.** have some contact to the modern world
B. contact frequently with a modern world
C. has little contact with an outside world
D. has minimal contact with the outside world

Question 19: **A.** The boys head off into the jungle to harvest the angry bullet ants.
B. A bullet ant will be harvested by the boys who went to the jungle.
C. Boys head off into jungle to harvest angry bullet ants.
D. Angry bullet ants in jungle are harvested by boys.

Question 20: **A.** that gives them their name **B.** which gives them their name
C. which giving them their name **D.** that giving them their name

Question 21: **A.** While the ants wake up **B.** When the ants wake up
C. Waking up **D.** After the ants woke up

Question 22: **A.** to place their hands into the gloves **B.** replacing hands in the gloves
C. placing their hands in the gloves **D.** to replace their hands from the gloves

Question 23: **A.** prepares them for the pain of adulthood
B. prepares them of the painful adulthood
C. repairs them for the adulthood's pain
D. repairs them of the painful adulthood

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Task 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.

(18)_____, eat when the locals do. In other words: eat early. Everything gets curiously quiet after Vietnam's mealtimes are over, and it can be hard to find a satisfying option. On the other hand, eating together with the locals is guaranteed fun each time.

Strike out just after sunrise for **(19)**_____, hearty rice porridge, or sticky rice cakes dipped in peanuts. The areas near markets are prime spots for morning vendors **(20)**_____, market sellers, and locals heading to work.

Vietnam's lunch stalls open for business **(21)**_____. Look for the ever-reliable "cơm bình dân": A choose-it-yourself eatery with an array of family-style dishes — fluffy omelette, garlicky greens, caramelised fish and roasted pork — laid out for display and heaped on plates of hot rice. (So good!)

Come 5pm, Vietnam's restaurants and stalls begin spreading **(22)**_____ on the sidewalk for the dinner crowd. The hours between 6pm and 8pm are your sweet spot for flaming hotpots, grilled seafood and barbecue sessions **(23)**_____. The busier the stall, the more likely it's worth the wait.

*(*Adapted from *https://vietnam.travel)*

Question 18: **A.** To find the best food in Vietnam
B. Finding a best food in Vietnam
C. When finding good ones in Vietnam
D. In Vietnam, to find a best food

Question 19: **A.** an unforgettable bowls of piping hot noodles,
B. the bowls of piping hot noodles that are forgettable,
C. unforgettable bowls of piping hot noodles
D. bowls of piping hot noodles that make you forget,

Question 20: **A.** that feed a school children
B. that school children are fed
C. which feed school children
D. who feed school children

Question 21: **A.** between 11:30am to 1pm
B. from 11:30am and 1pm
C. between 11:30am from 1pm
D. from 11:30am to 1pm

Question 22: **A.** its stools **B.** their stools **C.** his stools **D.** her stools

Question 23: **A.** in the balmy evening
B. in an balmy evening
C. in a balmy evening
D. in balmy evening

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Task 3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 24 to 28.

THE BORYEONG MUD FESTIVAL

The Boryeong Mud Festival is an annual festival which **(24)**_____ place during the summer in Boryeong, a town around 200 km south of Seoul, South Korea. The first Mud Festival was staged in 1998 and, by 2007, the festival **(25)**_____ 2.2 million visitors to Boryeong.

The mud is taken from the Boryeong mud flats, and trucked to the Daecheon beach area, where it is used as the centrepiece of the 'Mud Experience Land'. The mud is considered rich in minerals and used to manufacture cosmetics. The festival was originally conceived as a marketing vehicle for Boryeong mud cosmetics and **(26)**_____ cosmetic brands.

(27)_____ the festival occurs over a period of around two weeks, it is most famous for its final weekend, **(28)**_____ is popular with Korea's western population. The final weekend of the festival is normally on the second weekend in July.

*(*Adapted from *https://en.wikipedia.org)*

Question 24: A. takes	**B.** gets	**C.** has	**D.** makes
Question 25: A. identified	**B.** confused	**C.** celebrated	**D.** captivated
Question 26: A. others	**B.** other	**C.** another	**D.** the other
Question 27: A. Because	**B.** Due to	**C.** Although	**D.** Despite
Question 28: A. which	**B.** that	**C.** when	**D.** whom

Task 4. Read the following passage 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.

High school students in Vietnam are increasingly focusing on learning and taking the IELTS and SAT exams to improve their chances of getting into university. Recognizing the importance of strong test scores, **(18)** _____. With the national exam being particularly difficult this year, **(19)** _____.

To prepare for the IELTS and SAT, many students join study groups or take extra classes to improve their skills. They practice reading, writing, and speaking, focusing on the areas **(20)** _____. Students whose scores are high on these tests can have better chances of admission, especially at competitive universities. **(21)** _____.

In conclusion, taking the IELTS and SAT has become a popular choice for many high school students. Significant time and effort **(22)** _____ with various strategies and resources being utilized to improve their skills. By focusing on their studies and preparing well, students are taking important steps toward their academic goals.

Question 18:

A. dedication has been made to prepare and study among students

B. students are dedicating more time to preparation and study

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C. more time is dedicated to preparation and study by students

D. preparation for the exam is considered a high priority for students

Question 19:

A. students are focusing mainly on the national exam and neglecting other opportunities for success

B. students are not considering international tests as a viable option for university admission this year

C. students are looking for additional ways to boost their chances of getting into their desired universities

D. students are ignoring the challenges posed by the national exam and relying solely on their preparation

Question 20:

A. in which are found most challenging

B. that they find most challenging

C. were founded most challenging

D. which being found most challenging

Question 21:

A. This additional preparation helps students feel more confident and ready for their future

B. Many students believe that practicing hard once a week is enough to achieve their goals

C. Students find it difficult to balance study groups and regular school assignments during exam season

D. Some students choose to study independently instead of seeking extra help from their peers or teachers

Question 22:

A. are dedicated to exam preparation

B. that are dedicated to exam preparation

C. having been dedicated to exam preparation

D. whose dedication is made to exam preparation

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